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My name is Becky Posey Williams and I serve as the Senior Director for Sexual Ethics and Advocacy and am on staff with the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. I am laity and a lifelong United Methodist.

- I want to thank you on behalf of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women of The United Methodist Church for your time, dedication, preparation and willingness to serve as a delegate to this session of the SouthCentral Jurisdictional Conference of The UMC.
- Our Book of Discipline mandates responsibilities to the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women. Among those is monitoring for gender inclusion and for reporting those findings back to the Jurisdiction and to The UMC to assist us as we seek to live into “beloved community.” The goal of monitoring is to help the Jurisdictional Conference, its delegates, and its plenary leaders hold the most inclusive sessions possible, where every voice is respected and given opportunity to be heard.
- Monitoring is not
 - Policing
 - Participating in the discussion
 - Finger Pointing
 - Shaming
- Monitoring IS
 - Observing with intentionality and reporting back the observations to assist the members of the Southcentral Jurisdictional Conference in being self-aware of her or his conduct towards one another.
- I will be observing the persons who are called upon to speak, the manner in which speakers address and show respect for one another, and the manner in which others show respect in listening to the speakers.
- The Board of Directors of the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women together with our President Bishop Tracy Smith Malone are in prayer that these monitoring tools and reports will help each of us be more aware of our conduct towards one another and our intentionality in including all voices equitably in the discussions.
- May God’s spirit reign among us!