

First Name	Last Name	District	Church Membership	Gender	Ethnicity	Age Bracket	Have you served as an Equalization Member before?	How many years have you served as an Equalization Member?	In 200 words or less, please share why you would like to avail yourself to serve as an Equalization Member
Sandy	Brock	Central	Indianapolis Good Shepherd	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	5	This is a time of great transition in the UMC. As someone who will StayUMC, I want to have a voice in the future of the Indiana Conference and the UMC. I have experience as an Equalization Member and as a clergy spouse and lifelong United Methodist I have a vested interest in the future of the UMC which I hold very dear.
Cathy	Burris	Central	University UMC	Female	Black or African-American	66 - 75 years old	Yes	5	I'm committed to the mission and vision of the United Methodist Church. I desire to align my engagement and my church's direction with the conference strategic direction of cultivating joy. What a great challenge and opportunity we have.
David	Buttram	Central	Danville United Methodist Church	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	To add my voice to the betterment of our Denomination. You cannot gripe if you do not participate.
Scott	Byerly	Central	Castleton UMC	Male	White	31 -40 years old	Yes	2	I love connectional ministry within our UMC! I have served as an equalization member for 2 years and served as lay delegate for my church in NWI before moving to Indy. I love being able to serve our conference. I currently serve on the nominations committee for the conference and look forward to offering my help as a lay equalization delegate.
Clarke	Campbell	Central	Meridian Street UMC	Male	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	2	I have been an involved Indiana United Methodist nearly my entire life. In my local church and at the district level I have been involved in a number of different capacities over the years. In recent years, I have become increasingly interested and called to be more involved at the Conference level. I am passionately driven to be an equalizing delegate at the Indiana United Methodist Church Annual Conference because I believe in fostering a community in our Conference by ensuring that every voice is heard and valued. Embracing diversity and inclusivity is not just a moral imperative but a pathway to a stronger, more compassionate church. As a delegate, I aspire to contribute to creating an environment where all members, regardless of background, are acknowledged and empowered. I aim to strengthen the bonds within our church, promoting understanding and acceptance. Our collective journey towards justice and equality is an integral part of our shared faith, and serving as an equalizing delegate allows me the opportunity to actively contribute to this sacred pursuit. Together, we can build a church that reflects the love and acceptance exemplified by the teachings of Jesus Christ.
Michael	Davis-Wilson	Central	Broadway UMC	Male	Black or African-American	19 - 30 years old	No		Over the course of the past year, I have been on a journey to find what ways I can serve my local church in a bigger capacity. I'm also interested in learning firsthand how our great church (UMC) works and this would give me a better insight as to what we do and why we do it. I look forward to serving our lord, our bishop, my church and the community in this role.

Beth	DeHoff	Central	Mooreville First UMC	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	1	I am a deaconess candidate and a lay servant, and thus I'm very involved in the UMC. I am very involved in the disability community, and am passionate about opening the path to Jesus for people with severe disabilities and their families. I chair the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities and serve on the INUMC conference social justice committee focused on people with disabilities and our LGBTQIA+ siblings. I am interested in being an equalization member to contribute to the INUMC and to learn more about the Church to inform my work as a Deaconess, lay servant and person interested in opening our hearts, minds and doors to people who may need to roll, stim or communication board their way in.
John	Drake	Central	North - Indianapolis	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	3	As I have found, it is an opportunity to understand the workings of the of the Annual Conference. It is an opportunity to get to meet and understand the perspective of other members of the annual conference. It is informative in regards to the interaction of Pastors and the Annual Conference Staff.
Patty	Fisher	Central	New Life UMC	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	4	I feel that the Conference needs people who want to see The Church change for the better and not be stuck in the quagmire of "the way it has always been done" or "what was good enough before is good enough now" mentality. The Conference needs people who are willing to look beyond the present climate and look at what can be done to improve, educate and save the true meaning of being a Methodist.
Rita	Gaither-Gant	Central	Miracles And Blessings UMC	Female	Black or African-American	66 - 75 years old	Yes	5	I have served as a member before and I believe I will be able to present my church's position on issues that might be presented. I attempt to keep up to dated on what is happening in my church, district and the Indiana Conference. I am also active in my local,district and Conference and National United Women in Faith. I am a certified Lay Leader and make presentations for United Women in Faith throughout the Conference.
Michael	Gant	Central	University	Male	Black or African-American	66 - 75 years old	No		I have served the church for over 20 years, and would like to serve in the new way.
Patricia	Garrity	Central	Old Bethel UMC	Female	White	76 years or older	No		Served years ago as an Equalizing Member, but more recently a Lay Representative from Faith UMC (Indpls).our church merged with Old Bethel as of January 1st. I would love to represent the Central District in a "new" role at Annual Conference.
Michael	Gilbert	Central	Union Chapel Indy,	Male	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	1	I believe in the work of the Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. I want to contribute to its success and effectiveness by serving as an equalization member.
Andrew	Griffin	Central	Mount Olive United Methodist Church	Male	White	19 - 30 years old	No		I am apart of the annual conference team. My mother is also the pastor of the church so I don't petition for a congregational laity positions.
Brenda	Gross	Central	Chapel Hill UMC	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	No		After working for the Conference for 14 years I want to stay involved. I feel like I have a lot to offer as an equalization member.

Karry	Hansberry	Central	Karry Kathleen Hansberry	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	2	Attending Annual Conference is enlightening and inspiring. Communicating, learning, sharing, and praying together as United Methodist beloveds is part of what helps us grow in God's love. Taking back to our congregations what we learn and experience helps each congregation be one with God.
Marguerite	Hart	Central	University University United Methodist Church	Female	Black or African-American	76 years or older	Yes	1	To learn the concerns of the members and to help set procedures for the improvement of racial and sexual discrimination and direction for disaffiliation.
Walter	Hart	Central	University United Methodist Church	Male	Black or African-American	76 years or older	Yes	1	I am concerned about how the church will address racial and sexual discrimination and church disaffiliation.
Albert	Hidalgo	Central	Broadway Indianapolis	Male	Hispanic or Latinx	51 - 65 years old	Yes	5	I grew up as Roman Catholic, only son of Cuban parents. Most of my upbringing was about "shoulds." My faith was not much different, but I always felt that God created me fully in God's image and that Jesus came that we (that I) might have full abundance of life – John 10:10. What I knew was that God loved me. Unfortunately, humans and church institutions often get in the way. What I found with BroadwayUMC, was a loving open and affirming place. A community that really "seeks, welcomes and values all people". I felt home. The Wesleyan quadrilateral also made such a strong connection with me – especially that God reveals God-self with reason. I have been moved in my desire to help the broader UMC church so that all may find "home" within. I believe I can bring a fresh perspective and that voice to the Annual and General Conference and to a more inclusive church.
Kenneth	Huffer	Central	Bridgeport UMC Indianapolis	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	No		I would like to represent the Bridgeport UMC membership for the 2024 conference.
Patricia	Jones	Central	University United Methodist Church	Female	Black or African-American	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	I served as an Equalization member for the first time last year . I found it to be a very rewarding experience . I learned so much during the meeting. I would like to continue learning and growing as a Methodist . I serve on a number of committees and take an active role at University Methodist Church. I am committed to serving by church and my community . I want to continue my faith walk and fellowship with others who share my beliefs. I want to increase my skill set to be as effective as I can be to help others learn about the God we serve.
Barbara	King	Central	Indianapolis St. Andrew	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	5	I have been an active member of my church for over 50 years and have seen many changes in our conference and the Church. Some I have been for, and others I have questioned the logic. I am also an active member of United Women in Faith. As a district president, I attended several Annual Conferences and found them to be a time of worship and of learning. At this time in our journey as a Church, I would like to hear/read the reports myself and be able to vote the way God is leading me. We are at a turning point both as a Church and in the World. It's time for some listening to the voice of God and for some common sense.

Mary	Kleiman	Central	Castleton UMC	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	No		I attended Annual Conference last year and saw the important work that was done there. I decided that if there was a need, I would be willing to serve and do the work necessary to make informed decisions on behalf of the Conference.
Elizabeth	Mason	Central	Indianapolis	Female	Black or African-American	51 - 65 years old	Yes	2	My service as an Equalization Member will help my knowledge as I continue my studies as a candidate for Elder. The opportunity is a beautiful experience to provide and review the church functions and programs and meet and greet others in the United Methodist Church ministry. The mission of an Equalization Member is an enlightenment of growth in faith and discernment. As an Equalization Member, I can witness and participate in discussions, which lead to a better understanding of why I am on this journey of faith and to serve in the United Methodist Church.
Steven	Matteson	Central	New Palestine	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	3	As a member of the Central District Operations Team I would like to continue my service of representation at the annual conference. The conference is always important to the church body and this year for sure. It will follow the general conference conducted in April. More than likely some follow up work will be necessary at the General Conference as we cultivate joy to all members, non members and our communities at large in living as followers of Jesus Christ under the United Methodist Church body.
Darwin	May	Central	Indianapolis	Male	Black or African-American	76 years or older	No		Greatly concerned with the future of the United Methodist Church.
Edna	May	Central	University Indianapolis	Female	Black or African-American	76 years or older	Yes	1	I would like to keep abreast to what is happening in our Indiana UMC. I love my church and its Conference. I want us to continue to serve God by making disciples for Jesus Christ. I want to help make decisions that will benefit our church families and our children. I want to be part of the solutions and not the problems. I am very active in my church having served as our SPRC Chair for 4 years and on many other committees. I am presently working as our Children Matter Most chair with our Children's Ministries.
Sharon	Moore	Central	Union Chapel	Female	White	76 years or older	Yes	2	I wish to see the UMC as an open and affirming church. I will serve as long as necessary to make that happen, and as long thereafter as needed to ensure that it stays open and affirming!
Stacey A	Moore	Central	University UMC	Female	Black or African-American	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	I would like to serve as an Equalization Member to assist in cultivating the United Methodist spirit and assist in leading the church as we go through our transformation and the transformation of others.
Stephen	Moore	Central	University United Methodist	Male	Black or African-American	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	I would like to serve as an Equalization Member for University as our church goes through transformation as we bring loss souls to Christ.

Greg	O'Connor	Central	Indianapolis Broadway	Male	White	31 -40 years old	No		Over the past six years, I have had the opportunity to serve the church in many contexts. From serving in campus extension ministry, to writing poetry for my local church, and serving the conference in an administrative capacity, I have had the opportunity to be a partner for many people in our collective mission to make more disciples for the transformation of the world. I was not raised in the Christian faith, but with my experiences as an openly gay young person, and current work as an educator at IUPUI, I can bring perspectives that may not be considered beyond our church walls. To quote one of my heroes, RuPaul Charles, "The key to navigating this life: don't take it too seriously. That's when the party begins." While I empathize that there are so many unknowns in our denomination, I believe that when I walk through the doors of St. Luke's, I can bring that party and joy that is so desperately needed to bring us into our next collective chapter. Regardless of the decision, I will still bring that party to AC, it's just a matter of in what capacity. Thank you!
Anna	Riggs	Central	Danville	Female	White	76 years or older	Yes	5	As a delegate and an Equalization Member I have found the time spent to be rewarding and beneficial not only to myself, but to Danville UMC. I participate in various district and conference activities and feel that I continue to increase my knowledge of the church and various happenings and therefore can be a valuable, informed Equalization Member. I would appreciate the opportunity to attend and serve.
Kim	Sandell	Central	Union Chapel United Methodist Church	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	1	I feel the equalization members are so important. I'm a very active member at Union Chapel Indy, and I am available to attend, so I feel like it's my responsibility to do so.
Edward	Santiago	Central	Old Bethel UMC	Male	Hispanic or Latinx	51 - 65 years old	No		I have attended 2 annual conferences as a lay representative of Faith UMC. My experiences at the conference have been energizing for my spiritual growth and learning.
Kurt	Schoch	Central	St. Luke's	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	2	I believe in the mission and ministry of the United Methodist Church, especially at the local level. I serve to be a voice for local laity in the working of the local church, the annual conference, as well as the community in which I work and live. It is important to understand what is happening in the church and be able to share that with the broader community.
James	Semmelroth Darnell	Central	Indianapolis North	Male	White	31 -40 years old	No		I have recently returned to the United Methodist Church after many years in the United Church of Christ. I am eager to contribute to a renewed, inclusive United Methodist Church. Though I have been affiliated with the UCC for the past 20 years, I attended Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. I was baptized at Grace UMC, Peoria, IL and maintain affiliate membership with The United Church (UCC/UMC), Washington, DC. I previously served as a lay delegate to the Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference. I moved to Indianapolis last year, where I am active at North UMC.
Curt	Sidener	Central	Mooreville 1st UMC	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	No		These are very troubled times. The church is being pull in many directions. I receive second information. I would like to hear and feel the spirit of God moving through these delegates as decisions are made.

Anita	Sipes	Central	Indianapolis Bethel UMC	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	2	I have attended twice and learned a lot. I also like to know that my opinion matters.
Larna	Spearman	Central	University UMC	Male	Black or African-American	76 years or older	Yes	3	i want to serve as an active participant at the Conference and support christian fellowship, reason and purpose. I enjoy reading the materials provided and sharing ideas. As a Lay Leader I have promoted others to participate in the process and for those unable to participate my goal has been to discuss their points of view to let them know that they do have a voice through the myself and other equalization members from our church. My main goal is to "Trust in the Lord with all my heart and Lean not to my own understanding but in all ways acknowledge the Lord and let Him guide my path. Thanks for the opportunity to be considered.
Sarah	Spearman	Central	University UMC	Female	Black or African-American	76 years or older	Yes	1	In our ever changing world, believing in our democratic way of voting is imperative. Having a voice and a vote is important to our existence as God's children. The word, "Equalization" says it all as we make sure all voices are heard within our congregations.
Gail	Strong	Central	Meridian Street UMC	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	2	I am eager to help find ways to bring God's love to my community and our world at a time a uncertainty in so many parts of our lives. The church needs to be a robust and loving place of healing, strength, comfort and joy. I want the UMC to be that place and to witness and welcome with grace and promise.
Mya	Taylor	Central	Christ Indy UMC	Female	White	19 - 30 years old	Yes	4	In serving as Equalization for the past few years, I have learned so much about the UMC and what's going on around our conference. I have discovered a love of ministry and conferencing. It would be an honor to continue to serve our Conference as a young adult. I love working with the Emerging Leaders and other young adults to help ensure our voices are heard when it comes to making decisions in the INUMC. I am very grateful for the opportunities I've had in the past and look forward to serving INUMC for as long as I am able.
Bill	Thompson	Central	Greenfield	Other Gender Identification	Native American or American Indian	31 -40 years old	No		I would be good at it.
Ethel	Thompson	Central	University Indianapolis	Female	Black or African-American	76 years or older	Yes	1	Willingness to serve
Cynthia	Turner	Central	Epworth United Methodist	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	No		I have been a United Methodist my entire life. I believe in the United Methodist church doctrine. That we hold conference, discuss issues and vote is one of the reasons I continued to belong to the United Methodist church. My faith is strong, I pray about everything and let God guide me. God always answers prayer. I understand that I may or may not be chosen as an Equalization Member. I also believe you need to apply yourself and trust what God wants for you. I give service to my church and serve outside of my church. I have served in many ways for my church and my service will never end, because God has given me more then I can repay. My faith is first in my life and a commitment is important. Thank you for considering me for this position.
Ethelenor	Washum	Central	Barnes Indianapolis	Female	Black or African-American	66 - 75 years old	No		I would like to be a part of the decision maifor the future of the church.

La Donna	Weber	Central	Roberts Park	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	Actually, I am the new conference president of United Women in Faith of Indiana. I think I have voting rights at Annual Conference, is that correct? If not then I would like to be an equalization member.
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