

**COMMITTEE ON EPISCOPACY
SOUTH CENTRAL JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

BISHOP'S QUESTIONNAIRE

(This form is designed for completion on computer; please press the tab key
to move to the next field. Space for response to each question is
automatically adjusted as needed for completeness)

I. BIOGRAPHICAL AND PERSONAL

Full Name:

Name of Annual Conference to which you are currently assigned:

Name of Episcopal Area to which you are currently assigned:

Date of Birth:

Spouse's Name:

Educational History:

Undergraduate School:

Degree/Year Awarded:

Seminary:

Degree/Year Awarded:

Graduate School:

Degree/Year Awarded:

Other (specify):

Are there personal or family needs or concerns which you wish to share with the Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy, particularly any which should be considered in the making of your assignment?

II. THE EPISCOPACY – GENERAL

Year Elected and Consecrated:

Annual Conference from which elected:

Please list the appointments you served (with dates) prior to election to the episcopacy:

Year of Mandatory Retirement:

Do you have plans to retire early?

Please list other Episcopal areas to which you have been assigned, with dates:

Please describe your renewal leave for this quadrennium. Where did you go? What did you do? For how long? With what result?

What plans do you have in mind for your renewal leave next quadrennium?

As you look back over your Episcopal ministry to date, would you please share:

Areas of progress that you celebrate:

Areas of disappointment and/or concern:

How would you describe the present spiritual health and missional fruitfulness of your Episcopal area:

In general terms:

In measurable terms, including:

Growth in professions of faith during the last 4 years:

Number of new church starts:

Overall membership increase/decline:

Payment of apportionments and support of world service and benevolences, compared with the previous period or quadrennium:

Other:

For the future, what do you identify as the most important challenges for:

Yourself (e.g., personal, professional and/or spiritual growth; health issues; family concerns):

Your Episcopal Area:

Please describe and rank the priorities of your future ministry as Bishop in your Episcopal Area:

How will you balance these priorities with other responsibilities of the office and your family?

List specific goals you have established for your ministry for the remainder of this quadrennium in the following areas:

Personal goals:

Goals for leadership in your Episcopal Area:

Goals for involvement on the Jurisdictional level:

Goals for your ministry on the General level of the church:

Please indicate how you will measure your progress in achieving each of the listed goals:

How would you describe your personal leadership style:

In what areas do you consider yourself the most passionate and/or productive?

In what areas do you see opportunity for growth and/or improvement?

If there were a change in Episcopal leadership in your area resulting from the next Jurisdictional Conference, would it in your opinion have a substantial negative effect on all or any aspect of your Area's programs, planning and/or ministries? If so, please explain:

Please share any personal, professional, or other information, situations or concerns which you would like our committee to know and consider as we recommend your assignment for the next quadrennium.

III. THE EPISCOPACY – TEMPORAL LEADERSHIP

Please list, with dates, the assignments which you have had to general agencies of the church or various boards of trustees since your election and consecration:

What has been most time consuming for you this quadrennium?

What do you wish you could have given more attention to had the time been available?

Please give an estimate of the percentage of your time which "connectional responsibilities" have required you to be out of your episcopal area during the 2004-2008 quadrennium and your assessment of how the people of the area have responded to this reality:

Bishop's Signature:_____