



**Clergy Member**  
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**District:** East

**Appointment Church:** Asbury UMC Portland

**Clergy Status:** Elder in Full Connection\*

**Has any church you have been a member of voted to disaffiliate?** No

**Have you voted to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church?** No

**How long have you been a member of your current United Methodist Church?** I am in my third year as pastor.

**Describe how you have served in your current local congregation.** I currently serve as the pastor.

**How many United Methodist churches have you been a member of in the past three years?** 1

**Qualifications that make me a good candidate for the Indiana delegation.**

A willingness to listen to different viewpoints, to take the time to read and digest legislation, and a strong desire to see a UNITED Methodist church move towards a Spirit-Filled future.

**Identify and explain three areas crucial to the United Methodist Church's mission, and three issues emerging from those areas at the 2024 General Conference.**

1. Making disciples. There is increasing data showing that younger generations are turned off by the church. What can we do in terms of policy and polity to address this challenge and continue to make disciples of all generations.
2. Of Jesus Christ. The focus on disaffiliation and all that comes with it has distracted us from our true north: the life and work of Jesus. How can we prioritize Jesus ahead of the things that have for so long divided us?
3. For the transformation of the world. There is far too much navel gazing in the church, far too much looking inward. General Conference has the opportunity to encourage United Methodist congregations to renew their focus on transforming the world and not simply surviving in it.

*\*To be approved an elder at the 2023 Clergy Session.*