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Qualifications

Over the past two years I've been blessed to meet youth and young adult leaders throughout the church in Indiana. While I also will gladly step aside for these young leaders to go to General Conference, with the encouragement of friends I'm also stating my willingness to serve. If elected, I will share the amazing wisdom and perspective of these young people, as well as seeking to connect them to the general church leadership opportunities of the next quadrennium. I'm informed and passionate about our church, its mission, and serving together to discern God's will for our future.

Three Most Critical Issues

Ultimately I believe the most critical issue for this General Conference, as for all conferences, is seeking as the church in community with each other to be "obedient to the will of our Lord..." (Discipline Preamble). Focused on our mission of making disciples, I believe this General Conference needs to face the issues of leadership development, particularly raising a new generation of leaders; and ordering of the general church, with a keen view of our current reality as a world-wide denomination and a sharp focus on support of disciple-making and mission in the local church.