

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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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

1. General/Jurisdictional Delegate 2008, 2012
2. Member General Church Connectional Table
3. Member GCFA Economic Advisory Council
4. Conference Co-lay leader
5. Member Conference Board of Stewards
6. Member Conference Episcopacy Committee
7. Vice Chair Western Jurisdictional Leadership Team (2005-2008)
8. Member Imagine No Malaria Task Force

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

1. **Episcopal Leadership:**
 - a. **Call to Action**
 - b. **World Wide Nature of the Church – Proposed 2 part Book of Discipline**
 - c. **Four Areas of Focus**
 - Development of Principled Christian Leaders
 - Congregational Development
 - Ministry with the Poor
 - Eradication of Killer Diseases
 - d. **Annual Conference Boundaries**
 - e. **Reduction in the number of Bishops**
2. **Church Growth and Membership**
 - a. **Renewed Focus on Mission and Evangelism**
 - b. **Threatened Schism in some quarters of the Church – The Trust Clause**
 - c. **Possible Petition from the Connectional Table – Offensive Language in the Discipline**
 - d. **The wider Implication of decision 1032 (remember the Joseph story?)**
 - e. **Declining membership in the US vs. Growth in Africa Central Conferences**
3. **Clergy Pensions and Benefits & Local Church Leadership**
 - a. **Management of Pensions and Benefit Funds**
 - b. **Guaranteed Appointments**
 - c. **Permeable Boundaries (becoming a movement again & not an Institution)**

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 Kunle Taiwo Date 4/10/15