Delegation Reflection
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Why a 2020 Delegate?

As I reflect on the question, as to why I availed myself to serve The United Methodist Church as a delegate to the 2020 General and Jurisdictional Conferences, the word that continues to resonate with this calling is: SERVICE. The simple definition of service is, “the action of helping or doing work for someone else.”

So, as I prayerfully prepare, engage in conversations, listen to all perspectives, begin the process of owning this responsibility, and always keeping God’s Kin-dom in focus; I know that I go to serve as an action of helping and doing the work for someone else or many someones. I serve because there was a time for which someone who looked like me, in hue and gender, was unable to lend their voice to this sacred work. I serve with the understanding that there are many who are de-churched, unchurched, and tired of our in-fighting, who are longing for a faith tradition, for which grace truly is the foundational theology (not only in word but also in action). And, I serve because 2020 is a pivotal time in history within the life of The United Methodist Church, and I have over 25+ years remaining to faithfully lead us forward and fruitfully serve Christ’s Church, in whatever expression becomes of the vote.

I am grateful for the confidence of our Indiana Annual Conference clergy colleagues who elected me, and have afforded me this opportunity of service. Again, the reason I am a 2020 delegate is to lend myself of doing the work for the many who are wondering, wishing, and wanting the people called Methodist to truly embody what it means to be UNITED!

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