

Nominations Pool for the Southeastern Jurisdiction

Enclosed in the Book of Reports mailing for clergy and lay members of the 2016 Annual Conference was a form to recommend individuals for inclusion in the nominations pool for the Southeastern Jurisdiction (SEJ). The form is printed on blue paper.

Each annual conference in the United States elects persons to be submitted to a jurisdictional pool for potential service on general Church bodies. The most recent delegates to the General Conference are automatically in the pool. Between 15 - 45 additional persons can be nominated for purposes of racial, ethnic, disability, and age inclusivity.

The “nominating committee” for the SEJ pool is the bishop and the general and jurisdictional conference delegation. The form enclosed in the mailing offers the opportunity for you to lift nominations from the floor. Once the nomination forms have been received, the delegation will offer its recommendation during the Saturday morning session of the Annual Conference.

Below are the instructions that must be followed in order to nominate an individual.

- Nominations must be made in writing using the form in the Book of Reports mailing. All the listed information is needed so please complete the form carefully.
- All nominees must be professing members of The UMC and active in local churches.
- **DO NOT** nominate an individual who has not given their consent to have their name lifted and agreed to serve if elected. Terms are for 4-years (with eligibility for a second 4-year term), require travel to a minimum of 2 meetings per year with possible meeting locations outside the U.S., and commitment to the full work of the board/commission to which elected.
- If there is a preference for service on a particular board/agency, please note that in the general information section of the form. The following general church bodies may have openings: Connectional Table; General Board of Church and Society; General Board of Discipleship Ministries; General Board of Global Ministries; General Board of Higher Education and Ministry; General Board of Pension and Health Benefits; The UM Publishing House; Office of Christian Unity and Interreligious Relationships; General Commission on Communication; General Commission on Religion and Race; and the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

Completed forms must be given to Susan Reaves, Conference Secretary by the end of the Friday afternoon session of the Annual Conference. No nominations will be accepted after that time. Please do not send forms by email or regular mail. Questions can be directed to Martha Stokes, chair of the Virginia Conference delegation, at marthaestokes@gmail.com