

## **A Guideline for Discerning an Episcopal Nominee from our Annual Conference**

*This form “A Guideline for Discerning an Episcopal Nominee from our Annual Conference” is to be sent to the Annual Conference secretaries and the 2016-2020 Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy to give to the newly elected delegation heads.*

In light of the need for apostolic leadership for the United Methodist Church and in the spirit of the call for the renewal of the United Methodist Church from all corners of our church, the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy asks that every delegation from the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference prayerfully examine potential Episcopal nominees with the following criteria. At the 2020 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference each nominee will be asked to give tangible evidence of:

1. A life and ministry rooted in Wesleyan theology, spirituality and practice.
2. A proven record of pastoral fruitfulness. (Increase in worship attendance, professions of faith, small groups, etc.)
3. A demonstrated spiritual gift of leadership. (Give examples of ministry context where spiritual leaders were enlisted, equipped, and released for a Kingdom task)
4. A demonstrated willingness to be held accountable for results and an ability to hold others accountable, with grace, for their results (staff or volunteers)
5. A track record of doing the “right thing” in difficult situations
6. An exposure to the Annual, Jurisdictional and General Conference. (Cabinet experience, service on a committee, board or agency, etc.)
7. An experience in the global United Methodist Church communion. (Short-term mission teams, UMVIM, UMCOR, etc.)