

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

Currently RMC Co-Lay Leader; Co-Chair, Board of Lay Ministry; Member of Board of Stewards, Nominations Committee, Program and Arrangements Committee, Episcopacy Committee, Rules Committee, Lay Servant Ministries; President, UMW Western Jurisdiction Leadership Team; Member, UMW National Program Advisory Group; Member, UMC Western Jurisdiction Leadership Team; Coordinator, local church Prayer Chain, UMW member. In the past: President, RMC UMW; Dean, RMC School of Mission; Dean, Pacific Regional School of Mission; Disciple leader, study leader, musician

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

1. The United Methodist Church is a world wide church, and can be a powerful force for good in the world. However, differences in theology and practice cause concerns about the unity of the church. Factions threaten to leave the church if we can't come to agreement, and some have created parallel structures within the church which are outside general church oversight. How can we remain united in the midst of serious differences? Are we willing to consider new ways of being "united" while respecting differences?

2. The Wesleyan way has always meant holiness of heart and life; or, as we have heard, there is "no holiness but social holiness." What does that mean at a time when fewer people see a need for church; at time when consumerism, capitalism, and the domination system have infiltrated Christianity? Do we see all peoples as children of God? And all the world as God's creation which needs our care? The church needs to look seriously at issues such as racial justice, environmental justice, gender justice, and mental and physical health concerns as we try to mediate God's presence to the world.

3. Our church started as a movement, bringing people into relationship with Christ, and has now become an institution, with concerns about structure, buildings, and salaries. Both the movement and the structure are vital to our future as United Methodists. How can we focus on what God is calling us to be and do, while still supporting the institution which does so much good?

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 Margaret Hotze

Date April 8, 2015