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Qualifications

As a young elder with deep family roots in the UMC, I have a deeply personal and emotional vested interest in the long-term ministry of the church. I have served in a broad range of ministry capacities and settings (associate pastor, youth ministry, and solo pastorates spread across settings from extremely rural to small town to urban and suburban appointments, as well as brief forays into foreign missions) and I believe that this breadth of experience gives me a solid basis by which to help critique, evaluate, question and voice solutions for the United Methodist Church.

Three Most Critical Issues

1. Achieving a greater structural and funding equality for the church as a global church. Although the constitutional amendments from 2008 failed to gain the support of the church, it remains necessary to seek ways to more fully behave as global church of equal partners.
2. Acting on the Call to Action report and the report of the Study of Ministry Commission. Should the vitality of local congregations as described in the CTA report be our highest priority? Likewise, should ordained clergy be assured of an appointment?
3. Choosing between the value of enforcing authentic unity in mission and doctrine versus the value of a path for amicable separation. Is unity the supreme value, or could God's kingdom be served by separation?