

Statement of Availability for Election As a Lay Delegate to 2016 General or Jurisdictional Conferences
Representing the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference

Please fill out and send to GCJCdelegation@rmcumc.com by April 10, 2015

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Local Church Membership: Trinity UMC

Gender: Male Youth (under 25 years): Yes – 17 years old

Ethnicity: Pacific Islander

Profession: High School Student

Check all those statements that describe your willingness to serve:

I am willing to serve as a voting delegate to BOTH General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

I am willing to serve as a reserve delegate to General and a voting delegate to Jurisdictional Conference

I am willing to serve as a reserve delegate to Jurisdictional Conference

Service in the United Methodist Church

Provide a brief statement about three major issues facing the United Methodist Church
in the next four years.

1. Theology

The United Methodist Church seems to be more focused on political views in the church rather than teaching the theology, the study of God and God's purpose for us as a church. I feel that we, as a whole, have been focusing on homosexuality and how the United Methodist Church is shrinking. Though, those are very important topics that cannot be left untouched, the biggest thing that is flying under the radar is theology. Lately, we have been fading away from the foundation that John Wesley started the United Methodist Church on. First, we must focus on God and God's purpose for us before we can talk about Sophia, or homosexuality, even though it potentially could split the church. What is important is we have the theology first, teach it, and learn from it. Once we put all our faith in God and put it in His hands, everything else will fall into place. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Mathew 6:34).

2. Declining in Membership

I believe the United Methodist church is becoming too political inside the church. Membership may be shrinking due to the political issue. We, as a church, are focusing a lot more on the political side of things rather than the theology, like I mentioned in the first major issue "Theology." Church goes and members may feel as if they are being taught the right way about God and His teachings. That would impact the membership greatly. Theology needs to be taught and we can go from there.

3. Homosexuality

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love” (1 John 4:7-8). “Therefore, welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God” (Romans 15:7). The Holy Bible has taught us to love everyone and accept everyone with love. The Bible also states the if you do not love, then you do not know God. We are to love and accept everyone no matter race, gender, sexuality, etc.

I hereby certify that: (1) I have been a member of the UMC for at least the last two years,; (2) I have been an active participant in the UMC for at least the last four years; (3) I have acquainted myself with the important and time-consuming responsibilities of the position(s) for which I expressed a willingness to serve; and (4) I commit myself to fulfilling those responsibilities if elected.

Signature: Havea Hikule’o Tukutau Date: April 9th, 2015