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### Qualifications

I bring a varied experience to the delegation. I have served churches in a small town, a suburb, inner cities, county seat, and downtown. I have served churches with worship attendance of 50, 100, 200, and 500. I have served on various district and conference agencies and groups including chair of the Conference Council on Ministries and chair of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration. I have been a General Conference reserve delegate and a Jurisdictional Conference delegate. I am a fiscal conservative and a theological liberal. I will bring a needed perspective to the delegation.

### Three Most Critical Issues

1. Reduce the General Conference Budget. 30% of Conference budget going to the General Church is inappropriate.
2. Effectiveness in Ministry. Guaranteed appointment of clergy will have to go.
3. How to maintain unity throughout the church and at the same time to be faithful to God's witness in specific locations and situations. The church can remain faithful to the gospel and function differently on different continents, for instance. Wesley wanted us to be in agreement on the essentials-the issue is that we need to agree on what are the essentials, and to be dogmatic about the rest.