

| 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 |
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| Kathy | Anderson | North | Elkhart Calvary UMC, Elkhart | Female | White | 51 - 65 years old | Yes | 3 | I am familiar with the process of and issues before Annual Conference having attended in various capacities for many years. Since my husband is a local pastor, I will be attending with him. I would love the opportunity to serve in this capacity again this year. |
| Linda | Ankrom | North | Grace United Methodist Church, South Bend | Female | White | 66 - 75 years old | No | | For several years I have felt led to pursue learning how God is at work in the United Methodist Church beyond my local church. When Pastor Jim Clark announced this past Sunday about the opportunity to apply to be an Equalizing Member for our district. It was a nudge I did not want to pass up. If appointed as an Equalizing Member to Indiana Annual Conference, I understand that I will be representing my district and am excited to also to have the opportunity to become more involved in learning and participating in the ministries throughout my district. As a UMC member who relocated to Indiana two years ago after living in southern Ohio for 45+ years, I believe interactions and fellowship with other Christians from Indiana will help me better understand ministry needs throughout my new home as well as share I things I have witnessed in the West Ohio Conference. |
| Cathy | Bloss | North | Elkhart Hillcrest UMC | Female | White | 66 - 75 years old | No | | Want to represent my church |
| Richard | Burnworth | North | Mishawaka Albright | Male | White | 76 years or older | Yes | 5 | I attend conference with my spouse and I am interested in what is taking place. |
| JoEllyn | Chadwick | North | Rolling Prairie UMC, Rolling Prairie | Female | White | 66 - 75 years old | Yes | 4 | It is important that I make myself available for opportunities like this. I believe in the organizational make up of the United Methodist Church and would like to be involved. |
| Chris | Cotton | North | Clunette United Methodist, Leesburg, IN | Male | White | 51 - 65 years old | Yes | 1 | I believe in doing church and meeting people where they are to spread the Gospel. I want to influence my church to do the same. |

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| Debbie | Courtney | North | Church of Four Seasons UMC crown point | Female | White | 51 - 65 years old | Yes | 1 | I am very excited to serve again if chosen and participate in the conference and the proceedings as a council member at my local church 🏛️ I find it very interesting to and educational and I enjoy the fellowship of the congregation during the conference |
| John | Desmaretz | North | Church of the Four Seasons United Methodist | Male | White | 66 - 75 years old | No | | As Church Council Chair at COFSUM, I am excited about the possibilities that exist for the UMC now and in the future. If we are ever to stand strong as a united Church committed to authentic discipleship it is now. |
| Denise | Ecker | North | Trinity UMC Plymouth, IN | Female | White | 51 - 65 years old | No | | I would like to learn more about how the UMC works. I am looking forward to the guest speakers and the worship. |
| Don | Ecker | North | Plymouth Trinity UMC | Male | White | 66 - 75 years old | No | | The decision to make myself available to serve did not come easily. It was made after much prayer and much thought. I will admit this is a step out of my comfort zone, which I view as a growing process with my faith. |
| Patty | Fisher | North | Orleans UMC, Orleans, In | Female | White | 51 - 65 years old | Yes | 5 | I sincerely feel that the United Methodist church is the right church for me and it is my responsibility to support it in these trying times. I want to see the Church become stronger in its mission to all people. The Church needs supporters that are not afraid to speak the truth, stand firmly in the faith and is willing to pick up the struggle, strong in stamina and capable of speaking confidently to the issues. |
| Terri | Ganger | North | Dunlap United Methodist | Female | White | 66 - 75 years old | Yes | 1 | My Church and faith are very important to me and I feel the issues coming up are very important. |
| Jeff | Gelbaugh | North | Clunette | Male | White | 51 - 65 years old | Yes | 3 | This is another important year for the church with more disaffiliations on tap. Being a CLM I am very interested in the workings of the church. |
| Lawna | Graf | North | Mishawaka Coalbush | Female | White | 66 - 75 years old | Yes | 3 | I support the United Methodist Church and want to see it continue to be a vibrant, strong organization. |
| Don | Green | North | FUMC Mishawaka | Male | White | 51 - 65 years old | Yes | 1 | I feel a calling to increase my participation in lay leadership - not knowing exactly where it will take me, but I feel it important to immerse myself in the process. |

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| Gaye | Haist | North | Wesley UMC, Culver, IN | Female | White | 66 - 75 years old | No | <p>In the last year our church went thru a discernment process that left it deeply divided and caused it to split. We won the vote however but have spent the last few months picking up the pieces and putting our smaller church back together. Tactics and words used by the the other side who decided to leave and form another church were biased and full of untruths toward the UMC. Not only was our church torn apart but also many friendships and actually our community has been affected by this split. I would like to do all I can to set the record straight on the state of the current UMC and bring truth and level-headed conversations to the forefront. We need to clear the air of the bias that has been running rampant throughout the denomination caused by inside and outside forces. The UMC has always been and still is a great denomination that has room for all - conservatives and liberals and everyone in between. In fact that is exactly what makes the UMC such a great denomination. Rather than dividing over differences we should be learning from our differences and showing everyone a seat at the table.</p> |
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| Jane | Harper-Alport | North | First United Methodist, Hammond | Female | White | 66 - 75 years old | Yes | 5 | I am deeply committed to the future of a vibrant and fruitful United Methodist Church that is stronger together, evidencing God's grace and guidance and living and actively demonstrating Christ's love for all. I support the Church's honest and open communication and democratic governance as we strive to grow and strengthen mature servant disciple leaders, both laity and clergy, fulfilling God's purpose for us to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. I am passionate about leadership development, strong partnerships between clergy and laity, diversity, stewardship, and building healthy churches as the UMC moves through a challenging period of transition for our Conference and the General Church. Formerly, I served as an INUMC district lay leader and associate conference lay leader; currently, I serve my local church as chair of the Church Council and interim chair of the Finance Committee. It would be an honor and privilege to once again serve as an equalization member to participate in decision making for our Annual Conference at this time of critical changes and hope-filled opportunities. |
| Steve | Hauersperger | North | First UMC South Bend | Male | White | 51 - 65 years old | Yes | 2 | I feel obligated to provide a vote for the diversity of the church as we move forward. |
| Patricia | Hodgson | North | Portage First United Methodist, Portage | Female | Bi-Racial or | 66 - 75 years old | No | | I like being kept up to date as to how our denomination is moving forward and information on what we can do to expand our Open Door Policy! I have served on all the committees throughout the years I am praying for love and peace for not just our country but for the world. We have the opportunity to spread the love of God wherever we are! I have served as a Lay Leader for several years and felt it was time for one of our younger members to experience how our denomination empowers people! I would be honored to serve as an Equalization Member. |
| Ken | Hudgins | North | Chesterton UMC | Male | White | 66 - 75 years old | Yes | 5 | As District President of UMMen, I would be honored to serve our men in our district and local churches, all to God's glory. I love our Lord and will always try to serve Him as best as I can. My wife is free of pancreatic cancer now and I will be able to serve this year. |

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| Alicia | Kindley | North | Mishawaka Albright UMC | Female | White | 66 - 75 years old | No | | I love serving the church in any way I can. Conference is a place to serve and meet other like minded Christians. |
| Arlene | Kramer | North | Hobart First United Methodist Church | Female | White | 76 years or older | Yes | 5 | Representing the North District is a responsibility that I consider to be most important. I am acquainted with members from several North District congregations and feel that I can share their feelings at Annual Conference as well as provide information to them. It is an honor that I take seriously. |
| Penny | Krug | North | South Bend, Evangel, Heights, UMC | Female | White | 66 - 75 years old | Yes | 5 | Retired Deaconess encouraged by my community to attend to keep informed of church policies and celebrate our love for Jesus Christ. |
| Peter | Loutzenhiser | North | Northwest United Methodist Church South Bend | Other Ge | White | 19 - 30 years old | Yes | 1 | I believe it is important for laity to be involved with internal church politics. We cannot effectively serve humanity if only clergy plays an active role in leadership; having people from all walks of life take an active role in the church is essential to serving as the hands and feet of Christ. |
| Maureen | Mauzy | North | Warsaw First | Female | White | 66 - 75 years old | No | | To participate and represent and support my church. I've served as a licensed local pastor, was a certified lay leader, taught Sunday school, been a United Methodist Woman now United Women in Faith since 1978. Been a member of the United Methodist Church since 1978. |
| Jo | McCollough | North | Inwood United Methodist Church, Inwood | Female | White | 51 - 65 years old | Yes | 1 | I believe we need strong local leadership and resources down to the smallest congregation. I also see this as an opportunity to learn as a member of our congregation. |
| George | Morley | North | Door Village UMC, La Porte, In. | Male | White | 76 years or older | No | | I have been a member of Door Village UMC for over 40 years, and have been involved in the administration of our church for the past 25 years. First as chair of the Worship Committee, and then as Lay Leader for approx. 10 years, eventually acheiving certification as Supply Speaker if I'm remembering correctly. I have served on the Pastor Parish Committee, the Nominating Committee and I am still the Chair of the Audit Committee and the Chair of the Administrative board for the past 10 years. I have had a keen interest in the operations and the welfare of our church for many years and have a strong interest in the operations of the Indiana Conference for many years. |

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| Charlotte | Nowlin | North | Church of Four Seasons UMC Crown Point | Female | White | 76 years or older | No | | .. |
| Lynn | Pease | North | North Liberty UMC | Female | White | 51 - 65 years old | Yes | 1 | I have been part of the United Methodist Church my whole life and am concerned about the discord throughout. I currently serve as the SPRC chair and know our congregation has concerns about our future as do I. I would like to be involved in the information and decision making going forward. It is my prayer that we can come together and continue to spread God's word. |
| Cindy | Polito | North | Door Village UMC, LaPorte | Female | White | 51 - 65 years old | Yes | 5 | To represent my home church at annual conference. I have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and fully support ways to reach out and make disciples through the workings of the church. |
| John | Rado | North | Hebron Salem United Methodist | Male | White | 66 - 75 years old | No | | I feel it important to participate working to build a strong connectional United Methodist Church that welcomes people with love centered on following Jesus Chjrist, |
| Steve | Rogers | North | Munster Ridge | Male | White | 66 - 75 years old | Yes | 1 | I believe in the mission and the values of the United Methodist Church. I am passionate about the growth and mission of Ridge UMC and want to help Ridge to be heard in Indiana. |
| Anthony | Schmok | North | Grace UMC South Bend | Male | White | 12 - 18 years old | No | | I would like to avail myself to serve as an Equalization Member because I love God, and want to get out of my comfort zone by doing things that I have never done before. |
| Rebecca | Smith | North | Warsaw First umc | Female | White | 51 - 65 years old | Yes | 1 | I grew up in the UMC and have loved this denomination! My husband is a UMC pastor (ordained elder) so this is our life's work. I would be honored to serve as we move forward as a denomination. Thank you for considering me 🙏 |
| Darryl | Thomas | North | Gary Fifth Avenue | Male | Black or Afric | 51 - 65 years old | Yes | 3 | To continue to able to give voice and presence. As an EM, one can bring a balance to a one-sided and one-sided direction. Given the direction of the denomination, it is with hope that all side are represented and heard. It is my desire to be a part of that balance. |
| Fred | Triezenberg | North | Church of the Four Seasons United Methodist | Male | White | 66 - 75 years old | No | | I am a firm believer in the future of the United Methodist Church as a diverse connectional Church united in our Wesleyan heritage and empowered by being Disciples of Jesus Christ. |

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| Lora | Ward | North | Hammond | Female | White | 66 - 75 years old | Yes | 4 | Annual conference is the time to be together as the conference decides and debates the business. I feel being a part of that strengthens my connection and commitment to the church. |
| Becky | Wasio | North | North Liberty UMC, North Liberty | Female | White | 41 - 50 years old | No | | The opportunity to serve as an equalization member is one more way that I can follow God's will. As a leader in my church, I understand the importance of listening to and allowing God to guide me where he needs me. I feel God is calling me to attend annual conference this year as an equalization member. While I have never attended annual conference as a voting member, I have attended once as a young adult and had the opportunity to share a ministry that I was a part of at that time (early 2000s). Attending as an equalization member will provide me another opportunity to share and carry out God's ministry. With God's support and guidance, I will be able to continue doing His will while attending Annual Conference. |
| Jane | Wright | North | Church of the Four Seasons. Crown Point | Female | White | 51 - 65 years old | No | | I would like to contribute by time and service to this cause as I feel God as nudged me in this direction. |