



NOMINATION FOR LAY MEMBERS-AT-LARGE | 2021 - 2024 Quadrennium

To: Local Church Lay Leaders and Administrative Board or Council Chairs

From: Rosa Williams, Conference Lay Leader

Grace and Peace to you in the Name of Jesus, our Risen Savior!

GNJ's Board of Laity would like your help identifying lay members in our Annual Conference this Quadrennium (2017-2020). The Book of Discipline requires each Annual Conference to have equal numbers of lay and clergy members. Due to the large number of clergy who are retired or serving in extension ministry, it is necessary to appoint additional lay members to equalize the membership of the Annual Conference. These additional lay members are known as *Lay Members-at-Large*. Lay Members-at-Large serve in addition to local church lay who are elected by their individual churches to serve as a lay member.

Each local church is invited to nominate a member of their church to serve as an At-Large Lay Member. In April, the Board of Laity will elect At-Large members from those nominated. To qualify as an At-Large Lay Member, individuals must not simultaneously serve as a Lay Member elected by their charge conferences or as an At-Large Lay Member serving the conference by virtue of other offices (such as chairs of Conference Teams, Boards and Agencies).

ALL nominations must be received by April 20, 2020. To nominate a member of your church to serve as an At-Large Lay Member, please complete and submit the following/enclosed forms.

- Nomination for Lay Member-At-Large: 2017-2020 Quadrennium Form (completed by Church Council)
- Statement of Nominee Form (completed by the nominee)

Please send completed forms to:

[Beverly Karlovich](#)

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Name of Nominee: (please print clearly) _____

Local church affiliation: _____

How long has this nominee been a member of this local UMC? _____

STATEMENT OF LOCAL CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL / BOARD:

In nominating the above person to serve as a Lay Member-at-Large for the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference during the 2017-2020 Quadrennium, we certify that the person we are nominating:

- Is an active and prayerful disciple of Jesus Christ
- Meets all of the disciplinary requirements to be a member of the Annual Conference
- Has been an active member of the United Methodist Church for at least four years
- Is willing to serve the Annual Conference in roles beyond the local church during their tenure as a Lay Member-at-Large

We understand that this is a **nomination** and that only the GNJ Laity Council has the authority to elect Lay Members-at-Large from among the nominees. **Those elected will serve for the 2017 –2020 Quadrennium, which begins following the end of the 2016 GNJAC session in May and runs through the close of the GNJAC session in 2020.**

Please check all that apply:

- Nominee is a youth (age 14 – 18) _____
- Nominee is a young adult (age 18 – 30) _____

Signed on behalf of the Administrative Board/Council of _____ UMC:

Name: (Please print) _____

Signature _____ Telephone: (____) _____



STATEMENT OF NOMINEE

By my signature below, I certify that I meet all of the above requirements for lay membership in the United Methodist Church of Greater New Jersey as a Lay-Member-at-Large. If elected, I will do everything within my power to faithfully serve the conference by:

- Prayerfully supporting the work of the Conference
- Participating in Conference and District events, including Annual Conference, training sessions and District Resource Days
- Being present and serve for any and all sessions of Annual Conference unless excused in advance in writing by the Conference Secretary

Name of nominee: (please print clearly) _____

Address: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ email address: _____

Signature of nominee: _____