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I am in my 18th year on the staff of the Iowa Annual Conference, currently serving as a Field Outreach Minister for the Southeast District. I chaired the Iowa delegation to General Conference in 2000 and 2008, and I was the first-elected delegate in 2004 and 2012.

I have a passion for lay participation in the church, having taught classes for a number of years in the Iowa School for Lay Ministry on both worship and Christian education. More recently, I have been an instructor for an SLM graduate class in coaching for the Healthy Church Initiative.

Key issues for the Church to address include (1) focusing on our mission to live and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ rather than simply maintaining the organization of The United Methodist Church; (2) providing excellence in lay and clergy leadership development; (3) supporting local churches in their ministry so that every congregation's membership is demographically representative of the communities in which we serve; (4) connecting more intentionally with your and young adults, who are asking questions of faith but are not finding a place in our congregations; and (5) developing the international scope of The United Methodist Church while respectfully addressing our differences.

I am a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Iowa City. My wife, Rebecca, serves as a chaplain for Iowa City Hospice. We are residents of Coralville.