Characteristics of a Good General Conference Delegate

**Experience beyond the local church.** Like United Methodist Women, The United Methodist Church needs seasoned leaders. Women who’ve honed these attributes in their districts and/or conferences are prepared to use them on a national level.

**Good decision-making.** General Conference delegates are called on to make sound judgments and help set policies on issues that are sometimes unfamiliar or controversial. Delegates should be able to examine new information with an open mind.

**Knowledge of the church.** General Conference delegates need to understand the structure, doctrines, and policies of The United Methodist Church.

**Commitment to addressing the needs of women, children, youth and vulnerable communities.** General Conference delegates need to share these core concerns of United Methodist Women to help maximize our mission efforts.

**Work well with people.** General Conference delegates are, by virtue of their election, the leaders of the church. To work with a group of leaders requires tact and sensitivity, firmness, humility, and a good sense of humor for use in sure-to-come tense times.

**Dedication** which flows from a deep and sustaining faith that will help her accept and complete varied activities.

**A friend of United Methodist Women.** General Conference delegates should recognize the unique gifts women organized for mission bring to the table and how this has helped and continues to help lead the Church in living the Gospel of Jesus Christ.