

I am Rev. Meghan Lambert, and I submit my name for the 2028 General Conference delegation.

Before becoming a clergy person, I actively participated in leading worship and youth group (as a youth) at UMC Chugiak as a youth, and at Anchor Park UMC (as an adult). While attending Anchor Park UMC, I served on the Birchwood Camp Board as the Board Chair.

While leading Birchwood Camp's Music, Art, Dance and Drama Camp in 2018, I received a call to ministry. In response to that call, I began seminary at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in the fall of 2019 and returned to Alaska as a Provisional Elder in 2022. I was appointed to Seward and Moose Pass UMCs and also joined the board of AK Child and Family and the Alaska Conference Outdoor Ministries Committee. In 2024, I was appointed to Soldotna UMC. I received ordination as an Elder in the Pacific Northwest Conference last June. Currently, I am appointed to Soldotna UMC, and North Star and Kenai UMCs as part of a pastoral team with Joe Nightingale. I am also currently serving the Conference as the Annual Conference Secretary.

Church is essentially a communal experience. I deeply believe and do my best to live this commitment. Relationships are necessary for the work of the church and I am willing to put in the time to build those relationships and form community. This commitment to working in the context of community and relationship will be vital as we reconsider how we structure our worldwide church. I would bring this orientation and commitment to the work.

One of my gifts is casting a vision - clearly verbalizing and articulating a way of being and relating, and inviting others to join in living the vision. As we, The United Methodist Church, enter this new part of our life and envision how to relate to one another in a new way, I feel called to share this gift of working in community with United Methodists worldwide to cast a vision of who we are, where we are, and where we might go next.

Another gift I offer is understanding how structural pieces relate with one another, how big parts influence small parts. In my training in Public Health, I saw how big structures interact with one another and how these interactions impact the health and well-being of communities and individuals. I believe this view and mindset will be helpful in the General Conference, as we discern what larger, structural changes might need to be made. I have practice in looking at large-scale changes and thinking about how these larger changes will impact smaller communities, like Conferences and individual local churches. That is a gift I feel called to share.

These are my gifts I offer. I would be honored to serve the Alaska Annual Conference in this way as we face a new part of our journey as God's people called United Methodists.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Meghan Lambert