

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
Lee	Bilderback	Southwest	Zoar/Holland	Male	White	51 - 65 years old	No		I believe the greatest teaching Jesus Christ shares with us is sharing His love with all people. From the homeless, forgotten youth, biracial person, straight, gay, questioning, NRA member, environmentalist, male, female, baby boomer to gen z'er, poor and rich, we are all God's people and deserve to worship the Christ as He has taught. I believe it is simple...God, through his son Jesus, wants everyone to have the freedom and inclusion in His church. As an Equalization Member, it is my role and witness to represent the individual congregation of the UMC, as well as the beliefs, rooted in the Wesleyan Tradition, I have as a follower of my Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for your consideration.
Richard	Dillingham	Southwest	Main Street UMC , Boonville	Male	White	76 years or older	Yes	2	I have had several years of experience at annual conference. Some years in the gallery and 2 as an equalization member. I believe I have a working knowledge of the process of annual conference. I am active in my local church and am familiar with the members and the programs of our church. I attend Sunday School and worship every Sunday. I am a member of the newly formed men's group, the choir, and SPRC. I have served previously on the Trustees. I want to continue to stand firm as a United Methodist as a third generation member of our congregation.
Barry	Gentry	Southwest	Main Street UMC Boonville	Male	White	76 years or older	No		I am interested in the workings of the conference. I have been active in the SW district for many years, including several years as a certified Lay Speaker, and also was responsible for Lay Speaking assignments and organizing bi-annual training sessions. I am presently attempting to reorganize a United Methodists Mens organization in my home church in Boonville, and hopefully extend those efforts to other UMC Churches nearby in my district.

Irene	Gentry	Southwest	Main Street UMC, Boonville	Female	White	76 years or older	No	<p>Having attended a number of times in the past, including as Lay Delegate of my local church, President of the former Evansville District of United Methodist Women, and also as a South Indiana Conference UMW officer, I have always found Annual Conference to be an inspiring and informative experience. I would look forward to again serving as a participant, this time in the role of an Equalizing Member.</p> <p>In fact, I believe every United Methodist should attend the Annual Conference at least once, in order to understand and appreciate the way the business of the church is carried out. I hope that sharing news of the Conference proceedings with groups such as United Women of Faith and Sunday School classes may generate more enthusiasm in other people to attend in the future.</p>
Joyce	Gulley	Southwest	Aldersgate Evansville	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	No	<p>I have been an active United Methodist for my adult life. I have been a member of congregations in Bloomington, Indianapolis, and Evansville. I have served in children's and youth ministries, served on trustees, and served as co-lay leader. I have sung in a church choir for thirty years and have taught numerous Bible studies and Sunday School classes.</p> <p>This is a pivotal time for United Methodist Christians. I want to be part of the decision-making process as the denomination and our annual conference move into the future.</p>
Letitia	Haynes	Southwest	NEWBURGH	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	No	<p>I have served as a Lay Member to Conference in the past for NUMC. I found the experience to be extremely informative and meaningful. I was honored to serve as a voice of our church while listening to the beliefs and thoughts of others while trying to understand their perspective. I am passionate about working with others to discuss and share our hopes for the future of the United Methodist Church. I found it helpful to hear how other individuals and churches reach out to those in their community to make transformative disciples and create a positive change for their neighbor in time of need. Being an active participant of our UWF, we are all about faith, hope and love being put into action. I would hope to be a part of this movement as a participant at Conference.</p>

										I am called by God to serve my church whenever and wherever I'm asked. This is a time of tremendous change and growth for our denomination and conference, and I feel it's important to support all our diverse congregations, pastors and leaders in new and creative ways. An understanding and appreciation of all the varied cultures and traditions of our churches is needed. I've been a member of several UM congregations, both large and small, each with its own unique needs and perspective on the role of the church. I currently serve on my district dCOM, the INUMC Board of Ordained Ministry and was elected last year as a member of the Indiana delegation to the 2024 Judicial Conference so I understand the importance of preparing for Annual Conference through careful study, listening and discussion, and prayerful discernment. If called, it would indeed be a privilege to serve as an Equalization member to Annual Conference.
Karin P.	Heinicke	Southwest	Evansville Aldersgate	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	4		
Barbara	Loomis	Southwest	UMC, Shoals	Female	White	76 years or older	Yes	5		I like to know, help decide, and share with our congregation the business of the Indiana conference.
Donna	Nash	Southwest	Johnson UMC New Harmony	Female	White	76 years or older	No			In the year long process of my former church voting to leave the United Methodist Church and join the Global Church, I realized how much my beliefs and faith aligned with the UMC. My family has become members of the New Harmony Johnson United Methodist Church in our area, but going through this transition has given me a desire to contribute to keeping the United Methodist Church a strong, positive, loving church for all communities. I have been a United Methodist for over forty years. At my former church I was on the Administrative Council and served on all committees at some time through the years. But my heart has always been with developing a strong base of faith with the children. I would like to serve as an Equalization Member assure the United Methodist Church best serves the youth and members of all ages.
Michael	Nash	Southwest	Johnson UMC	Male	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	1		Attending last year renewed my faith in ways I have not experienced. The UMC is transforming into a unified and resilient Church and I believe I can offer perspective and insight to continue this growth.

									<p>Years ago, a message from the pulpit emphasized that simply being told what to believe on faith issues only leads to a superficial faith journey. A sermon message that bothers me actually has great value. I may give a great deal of thought to the message; it may even trigger a reality check of where I am at with God.</p> <p>By attending as an Equalizing Member, I will be challenged to understand the intent of each proposal and then consider the pros and cons. I will be challenged to ask myself:</p> <p>"Is this what our congregation would want?" "Would God want me to do?" "Does my vote reflect my personal opinion or God's will?"</p> <p>If I attend, there will be proposals that may be difficult - I may toss and turn the night before trying to decide how I will vote. But as I ponder those questions, my faith journey deepens.</p>
Bruce	Wright	Southwest	Old North UMC Evansville	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	No		
Margaret Anne	Wright	Southwest	Old North UMC Evansville	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	2	<p>I find attending annual conference to be a privilege. I feel honored to be trusted to act on behalf of our church membership. I don't know what we will be facing after General Conference, but I will be able to pray with discernment to move into wise decisions. I'm grateful for this opportunity should it come my way.</p>