# Volunteer Application for

## United Methodist Rural Advocates General Conference 2020 May 5 - 15, 2020

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Please type or print!

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Please return by February 21, 2020	Zman. revaske nomier.com			
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Address:	Day Phone:			
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State: Zip +	Email:			
Please indicate: CLERGY LAITY FEMALE MALE  ALTERNATE DELEGATE PAGE / USHER OTHER	Annual Conference:  District: UMRA/UMRF Chapter or Town & Country Association			
I am interested in volunteering for the following UMRA work areas:  Legislative – choices are to the right ➤ Hospitality Media/News Briefs/Writer Odds 'n' Ends Transportation Office Where ever needed	Prioritize 3 legislative committees you are interested in:  Church & Society Global Ministries Conferences Independent Commissions Discipleship Judicial Administration Faith & Order Local Church Financial Admin Ministry & Higher Educ General Admin. & Superintendency			
The first week for volunteering is most important!  I can attend General Conference on these days:  You must attend all trainings to work with UMRA!  Mon., May 4 [Training begins at 7:00 p.m.]  Tues. May 5 [Training, Banquet & Opening Worship]  I will attend the UMRA Banquet on May 5th, at 11:30 a.m.  \$40.00 can be submitted with room payment  Weds. May 6	UMRA Volunteers are expected to utilize UMRA housing, unless commuting. Will you need housing?  YES  NO  Roommate:  Will you be staying with a delegation? YES  NO  If yes, where will you be staying?			
Information: Housing will be at the Crowne Plaza Downtown Minneapolis Reservations are made only through UMRA w/ Deb Ketcham Hotel Rooms are \$94.00 double occupancy. Each room has 2-double beds. Single rooms are \$188.00, if available. All prices include tax. The cost for the UMRA Luncheon Banquet is \$40.00. Three meals a day will be offered through our hospitality room, for a suggested donation of \$15.00 per day. Denim logo shirts will be available on site and pre-order.  You are expected to pay for your own travel. We suggest using your continuing education funds, check with your church, district, local UMRA chapters, or fundraise for support.	Cost estimate is \$109.00/day plus luncheon banquet of \$40.00. Estimate does not include travel.  A limited number of scholarships are available. Please check (✓) if you are interested in the information:  UM Rural Advocate Scholarship for lodging & meals: Young clergy under 35  Less than 5 years of ministry  Laity of a rural church  Licensed Local Pastor  North Central Jurisdiction Town & County  North East Jurisdiction – Rural Church			
I will drive I will fly  If known, Date of Arrival  Date of Departure	Note: Approximately 35 volunteers are needed for this work. You will be notified no later than February 28 <sup>th</sup> concerning your application. More			

### **United Methodist Rural Advocates Shirt Order**

The United Methodist Rural Advocates has arranged for shirts with the UMRA logo on them for purchase by UMRA members and friends for General Conference 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. This is a great way to advertise our commitment to ministry in rural areas and be identified as one who is concerned with life and ministry in rural areas. While at General Conference, we encourage our volunteers to wear their denim shirt so they are easily recognizable.

The shirts are long sleeved denim, in either a light or dark blue color. Sizes range from Small to 4XL. Cost per shirt is \$27.00. Please add \$1.00 for each size increment above an XL. Men's shirts have a pocket. Ladies' shirts run a little small, so order one size larger. Shipping is \$8.00 per shirt **or** you may pick up your shirt in our UMRA office at the Northstar Crowne Plaza in Minneapolis, 7<sup>th</sup> floor, St. Croix Room during GC 2020. Orders must be placed by February 1, 2020 to get your size. Most sizes will be available at GC 2020. Questions? Contact Rev. Deb Ketcham at 614-580-2382 or revdsk@frontier.com



# Cut here ♠ and send to the address below. Make your check payable to: <u>UMRA</u>

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### **ORDER FORM**

Long Sleeve Men's Shirt, <u>w/ pocket</u>, in the following size & colors of either light (Lt) or dark blue (Dk) denim. Please mark quantity of each size you want to order, such as [1/Dk].

Men's - Small/ Medi	um/ Large	_/ XL/	2XL/	_ 3XL/	4XL/
Long Sleeve Ladies Shirts in the following size & colors of either light (Lt) or dark blue (Dk) denim.  Please mark quantity of each size you want to order, such as [1/Lt].					
Ladies'- Small/ Medi	ium/ Large	_/ XL/	2XL/	_ 3XL/	_ 4XL/
Cost per shirt \$27.00 (plus \$1.00 for each size increment over XL) number of shirts ordered = \$					
Shipping cost to <u>you</u> is \$8.00	X's number of shirt	s = \$	Total \$	Please end	close a check.
Your shipping address:	Name				
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#### **Statement of Values**

### For United Methodist Rural Advocates at General Conference

- 1) The health, vitality, and sustainability of each local congregation should be held as the primary value of the denominational structure. Healthy local churches make new disciples for Christ and the transformation of the world. Legislative changes should: first, do no harm. Second, do all the good possible for the local church.
- 2) The global nature of the church must be recognized and respected.
- 3) We affirm the value of rural communities as a context for mission, ministry, and the making of new disciples for Christ.
- 4) We hold in high value the welfare of rural people worldwide, including access to adequate food, shelter, medical care, clear water, education, spiritual care, economic development, and systems of justice.
- 5) We are called to be faithful stewards of creation; environment, ecologies, and resources.
- 6) God's call to ministry should be a foundational consideration for all Christians, lay and clergy.
- 7) Appropriate leadership and resources must be provided to rural congregations.
- 8) Congregations need a leader in a pastoral role. Regarding the pastoral role, we value:
- The accessibility of sacraments
- Training and equipping for context
- The mutuality of ministries, Lay and Clergy
- Varieties of pastoral ministry: Certified Lay Ministers, Licensed (full and part-time), Ordained Deacons and Elders, Associate Members, Church and Community Workers, missionaries, etc.
- Longer tenure for pastors in effective ministries
- Consistency across the connection regarding standards, assessment, and judicatory intervention into ministries and local congregations
- Partnerships across ecumenical boundaries
- 9) Assessments (metrics) applied to local churches and/or their leadership must consider the demographic and contextual realities of ministry in that community and be fair to both large and small membership churches.
- 10) Local Church vitality is to be measured by growth in individual discipleship, its collective witness, and its transformative relationship to its community.
- 11) We stand against the structured inequities of racism, sexism, classism, ageism, and similar forms of discrimination.
- 12. Money is not God! We call this session of General Conference to be aware that in seeking institutional security, we may be acting in ways that betray our idolatry of financial goals and worldly status.
- 13. We value partnerships with others of common cause, including the ecumenical community, in the work of making disciples for Jesus Christ.
- 14. We do not require agreement to work together, whether within denominational processes, or with the poor, or for the transformation of our communities. We value our partnership with people of differing opinions and of various faiths and with non-profits who do good and love justice.