

First Name	Last Name	District	Church Membership	Gender	Race	Age	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
Anne	Adams	Central	St. Luke's UMC, Indianapolis	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	1	I am a lifelong United Methodist. I have been a very active member at St. Luke's. I am currently serving as Lay Leader. I am passionate about the United Methodist church and am very interested in the future of our denomination. I learned so much serving as an Equalization Delegate in 2022. I feel better equipped this year to be a positive advocate for the United Methodist Church.
Diane	Banks	Central	St. Lukes UMC Indianapolis	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	I am very interested in the administrative decisions of the Indiana UMC. We are taking bold and courageous steps toward the future. St. Lukes is at the center of it and I'm honored to represent this church.
Susanne	Baughman	Central	St Luke's UMC	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	1	Last year was my first year at conference and I was proud to be a part of the work of the church. I would like to continue to serve in order to continue working with the church as it navigates these difficult times and finds a way to be the church who is active in justice, humility, and serving as Jesus would.
Karry	Book	Central	Bradley UMC Greenfield, IN	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	Being an Equalization Member is enlightening and enriching. It allows for awareness, opportunity for growth, and needed fellowship. Last year, each speaker and presentation touched my heart.
Sandy	Brock	Central	Indianapolis Good Shepherd	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	4	As a lifelong United Methodist, I care deeply for the United Methodist Church and care deeply for the INUMC. I have been a clergy spouse for almost 20 years and have made it a priority to know and understand the issues at hand in our conference and how they affect my spouse, myself, our family, our churches. I have a heart to serve, to make a difference and to be of use in this life God has called us to.
Cathy	Burris	Central	University	Female	Black or African-American	66 - 75 years old	Yes	5	I have a genuine interest in the future of the United Methodist Church, both the organization and the members. I am committed to be engaged at Annual Conference
David	Buttram	Central	Danville UMC Danville, IN	Male	White	66 - 75 years	Yes	1	To have a voice in the changing Methodist Church.
Kathy	Byerly	Central	Castleton. Indianapolis	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	3	I have many years experience, and know what is expected of an equalization member. I really enjoy being part of the process, and respect the proceedings. The information tables are always an inspiration and full of pertinent information to bring back to the local church and mission groups.

Scott	Byerly	Central	Castleton UMC	Male	White	31 -40 years old	Yes	1	I am passionate about the outreach of our church, there being equality for all, and showing God's love in all that the church does.
Clarke	Campbell	Central	Meridian Street UMC	Male	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	1	I have spent my entire life as an active member of the Methodist Church, and I am very interested in helping the United Methodist Church at the District level.
Amy	Christiansen	Central	Indianapolis	Female	White	31 -40 years old	Yes	1	I would like to serve as an equalization member because I value being of service to my church and this conference if needed.
Suzanne	Conger	Central	Avon UMC	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	I am a Co-Lay Leader at my church and have served on various committees as well as taught Sunday School, lead small groups, and active in the Stephen Ministry program leadership within the church in my 26 years as a member. I feel my representation with assist in bring diversity and equity to annual conference.
Lisa	Cooper	Central	University United Methodist Church	Female	Black or African-American	51 - 65 years old	No		To actively participate in future discussions making of the Church
Beth	DeHoff	Central	Mooresville First UMC	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	1	I'm a provisional deaconess and interested in involvement in the larger UMC. I also serve on the mission and justice team for people with disabilities and our LGBTQIA siblings.
Barbara	Dobbs	Central	Southport	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	No		I have served as a conference laity voting member for my church for the past five years. During this time, I have learn that we can all work together, among our differences, to make disciples for Jesus Christ. Being a past member of my church's leadership team and my five years experience as a voting member at conference, I feel that I can be an asset to this year's conference.
John	Drake	Central	North - Indianapolis	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	2	I am wanting to take part in the larger life of the Indiana Conference. I have learned so much about what is happening in our Conference than I did before serving, I am now part of CORE as a result of serving in this role.
Julie	Flint	Central	Meridian Street UMC	Female	White	31 -40 years old	Yes	2	Serving in years past as an equalization member I have seen the importance of involvement to help build the church we want to see in the state of Indiana and around the world. I want to help shape policy and procedure that directly impacts how we show Christ's love in the world.
Roger	Frick	Central	St.Luke's UMC, Indianapolis	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	It is an important time for our church. Issues to be addressed need prayerful thought from persons with a variety of viewpoints. We need to express open minds and open hearts to those with whom we disagree. I believe I can bring those attributes to the work of the conference.

Rita	Gaither-Gant	Central	Miracles and Blessings Indianapolis	Female	Black or African-American	66 - 75 years old	Yes	5	I believe it is important for someone with my knowledge of Annual Conference to be a part of Annual Conference. I will be a great support for-- African Americans, small membership church, adult over 70 and Black women. These area that are usually under represented. With all the conversation regarding the new Global Church my demographic areas need to have a seat at the table.
Michael	Gilbert	Central	Union Chapel Indy, Indianapolis	Male	White	51 - 65 years old	No		I wish to serve as an equalization member to annual conference, because I've been a member of UMC for a longtime and am eager to participate in good leadership, helping the conference find it's best expression in the future. Lay involvement is a central tenet of our leadership practices, and I feel I can contribute prayerfully and thoughtfully to the process.
Elizabeth	Glass	Central	Irvington United Methodist Church, Indianapolis	Female	White	31 -40 years old	No		I serve my church in many ways and I want to help in others
Robert	Greising	Central	Meridian Street UMC	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	2	I feel called to participate in this important process to use my presence and conscience to help assure the AC responds to the Gospel call of love and respect for all.
Christina	Guthrie	Central	Old Bethel UMC	Female	White	41 - 50 years old	Yes	2	I feel very strongly about several issues the UMC is facing, and I want to help ensure a variety of voices are heard.
Troy	Guthrie	Central	Old Bethel Indianapolis	Male	White	41 - 50 years old	Yes	4	I feel strongly in making sure that a variety of laity voices are heard at annual conference.
Amelia	Hawbaker	Central	Meridian Street United Methodist Church, Indianapolis	Female	White	31 -40 years old	Yes	2	I am committed to continuing the work of the United Methodist Church in Indiana as a Millennial and someone who identifies as a member of the UMC. It is important to me that young adults and youth are represented as the church continues to plan and map its progress in this state.
Janette	Helm	Central	Calvery, Brownsburg	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	No		Would like to participate in creating the future of the United Methodist Church.
Krishna	Heyward	Central	Indianapolis	Female	Black or African-American	51 - 65 years old	No		I have always been drawn to mission work that is in relationship with women, children and youth within and outside the church. So it is important that I have an oportunity share what i have learn through those relationship if warranted for proposed initiatives. Also, as a national board member of United Women in Faith, it is important that I be knowledgable of the initiatives within the annual conference to properly represent Indiana on the board.
Albert	Hidalgo	Central	Broadway Indianapolis	Male	Hispanic or Latinx	51 - 65 years old	Yes	3	I continue to be serving as a lay delegate to the North Central jurisdictional conference after being selected by the Indiana Conference in 2019

Kelli	Jack-Kelly	Central	Meridian Street UMC, Indianapolis	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	2	I believe strongly that all people should be able to serve and worship in the church, not just those that fit a "mold".
Megan	Jones	Central	Work at Castleton UMC Indianapolis, membership still at Sharpsville UMC	Other Gender Identification	White	31 -40 years old	Yes	3	I'm passionate about the church and have been my whole life. I have served local congregations in many capacities both as a professional and as laity. As a member of the LGBTQIA community, I have a unique voice and interest in the future of the church.
Patricia	Jones	Central	University United Methodist Church	Female	Black or African-American	66 - 75 years old	No		I feel compelled to serve. I think it would be a wonderful experience to participate in this endeavor . I feel it is important to continue to growth and learn as we serve God.
Candace	Landry	Central	Castleton UMC, Indianapolis	Female	White	31 -40 years old	Yes	3	As a lifelong United Methodist and a mother of two young boys, I want to be active in building and living into the vision God has for the UMC. I currently serve on the Episcopacy Team and Thrive (Clergy Spouses) at the conference level and am active in Children and Family Ministry at Castleton.
Lucinda	Lautz	Central	Epworth UMC Indianapolis	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	I am committed to the principles of John Wesley. I want those upheld as they were intended by those that assist in the movement forward of the UMC.
Jack	Leonard	Central	North UMC Indianapolis	Male	White	76 years or older	Yes	3	I think it is important to have a well-populated laity session.
Michael	Macke	Central	St. Luke's UMC	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	No		Given I have no idea what this involvement will entail, I am interested, nonetheless, to determine how I may be of assistance to my church and how this involvement may be of assistance to myself. This may be a perfect opportunity.
Elizabeth	Mason	Central	Old Bethel UMC Indianapolis	Female	Black or African-American	51 - 65 years old	Yes	1	My service as an Equalization Member will help in my studies as a candidate for Elder. This opportunity to join others to provide and review church functions, programs, and projects needed to fulfill the mission of the UMC. The experience will help me become more aware of the functions and mission of the UMC. It would also enlighten me as an individual growing in my faith and discernment as a servant to the people of God. I look forward to serving and being a witness to important discussions that lead to a better understanding of why we serve a United Methodist.
Steven	Matteson	Central	New Palestine United Methodist Church	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	2	I am serving my third year on the Central District Operating Committee and would like to finish out serving this year in full, including participation in the Indiana Annual Conference, a vital annual event for the church.
kenneth	Miller	Central	Indianapolis Old Bethel	Male	White	76 years or older	Yes	4	INTEREST IN THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

Alicia	Mitchell	Central	University United Methodist church Indianapolis	Female	Black or African-American	31 -40 years old	No		I serve as a lay servant and future Deaconess, I would be delighted to take part in this experience. I would love to see how our community and church leadership is formed and love to be present and pray spirit during the process. Thanks.
Sharon	Moore	Central	Union Chapel Indy, Indianapolis	Female	White	76 years or older	Yes	1	I served in 2022, and was extremely impressed with the functioning of the AC. I firmly believe that all God's children are precious, and want to help the church stand as a testament to that.
Stacey	Moore	Central	Indianapolis	Female	Black or African-American	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	It is an honor to represent the lay persons and the Central district to serve as an Equalization Member. Equitable representation is very important as we are members and a part of a society and church with many diverse backgrounds, skills, talents, race and ethnicity.
Stephen	Moore	Central	University United: Inpls, In	Male	Black or African-American	66 - 75 years old	No		It would be my honor as Lay Servant to be a Equalization Member. I feel it is important all are represented at the Lord's table.
John	Nepesa	Central	St Luke's UMC Indianapolis IN	Male	White	76 years or older	No		As a member of St Luke's Indianapolis I am dedicated to being the hands and feet of the Lord. I serve in various capacities Lay Leadership, Stephens Ministry, and visitations teams active for most of my 25+ years at My Church.
Richard	Philip	Central	Plainfield United Methodist Church, Plainfield	Male	White	51 - 65 years old	No		I am an active member of PUMC, currently serving on the Staff-Parish Relations Committee. I have previously served on Church Council. I have been a member of PUMC since 2004. I would be honored to have the opportunity to represent my church at the Indiana Conference. It is a complicated time for the UMC, and I willing to be part of the process of navigating a path forward.
Shannon	Priddy	Central	North UMC Indianapolis	Female	White	41 - 50 years old	Yes	2	Laity voices are vital to the future of the UMC. I can provide a voice that is unique and needs to be heard
Ann	Randall	Central	University	Female	Black or African-American	66 - 75 years old	No		As an African American female in the conservative state of Indiana, my opinions may not be reflected in church policy. I feel that all voices need to be heard and considered.
Kimberly	Sandell	Central	Avon	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	No		I would like to help promote acceptance and equalization of all people into our church.
Amanda	Santiago	Central	Faith UMC, Indianapolis (E16th St)	Female	White	31 -40 years old	No		As a lifelong member of my church, SPRC chair on Ad Board, and someone who sits on and supports several committees for my church, I believe I lend a valuable voice and representation to the district. As one of the only women in my age bracket at our church, I also feel it is important to do what I can to expand our congregation spiritually and physically, along with my own personal faith. I would be proud to serve as an Equalization Member!

Edward	Santiago	Central	Faith UMC	Male	Hispanic or Latinx	51 - 65 years old	Yes	1	I was most impressed with my attendance in 2022 at the conference in Marion, IN. The opportunity to hear the discussions and vote on key issues was a most fulfilling event in my year. My self journey to pursue opportunities for learning within the church are key to my interest in membership as an equalization member for 2023.
Kurt	Schoch	Central	St. Luke's, Indianapolis	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	I am blessed to serve as the Central District Director, Lay Servant Ministry, and believe it is important to understand how the Annual Conference works and serves all members. I would like to bring my coaching, leadership, and relationship gifts to this work.
Nilene	Schurig	Central	St. Luke's North UMC	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	4	I love being involved in the business side of the church. I stay informed on upcoming topics and take my vote very seriously. Some people hate to attend meetings. Ur that is not me. I greatly enjoy the conference meetings and look forward to learning more about my church.
Anita	Sipes	Central	Indianapolis Bethel	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	1	Last year was my first year attending and I found it very interesting. I want to do what I can to help the UMC keep going in the right direction, to include and welcome everyone.
Larna	Spearman	Central	University UMC Indianapolis	Male	Black or African-American	76 years or older	Yes	5	Based upon my past experiences, I would like to serve as an Equalization Member particularly during these times within United Methodism. I am blessed to be able to represent lay members, members of my black church congregation, senior, seniors now that I have turned 77 ..Wow! A community underserved with many depressed, hopeless and unloved. My purpose is me to truly only by His grace to bring a spirit of "Doing No Harm, Doing Good and Staying in Love with God." It's easy to say but I know that I can live up to it because of His Grace and He has allowed me to do it in the past. What I enjoy the most about the Annual Conference is to utilize the Principles of Holy Conferencing. The two key principles for me is that 1-Every Person is a Child of God and 2-Listen Before Speaking but really the key is to Pray first and continue praying. I thank you in advance for the Annual Conference and am already praying for a successful conference no matter who attends but most importantly one in which God is Glorified. Much Appreciation.
Sarah	Spearman	Central	University, Indianapolis	Female	Black or African-American	76 years or older	No		Acknowledging equality and diversity has always been important to me. As a retired educator, I have seen divisions in homes, churches and schools. My goal is to bring acceptance, peace and love through the teachings of Jesus Christ by being an Equalization Member.

Steven	Spence	Central	Abundant Vida Nueva Indianapolis	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	I believe my background as a life-long UM and as a mediator could make me a calming influence among delegates during any contentious discussions. I also believe that I could be an asset to my church in helping them to understand the Methodist system since most of our congregation really don't understand what the UMC stands for and how it operates. My prior service was during Covid which made it difficult for me to fully participate since the original date was changed.
Nancy	Stauffer	Central	Old Bethel UMC. Indianapolis	Female	White	76 years or older	No		My husband and I have attended Old Bethel UMC for 58 years. Our three children were raised in this church. Two children were married in the church. My husband has attended the Men's Bible study for 45 years. He has been a trustee for 3 terms of service. I am in charge of Funeral Meals, an official in UMW, and an adult Sunday School class. I am also part of God's Gardeners, a group that keeps the grounds of O.B. Neat and attractive. Like everyone else we take part in various church activities. The United Methodist church has been a big presence in our life.
Ruth Ellen	Stone	Central	Plainfield UMC Plainfield Indiana	Female	White	76 years or older	Yes	4	Interested in future of Indiana Conference in this state.
Anthony	Strong	Central	Meridian Street UMC Indianapolis	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	No		I have been a member of the United Methodist Church my whole life and would like to understand how the governing process works. What better way than to attend the Conference. I have also served on several committees, been on several mission functions locally, regionally and internationally.
Gail	Strong	Central	Meridian Street UMC, Indianapolis	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	I care deeply about our church and the work God calls us to do in the world to bring love and the kin-dom to all.
Mya	Taylor	Central	Christ Indianapolis UMC, Indianapolis	Female	White	19 - 30 years old	Yes	3	Having served both in person and online, I can say that Annual Conference has become a highlight of my summer. I know that there are many points of order we work on, but I have appreciated being able to build my network, meet new people, and continue to learn about the UMC that God has called me to serve. After prayerfully considering whether or not I would reapply, I feel God has called me back to apply. I hope I am given the opportunity to serve the Church again this summer, and thank you for your consideration.
Ethel	Thompson	Central	Indianapolis University	Female	Black or African-American	76 years or older	No		I am available to serve.

Wanda	Thruston	Central	University UMC Indianapolis, IN	Female	Black or African-American	51 - 65 years old	No		Having been an active member of the UMC for my whole life, I would like to serve in the capacity of an Equalization Member to ensure that decisions that are made for the UMC church and its members are representative of the members of the UMC. Although in the minority, if there isn't equal representation, decisions will be made that only fulfill the needs of the majority. The needs of the different churches in which the members are of different races, ethnicities and cultures have needs that are different than the majority, and as a part of te UMC, it is important that all needs are met.
Arvetta	Turner-Coleman	Central	University United Methodist, Indianapolis	Female	Black or African-American	66 - 75 years old	No		Given the history of the United Methodist Church, I'm interested in seeing it grow and thrive for future diverse congregations.
John	Wakeman	Central	Old Bethel UMC	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	5	I want to be an instrument for God to use to lead our Conference into the future.
Kris	Walker-Guess	Central	University United Methodist Church Indianapolis	Female	Black or African-American	51 - 65 years old	No		In my Christian walk as well as my professional walk I serve on many different (DEI), Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committees. This is my way of supporting those in our community as a woman of God. Mistreatment and exclusion is not the way of the cross therefore I choose to be a resource for all of God's people. By allowing myself to be used as a resource and servant by God is my daily walk and calling.
Lloyd	Wallace	Central	University United Methodist Church, Indianapolis	Male	Black or African-American	years old	Yes	1	To serve the conference as best as possible
Myra	Washum-Beye	Central	Barnes UMC	Female	Black or African-American	41 - 50 years old	No		I would like to avail myself to serve because I believe we are called to serve. I believe in God. I believe in the mission and vision of the United Methodist Church. I am a life-long United Methodist and have a vested interest in the future of our church. As an African American woman in the United Methodist Church; I thin I offer a unique perspective. With God's help, I'd like to serve.
Lee	Watson	Central	Meridian Street UMC	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	2022 was my first year to serve as an equalizing delegate. I found that I learned a great deal about how my church is administered. I believe that I can serve with a greater understanding in the future based on my experience last year. I found the prayer sessions as well as the optional sessions particularly rewarding and was able to renew old friendships as well as meet new folks with insights on current church issues which broaden my understanding of being a Christian moving forward. As last year, as a church trustee I think that my attendance will enhance my ability to help manage the resources of MSUMC to the best of our ability.

LaDonna	Weber	Central	Roberts Park, Indianapolis	Female	White	51 - 65 years old	Yes	1	We, as a denomination, are on the verge of transformation. Church membership isn't a passive thing -- and I feel called to be active!
Dennis	Westrich	Central	Shirley Wilkinson Community UMC	Male	White	66 - 75 years old	No		I think it is important for the church to have representees in many issues and I feel I am a leader and am willing to make the umc better.
Kimberly	Wilson	Central	Miracles and Blessings UMC Indianapolis	Female	Black or African-American	51 - 65 years old	No		I am praying about doing this service. I know my church already has several others serving at the conference level
Missi	Young	Central	St. Luke's UMC Indpls, IN	Female	White	66 - 75 years old	Yes	1	I believe that there is room for all in God's kingdom. I want to be a part of bringing that kingdom here on earth. I believe in the mission of the United Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Working together this can be accomplished.