

Profile Sheet

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General Conference - alternate 2000, delegate 2004 and 2008
Board of Ordained Ministry
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Transition Team / Nebraska-Kansas Episcopal Area
Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee
Chair, Order of Elders

I believe the key concerns and issues facing the United Methodist Church today are:

A key task of leadership - especially in times of adaptive change - is to encourage a new generation of leaders to step forth. Twelve years of service at the general church level have blessed me tremendously! But I am even more blessed to see the wonderfully talented, exciting pool of younger leaders we have in Kansas West! Some of our young clergy also have previous General or Jurisdictional Conference experience to better equip them. They can represent us very capably to the world community.

I do not wish to serve again as a General Conference delegate. If you believe my experience can be useful, I would willingly serve once more as a delegate or alternate to Jurisdictional Conference.

Thanks so much for giving me the privilege of past leadership. My prayers are with those who will serve us in 2012.

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This is how I have served the Local Church and/or Annual Conference:

2009-Present * Nebraska-Kansas Transition Team Member
2001-Present * BOOM as General Bd of Higher Ed & Ministry (GBHEM) Representative
2001-Present * GBHEM: Executive Team, Div. of Min. Sec., GBHEM Investment Cmte Mbr
2008 (3rd elected) & 2004 (1st elected) * General & Jurisdictional Conference Delegate
2008 * General Conference - Chairperson of the Local Church Legislative Committee
2008 * Episcopal Candidate for South Central Jurisdiction
2001-2009 * District Superintendent (Salina, Wichita, Wichita East Districts)
2000 (7th elected) * Jurisdictional Conference & Alternate General Conference Delegate

I believe the key concerns and issues facing the United Methodist Church today are:

- First, remembering that within our connectional church, that it is imperative that the local church continue to be acknowledged and treated as the entity with the primary responsibility for disciple making of Jesus Christ in our denomination!

However, due to our continuing decline (US) in attendance/membership, the 2012 General Conference will be dealing with initiatives, proposals, mandates, and studies that will be presented to help us reverse these declining trends that we are experiencing.

My hope and prayer is that we will be able to discern, determine, and decide the unified direction we need to take as The Church and NOT get side tracked from what God needs for us to be!

- Second, that we will reclaim and experience The Power of The Holy Spirit at ALL levels of our Church/denomination, so that we will be able to show the world how to be the True Body of Christ, through our love of God and love of ALL of our neighbors & each other!

- Last, but not least, that we, as the United Methodist Church, will always remember our First Love, Jesus Christ, in all that we say and do and not get sidelined by issues/concerns/matters that will dangerously divide us vs. unite us!

May we all pray for a mighty movement of The Holy Spirit as The United Methodist Church gathers for GC2012 and JC2012!

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Current Appointment or Church Membership:

This is how I have served the Local church and/or Annual Conference.

1. *Past Director of the Sunflower Parish*
2. *Served as a past member of the Winfield District Committee on Ordained Ministry and Wichita West District Committee on Ordained Ministry (Served as Chair)*
3. *Candidacy and Clergy Mentor*
4. *Candidacy Psychological Evaluation Interpreter*
5. *Served as a past member of the Committee on Finance and Administration (Serving on the Exec Committee)*
6. *Served as a past member of Horizon Board of Trustees (Serving as Treasurer and Finance Chair)*
7. *Dean and Camp counselor for nearly 20 camps (and still serving)*
8. *Served as a past Board Member for the Kansas Health Consumer Coalition (funded by the United Methodist Health Foundation)*
9. *Currently Serving as the Chair of the Chabadza Leadership Team*
10. *Currently a Member of the Sexual Ethics Committee*
11. *Attend the 2008 General Conference working with the United Methodist Rural Fellowship General Conference Task Force*

I believe the key concerns and issues facing the United Methodist church today are:

1. *I believe that the United Methodist church in the United States has become a highly anxious organization wrought with a "Quick Fix" mentality. Example: the more the US Church is in decline the thicker our Discipline gets in an effort to the "fix" ourselves. The issue is not the continued existence of the "United Methodist Church in the US," or "How do we force change so that we can survive?" but the real question is, How does the US Church faithfully live out what God has called us to be and do?" How do we as the United Methodist Church in the United States make disciples for the transformation of the world?*
2. *I am concerned how Superintendency functions in the United States. Personally, I would like to see more emphasizes on using a "coaching" model of supervision for the US Superintendency; not for clergy but for the entire congregation. I would like us, as a people, to thoughtfully find more ways to free up our District Superintendents (and Bishops) so that they can spend more time "listening" and working with local congregations.*
3. *Instead of blaming US clergy, I am more concerned with the stress factors that create anxious clergy and laity, and prevent US congregations from engaging in creative and innovative leadership.*
4. *We have somewhere in the neighborhood of **25,000 small rural town and country churches** in the United States. **They are not a burden to the United Methodist Church.** They are on the front lines for fighting poverty, hunger, and injustice in many of our underserved communities. Some of these congregations may have less than 20 years left in their life cycles. The question isn't "How soon can we close them?" but, "How might we help them live their lives to the fullest?"*
5. ***The United Methodist Church is NOT dying**, it is exploding across the world. I have been to Zimbabwe and watched people worship under trees and in shacks. We need to keep a "world" vision in mind as the General Conference meets in 2012.*
6. *I was present in 2008 helping with the United Methodist Rural Fellowship, and I plan to be in Richmond, VA in 2012. The question is **will you give UMRF one more voice on the conference floor?***

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Current Appointment or Church Membership:

East Heights - Wichita

This is how I have served the Local Church and/or Annual Conference:

I have served the Kansas West Annual Conference for 44 years, first as a student local pastor and later as an ordained Elder in Full Connection. For most of this time I have served the local church. But for five years I was privileged to serve on the Annual Conference staff as an Associate Director of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries. In addition I have served on many boards and agencies of the conference, in addition to the community ministries in various locations where I have been appointed. Much of the focus of my ministry has been in conflict resolution. As a certified mediator I have worked to resolve conflict within communities across Kansas.

I believe the key concerns and issues facing the United Methodist Church today are:

As the Church of Jesus Christ, we live and serve in the world. Therefore we will continue the struggle of how we make the Gospel relevant in the world today. We will continue to refine our structures of polity as we define and refine the mission (and resources) of the church in a quickly evolving age.

Our missional agencies need to be evaluated and perhaps modified, in order to better meet the needs and goals of our global church. It is important that we reaffirm the prophetic role of the church in regards to peace and justice ministries, as they are defined and guided by our Social Principles. In this regard, I believe it will be important to equip the church to stand up to the cultural pressures that might keep us from addressing such peace and justice issues; as well as might seek to dull our commitment to radical hospitality to all who would seek the comfort and assurance of the Gospel of Christ.



Charles Claycomb

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This is how I have served the Local Church and/or Annual Conference:

Appointive Record: Geneseo (1978-81), Maize-Bentley (1981-87), Wichita-Pleasant Valley (1987-95), Salina District Superintendent (1995-2001), Hutchinson-First (2001-present). General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegate (1996, 2000, 2004, 2008). General Commission on Archives and History (1984-92). General Commission on Communications (2004-present). Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (2001-08). Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy (2003-04). Currently a member of the Conference Marketing and Communications Council, the Kansas Area Commission on Archives and History, and the Chabadza Leadership Team.

I believe the key concerns and issues facing the United Methodist Church today are:

To continue, encourage, and expand innovative and faithful ways to "make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world" in settings that are increasingly diverse and challenging.

To live more fully as a church into John Wesley's "three simple rules," i.e., do no harm, do good, and stay in love with God.

To become a more genuinely worldwide church especially as the denomination in Africa (and elsewhere) continues to grow significantly in numbers.

To rediscover and reclaim the missional nature of the Annual Conference as "the basic body in the Church."

To resist the temptation to settle for quick and easy answers when dealing with financial constraints and challenges.

To continue the commitment to "Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors."

To continue the four "areas of focus," i.e., (1) combating the diseases of poverty by improving health globally, (2) engaging in ministry with the poor, (3) creating new places for new people and revitalizing existing congregations, and (4) developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world.

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This is how I have served the Local Church and/or Annual Conference:

I currently serve on the Board of Ordained Ministry and as the assistant to the Bishop for ethnic minority concerns. I served on the Revitalization Taskforce of the Kansas West Conference. My national work includes being a facilitator for the Fitzgerald Program for 7 years, a GBOD program to equip pastors to begin start-up congregations, a teacher for the School of Congregational Development, coach, and the current chair of the National Division for New Church Starts of GBOD/Path One. My community work includes service on The Wichita Children's Home Executive Board (5 years) and was appointed by the Governor of Kansas to serve on the Kansas Sentencing Commission since 2006. I am also a member of the board of directors for the Kansas Food Bank.

I believe the key concerns and issues facing the United Methodist Church today are:

There are many but I will name two. First, is the continual decline in church membership, baptisms and confessions of faith. Hence the Bishops Call To Action. We agreed that as a Church we need to "redirect the flow of attention, energy and resources to an intense concentration on fostering and sustaining an increase in the number of vital congregations effective in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." I believe this is the right direction and focus for our denomination. We must reclaim our ground and primary focus of making disciples for the transformation of the world. This is my passion! I get excited about local churches and leaders who take this charge seriously. I give my time to coaching pastors and churches across the country because I have a deep commitment to the renewing of the United Methodist Church.

Second, the structural complexity and relevancy of our general boards and agencies. A great deal of work is being done to address the issues of more effective governance and a sustainable financial model. This is a vital issue because it impacts the connectional nature of our denomination. It is also a matter of stewardship. Laity and clergy alike across the church want to ensure that our apportionment dollars are used wisely and that our general boards and agencies are truly aligned with our mission to make disciples for the transformation of the world.

Despite these issues, I believe the future of our church remains bright. We are beginning to creatively address the issues that will enable the renewal of our denomination. I am certain that our best days are ahead of us as we reclaim our unique Wesleyan heritage and stay focused on the main thing (making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.)

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This is how I have served the Local Church and/or Annual Conference:

Annual Conference Worship Chair
Annual Conference Sessions Planning
District Committee on Ministry
Clergy Mentor
District Youth Coordinator
Campus Ministry Trustee

I believe the key concerns and issues facing the United Methodist Church today are:

How do we develop leaders with a vision for the future
How do we function as a world wide church
How can we include all of God's children in the church and speak out for justice
How do we empower local churches to make disciples of Jesus Christ

[Handwritten signature and date: Barry Dundas, 11-8-2011]

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This is how I have served the Local Church and/or Annual Conference:

I have been a member of the District Committee on Ministry, mentor for ministerial candidates, trained lay persons preparing for ministry, developed a webinar series for small membership churches, and worked with small membership churches on church growth strategies. I have served as Secretary of the Conf. Board of Global Ministries, worked as a camp counselor at Camp Chippewa in the KS. East Conference and have served on the District Council on Ministries

I believe the key concerns and issues facing the United Methodist Church today are:

The United Methodist Church is and needs to continue the movement back to our roots that is, making disciples and commitment to mission.

As we look to the future the United Methodist Church has set a course of new church starts and revitalizing churches. We need to continue to focus on planting churches in high growth areas. At the same time we need to reach out to our small and rural congregations as they struggle to find ways to serve in communities that are changing, with decreased populations, more diverse populations, and shrinking financial support.

Decisions at General Conference will have a significant impact on our churches. As a delegate I hope to work for legislation that continues to support new church starts and at the same time strong legislation that supports revitalization of churches. There are a number of areas such as Certified Lay Ministers that we as a church need to continue to support and strengthen through strong legislation.

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This is how I have served the Local Church and/or Annual Conference:

I have been a pastor of a local church for 39 years. I have served the Annual Conference in Youth Ministry; Chair of Camp Horizon Board of Trustees; Conference Disaster Committee; Area Disaster Committee; 6 years President of CF&A; Focus Team Member; K.W. Mexican-American Ministries Board Member; Kansas Area U.M. Foundation Board member.

I believe the key concerns and issues facing the United Methodist Church today are:

Sharing our abundance from God in a declining economic/ spiritual world.

Recruitment of youth for leadership in our church now.

Uniting brothers and sisters to share the goodness of the United Methodist Church rather than all the negative aspects that receive the news lines.

Opening doors for all races within our church.

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This is how I have served the Local Church and/or Annual Conference:

In my 29 years of ministry I have served on multiple levels of the Church. I served on the Board of Ordained Ministry from 1988-1996, as Vice-chair from 1992-1996. I served as the Hutchinson District Committee on Ordained Ministry from 1998-2006 and was District Registrar during that time. I served again on the Board of Ordained Ministry from 2002-2010, part of that time as the Psychological Testing Registrar.

I was elected as an alternate to South Central Jurisdictional Conference in 1996. I served as the Vice-Chair of the South Central Mission Council from 1996-1998 and served as Chair of the Mission Council from 1998-2004. In 2004 and 2008 I was elected as an alternate to General Conference and a delegate to Jurisdictional Conference.

Since 2004 I have served on the General Commission on Christian Unity and Interreligious Concerns (GCCUIC) and currently serve on the executive committee and am chair of personnel.

I believe the key concerns and issues facing the United Methodist Church today are:

I firmly believe that the Call to Action is just a start for the United Methodist Church. As a global and worldwide community we are forced to re-look at how we configure ourselves on a local, state, national and worldwide arena. We need to find ways to be more flexible, nimble, more efficient and effective at how we "do business" in order that we might undergird the ministry of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." We no longer live in an age where the local churches look to the general church or even the annual conference for training or program priorities. The overall structure is top heavy and needs to become a more manageable size in order to use our resources toward our denominational focus areas.

I think making the four focus areas for our denomination real priorities would strengthen our ministries as local churches, annual conferences and through our boards and agencies. Hands-on ministry and mission is one of the first ways to engage people in the gospel of Christ. While the area states intentions toward revitalizing existing congregations, I do not see any real energy toward making that happen. I believe beginning new congregations is imperative and necessary in order to reach out. I also believe developing leaders in and with existing congregations can strengthen the overall ministry of the United Methodist Church.

I am committed to the United Methodist Church because of our theology of personal and social holiness. To love God and to love others as Jesus commanded is how I long to live out my faith. I would be honored to be elected as a delegate and to use my gifts and graces to serve and help shape this church I love.



Dr. Kevass J. Harding

Rev. Dr. Kevass J. Harding was born in Wichita, Kansas. He was educated in the Public School System of Wichita. He is a graduate of Wichita Southeast High School. He received his Associate of Art Degree from Hutchinson Community College. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Texas at El Paso. He received his Master of Divinity Degree (cum laude) from Phillips Theological Seminary. He received his Doctor of Ministry Degree, specializing in Church Administration and Congregational Growth and

Revitalization from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Harding is married to the former Teketa Berry and they have two children: Carneze and Makayla.

In 1998, Dr. Harding was ordained a Deacon in the United Methodist Church. In 2002, Dr. Harding was ordained an Elder in the United Methodist Church. He served Saint Mark United Methodist Church, in Wichita, Kansas, for three years as an Associate Pastor in the Kansas West Conference.

In July of 1998 Dr. Harding was appointed by the Kansas West Annual Conference to Dellrose United Methodist Church in Wichita, Kansas, where he currently serves as Senior Pastor. Since coming to Dellrose, by reaching out to the surrounding community, Dellrose has grown from 25 to over 650 members. Growth and renewal can be seen throughout the congregation. Not only is the church growing numerically, but it is also growing spiritually and financially. Dr. Harding attributes the growth of the church to dynamic teaching, fellowship, praise and worship, and to the fact that Dellrose is a place where everyone will feel the love of God, find the joy of Christ, and experience the power of the Holy Spirit.

Kansas West Conference Work: Chairperson: Ethnic Local Church Concerns Committee. Member: Commission on Global Ministries. Member: Kansas West Conference Congregational Development Committee. Member: Committee on Investigation.

Community Involvement Work: Board Member: Wichita USD 259 Public Schools. Board Member: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sedgwick County. Board Member: W.G. Williams Community Foundation. Adjunct Professor at Friends University, Wichita KS: (Old Testament). A proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Author: He is the author of the book: *"Can These Bones Live: Bringing New Life To a Dying Church"*. ISBN #: 13:978-0-687-33557-2

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Current Appointment: Wichita--Woodland

This is how I have served the Annual Conference:

Currently: Board of Ordained Ministry, Area Health and Wellness Committee, Planning Team: Bishop Bicycle Challenge. Also KS West delegate to SCJ Clergywomen's Consultation Task Force

Formerly: Six years as chair of Area Seminar on Professional Ministry, three years on Annual Conference Worship Team, Preacher at Annual Conference 2009, Four years Conference Nominating Committee, Four years Area Commission on Campus Ministry, worked on issues of clergy recruitment through denominational and local events, helped connect young adult clergy in Kansas West.

I believe the key concerns and issues facing the United Methodist Church today are:

How do we preserve the very best parts of our church tradition while allowing the Spirit to create new pathways for new people to fall in love with God? We need to retain structure that is essential to our polity while renovating and discarding the things that have become obstacles to innovation. This can only be discerned through prayerful conversation and undertaken with a sense of Spirit-enabled risk.

I believe the United Methodist witness to Christian discipleship is crucial in our country and world. I want to see it strengthened and spread through vital historic congregations and thriving new communities. I believe that as a denomination we are living in the wilderness of radical change. This provides the opportunity to hear and encounter God in powerful ways. I want to be a part of supporting young voices and developing new leadership for the church now and into the future.

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Ordained Elder 1987 Kansas West Conference

This is how I have served the Local Church and/or Annual Conference:

Winfield District Coordinator of Evangelism 1987-1992
Member of Board of Ordained Ministry 1991-1996
Sessions Planning Chair 1996-2000
Member and Chair Conference Nominations 1996-2011 (Off & on)
Member of Kansas West Delegation to Jurisdictional Conference 2004
Institutional Ministries Chair 200-2004

I believe the key concerns and issues facing the United Methodist Church today are:

Unity through diversity
Relevancy in world
Making Disciples

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This is how I have served the Local Church and/or Annual Conference:

Local Church: Youth director, First United Methodist Church, El Dorado, KS. '92-94; ordained probationary deacon '93; ordained Deacon in Full Connection '99; appointed to Saint Mark United Methodist Church as an associate pastor, Wichita '99-'02; appointed to Plains and Kismet United Methodist Churches '02, appointed to Anthony United Methodist Church '03, ordained Elder in '04, appointed to Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church January 1, 2007 to present

Annual Conference: '06 – '07 *Leadership Incubator*, First Generation KW Clergy, *Served on Conference Nominating Committee* '00-'07, *Chair* '02-'07; *Chair* '06 – '09, *Wichita West District Committee on Superintendency*, *Board of Ordained Ministry* '01-'02 and the *Chair for the division of deacons for the Board of Ordained Ministry*, *Trustee of Commission on New Church Development* '09 – present, *Member of Conference Committee on Nominations* '10-present

I believe the key concerns and issues facing the United Methodist Church today are:

~ The United Methodist Church in the United States is facing a challenge to adapt to a technologically savvy, transient and racially/ethnically diverse culture. I believe that every local church (urban, suburban or rural) has within itself the capacity to strive toward a vision that will transform their community as well as transform the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. I believe the priority of the UMC to build vital new faith communities is as important as continuing to transform and revitalize every congregation to impact this broad culture..

~ Developing leaders (of all ages) to serve and to lead in such a transient environment will preserve, prepare and compel the church to a healthier place for generations to come. I believe our Annual Conference's continued commitment to strengthening the leadership of Pastors should only be paralleled by a commitment to empower clergy and laity to grow in their leadership, together, as partners in ministry. Leadership can be done at any level in the local church and in the Annual Conference. Until we begin to have churches and pastors make the decision to work together in partnership to do the adaptive work of kingdom building in their local communities, together, we will continue to struggle with the question, "what do we do to fix ourselves?."

~ I believe it is important that the United Methodist Church continue to hold on to its unique place in our culture in the United States that says, "we can disagree and, perhaps, not get our way. But, we can still work to build God's kingdom here, together!" We have a valuable witness in the culture of being a place that can have diverse self-defined opinions and a diversity of people who worship and work together in a country that continues to try to divide and polarize folks from one another through fear and anger.

~ I am committed to the development of bridges that bind us together locally and globally. These connections continue to make the UMC a vital force in dealing with global issues of spreading Christianity as well as rebuilding and preserving societies suffering from the effects of the pandemic of poverty. We are as well-prepared and well-situated as any global denomination to continue to share the grace of Jesus Christ by continuing to go into other countries to offer hope through education, health care and church building.

Paul R. Wilke --Clergy 2011

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This is how I have served the Local Church and the Annual Conference:

Jurisdictional Conference Delegate 2004 and 2008

Honorary Commander: Chaplains office McConnell Air Force Base 2009-2011

Chair of the Connectional Ministries Council including Ex-Officio: Focus Team, Finance and Administration, and Personnel Teams 2002-2008

Earlier areas of service include Conference Nominations, Board of Ordained Ministries, Worship Team for Sessions Planning, and Salina District Evangelism Chair

I have served as pastor: ten years at Woodlawn UMC in Derby, nine years at Church of the Cross UMC in Salina, two years Associate at FUMC Wichita, four years Associate at FUMC Houston, TX, one year at Weston-Super-Mare Circuit in England, one year in youth and young adult ministry at FUMC Plano, TX, and one year in Campus ministry at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX.

I believe the key concerns and issues facing the United Methodist Church today are:

Amidst a variety of concerns facing our church is the issue of being relevant to a changing culture and world. I believe that a key issue for the United Methodist Church today is to distinguish itself from the world opinion where the term "Christian" has become synonymous with intolerance, judgment, anti-science, and homophobia. I think that we need to lead with our strengths. We would do well to celebrate our emphasis on grace, the use of the head and the heart, and radical hospitality.

A key challenge for us is to open our many "hands on" missions as entry points for the unchurched and skeptic. Often, we assume that mission is only of interest to the "super saint". Today's culture is highly interested in a faith that makes a difference for peace and justice in the world. Our strength in mission can become the great new "front door" of the church. Can we figure out how to design our missions so that they are open to those seeking to be a part of a people who are actively making a positive difference in the world?

Another challenge is to simplify our Ordination process while maintaining high standards of ability in leadership, faithfulness, and call.