What are your reasons for wanting to be a delegate?
I desire to avail myself in serve, to be part of the Indiana Conference delegation, so that I could lend my voice to make valuable contributions for the work of the General Church. I understand the responsibility that comes with this opportunity, which this work and its efforts significantly affect the way in which the local church lives out our UMC mission. I believe my proven fruitfulness, vast experience and exposure, both from the local church and global church perspective, could lend in upholding our mission and making a difference in 2020, as we continue being the church of Jesus Christ.

What are three areas crucial to The United Methodist Church’s mission?
First, we have an urgent crisis of relevancy for the Gospel in a changing society, and how do United Methodist congregations find innovate ways (fresh expressions) to do ministry with aging buildings and diminishing resources. Secondly, we must provide resources that develop and equips leaders (laity, young, diverse, called and qualified persons) for the 21st century of ministry in the Methodist context. Lastly, we must boldly reclaim our distinctive theology and social witness, so that individuals in today’s generation can come to know the love of God through our Wesleyan lens, and communities can be transformed to reflect the world that God imagines.

What are three emerging issues from those areas you stated above?
If we will truly live out our mission of “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world,” I believe we must address the ways in which our clergy are ill-equipped and under-resourced for ministry in these changing and challenging times. We must address the challenges of dwindling congregations, and how we can creatively return to our Wesleyan heritage of circuit-models, to strengthen the United Methodist witness in communities around the globe. I believe we must address our personal commitment and discipleship to live as devoted followers of Christ. Are we willing to be courageous, and unashamed for the cause of Christ in the United Methodist Church?

What is your desire or hope for the future of The United Methodist Church?
My hope for the United Methodist Church is that we emerge from this long battle of infighting to reclaim our theology of grace, to refocus our efforts on social and personal holiness, and become energized for the ways we can be the change in impacting communities, and introducing persons to the love of God through Jesus Christ.

Additional information you would like to share:
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