



# KEN NELSON

## EPISCOPAL NOMINEE

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

### Education

- Master of Divinity, Duke Divinity School (1993)
- Bachelor of Arts, Newberry College (1990) (*cum laude*)
- Doctoral Coursework, Wesley Theological Seminary
- Additional Studies, Center of Theological Inquiry



### Ordination

South Carolina Conference

- Deacon, June 1, 1993
- Elder, June 1, 1995

### Personal

- Born in Beaufort, South Carolina
- One of five children, two brothers, two sisters

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### Hobbies

- Travel
- Sports
- Tennis

### Appointments (South Carolina Conference)

**2020** – District Superintendent, Orangeburg District

**2014** – Coordinator of Clergy Services

**2007** – Congregational Specialist, Conference Connectional Ministries

**2006** – Silver Hill Memorial UMC (Spartanburg)

**2002** – Centenary/Kingsville Charge (Hartsville)

**2000** – St. John's UMC (Aiken) Associate Minister

**1998** – Duke University Chapel, Asst. Dean & Director of Religious Life

**1994** – St. John's UMC (Aiken) Associate Minister

**1993** – Mt. Zion-St. Mark UMC (Sumter)

## Service on Conference Boards and Agencies

- 2014-present** – Secretary of the Annual Conference
- 2009-14** – Board of Ordained Ministry Chairperson
- 2006-09** – Board of Ordained Ministry Registrar
- 2004-14** – Conference Board of Ordained Ministry
- 2007-12** – Columbia District Committee on Ministry
- 2006-07** – Spartanburg District Committee on Ministry
- 2004-06** – Hartsville District Committee on Ministry Chair
- 2002-06** – Hartsville District Committee on Ministry
- Formation in Ministry (formerly Residency I) Group Leader
- Frequent Workshop Leader:
  - Local Church Lay Leadership Training
  - South Carolina Ministries With Young People
  - United Methodist Men
  - United Methodist Women
- Formerly:
  - Hartsville Vision 2000 Worship Attendance Coordinator
  - Orangeburg Coordinator for Youth Ministries (DCOM)
  - Epworth Children’s Home Board of Directors
  - Orangeburg & Hartsville Resident II Group Leader
  - SCMYP Mission Possible Brazil Mission Trip Co-Leader
  - Conference Camps & Retreat Ministries Board of Trustees
  - Hispanic Ministries Task Force

## Awards & Recognition

- 2016** – Joseph B. Bethea Award Recipient  
Presented to a person who has performed outstanding service in working for racial justice
- 2010** – Founder of the South Carolina Conference Summit on the Black Church
- 1990** – Harry Denman Evangelism Award Lay Recipient  
Honors United Methodists in each annual conference whose exceptional ministry of evangelism – expressed in Word, Sign and Deed – brings people into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ.

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## Service on General Boards

- 2016-present** – Connectional Table
  - Worldwide Nature of The Church
  - Leadership Discernment & Community Life Chairperson
  - Search Committee for CCMO Chairperson (2017)
- 2012-16** – General Board of Church and Society

## General and Jurisdictional Conference Service

- 2020** – General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegate
- 2019** – General Conference Delegate
- 2016** – General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegate
  - Higher Education and Ministry
    - Subcommittee Chairperson
- 2012** – General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegate
  - Higher Education and Ministry
- 2008** – General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegate
  - Committee on Discipleship
- 2007-14** – National Black Staff Forum
- 1995** – World Methodist Conference (Brazil) Delegate

## Jurisdictional Leadership

- Southeastern Jurisdiction Committee on Plan of Organization and Rules of Order
- Southeastern Jurisdiction Black Methodists for Church Renewal

## Missional Travel

- Brazil • Guatemala • Holy Land
- Honduras • Kenya • Norway