

Questions for an Episcopal Nominee from the Southeastern Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy

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 episcopal nominee from the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference respond in writing to these questions that will be posted on the SEJ website. We ask that each nominee send an electronic document to Anne Travis, SEJ Conference Secretary at secretary@sejumc.org for posting on the SEJ website by January 15, 2020 (or ASAP once a decision is made). Please limit your total response to a maximum of 5000 words.

1. How do you reflect a life and ministry rooted in Wesleyan theology, spirituality and practice?
2. Describe your record of pastoral fruitfulness in the local church. (For example, increase in worship attendance, professions of faith, small groups, missional engagement, social justice, etc.)
3. How have you demonstrated the spiritual gift of leadership? (For example, give examples of ministry context where spiritual leaders were discovered, developed, and deployed for a Kingdom task)
4. How have you demonstrated a willingness to be held accountable for results and an ability to hold others accountable, with grace, for their results (staff or volunteers)?
5. Describe your track record of doing the “right thing” in difficult situations.
6. What has been your exposure to the Annual, Jurisdictional and General Conference? (For example, cabinet experience, service on a committee, board or agency, etc)
7. Based upon your experience, how do you relate to the global United Methodist Church communion? (For example, boards and agencies, publishing, short-term mission teams, UMVIM, UMCOR, etc.)
8. What is your response to these “hot topics” in the United Methodist Church? Please limit your responses to two paragraphs for each topic.
 - a. Human sexuality
 - b. Local church closures and establishing new faith communities
 - c. Next generations leaders
 - d. Impending death tsunami (Dr. Lovett Weems)
 - e. Guaranteed appointment for clergy
 - f. Term episcopacy
 - g. The World-Wide Nature of the Church: Global Book of Discipline/ Global Structure