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Qualifications

As a representative, I enter the dialogue willing to listen, learn, and discern. Having been appointed to local churches in both former conferences, teaching in the Course of Study, serving the former South IN Conference as the RIM Coordinator and a member of the BOM, and serving currently on the BOM, and as a DCOM Chairperson, I am connected throughout IN UM churches, clergy and laity. Deeply committed to representing the voices of the United Methodists of Indiana, I eagerly followed the work of the Connectional Table this quadrennium, and the proposals and issues coming before the 2012 General Conference.

Three Most Critical Issues

As the health of local church is the essence of the denomination, the Call to Action's proposal for widespread reforms to revitalize all levels of administration in the church, and the recommendations that the Interim Operations Team will bring on these issues. Improving health globally is vital to living as God's people, for example the resolution entitled "Maternal Health: The Church's Response." Thirdly, the proposals from the Committee on the Worldwide Nature of the UM Church are crucial, for example, the call "for greater equality, greater sharing of power, and the freedom to adapt the Book of Discipline to local contexts."