

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____La Veta United Methodist Church

Gender__Female_____ Youth (under 25 years)____No_____(Yes/No)

Ethnicity__Asian American

Profession____Educator /Church worker. Just retired Deaconess last RMConference of July 2014

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

-Deaconess under active appointment in the Rocky Mountain Conference and served the local churches in various capacities:

-Director of Christian Education

-Coordinator in Congregational Care and Growth

-Music Teacher, Akron School District

-Director, Title 1 Program, Akron School District

-Extension Ministry Appointment:

Dean of Academic Affairs, Harris Memorial College, Taytay, Rizal, Philippines

President, Harris Memorial College, Taytay, Rizal, Philippines

-Elected Lay Delegate to the 2004 General Conference, Pittsburgh, PA and 2004 Jurisdictional Conference in San Jose, California

-Active and involved with the UMW (local, district and conference activities)

-Involved in the church music ministry as choir conductor, choir member.

-Written and Directed Inter-generational Christmas Pageants in 2 local churches.

-Member in 2 Conference Boards:

Board of Global Ministries

Board of Ordained Ministry

Led and Coordinated the Orientation of New Clergy in the RMC last August 2014 held at the Rocky Mountain UMC Headquarters

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

1. Same sex marriage and homosexuality will continue to be a major divisive issue in the United Methodist Church. If this is not resolved in a way that is agreeable or amenable among all jurisdictions, it will certainly divide the United Methodist Church. There is already an apparent division among so-called “conservative churches” and “progressive churches” in spite of the stated rule in the Discipline. Some clergy who have expressed their personal and faith convictions ignored the Disciplinary article and have officiated in same sex marriages. I envision that the above issue will be extensively discussed and debated in the hope that a just resolution will be made.
2. Decreasing church membership and diminishing church vitality is apparent in many small local churches both in rural and urban areas. Many members leave the church for various reasons. The younger generation are leaving their towns and their churches for better opportunities somewhere. This means that the church is left with older members to maintain and sustain their churches. And many times, the needs of the church are not met. Many small churches will eventually close down if no new life is injected into them. The flight of younger generation, who the older folks hope will take their places of leadership when the time comes, is deeply worrisome. If this trend continues, many small churches will be forced to close down.
3. Immigration- The forced movement of population as demonstrated by the dangerous journey of children from the poor countries in Central America such as Guatemala and El Salvador, for example, to escape poverty, violence and crime against children is definitely troubling. Since we as Christians are all interconnected, what happens to other oppressed people (God’s children) around the world also affects us. Therefore our U.S. churches, too, are faced with this challenge. How do we respond as a church? What are we to do with helpless young children in “our own back yards”? Will the church be willing to open up and become sanctuaries, support churches, and communities? What are the legal implications?

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__Liwliwa T. Robledo (Signed)_____

Date__April 9,2014_____