

**A Guideline for Discerning an Episcopal Nominee
from the North Central Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy
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These guidelines are to be sent to the Annual Conference secretaries and the newly elected delegation heads of the North Central Jurisdictional Conference.

In light of the need for effective leadership for the United Methodist Church, the North Central Jurisdictional Committee on Episcopacy (NCJCOE) asks that every delegation from the North Central Jurisdictional Conference prayerfully examine potential Episcopal nominees with the following criteria. The NCJCOE recommends that the potential nominee be able to give tangible evidence of:

1. SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP

Models a genuine and growing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord
Practices spiritual disciplines
Has personally created disciples of Jesus Christ
Demonstrates commitment to a Wesleyan understanding of personal and social holiness
Models generosity and good stewardship of resources
Inspires congregations with effective preaching
Models self-care and relational health
Demonstrates self-awareness, humility, and confidence

2. TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Successfully initiates, articulates, and executes a missional vision
Demonstrates leadership in creating vital congregations
Has a proven record of fruitful leadership where appointed
Successfully creates effective clergy and laity partnerships
Creates a “leadership culture” and nurtures new clergy and lay leadership
Demonstrates ability to be an innovative change agent

3. ADMINISTRATIVE (EXECUTIVE) LEADERSHIP

Demonstrates ability to manage a system complex in scope and scale
Develops effective leadership in staff and laity

Works well with teams, employs diversity as a strength

Delegates responsibility skillfully and appropriately

Is willing to be held accountable for results and to hold staff and volunteers accountable, with grace, for their results

Has a proven track record of oversight and accountability for programs and finances.
Has significant experience with the Annual, Jurisdictional and General Conference, and to the global United Methodist Church.

4. ADAPTIVE LEADERSHIP

Would you rejoice if the potential Episcopal nominee became your Bishop?

Does this potential nominee demonstrate the depth of skills and flexibility such that she/ he could serve effectively in most Episcopal Areas in the jurisdiction?

Is this potential nominee prepared and flexible enough to adapt to new structures and systems, including possible seismic shifts in the denomination?

How is this potential nominee preparing his/her congregation and community for significant change in the global Church?

Do you perceive this person as a strong, compassionate and capable leader for this particularly challenging period in the UMC?