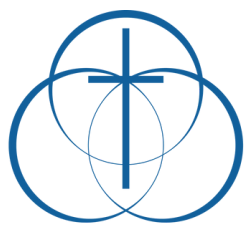




MOVING **IN THE** **Spirit**

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.
Galatians 5:25

CONFERENCE **GUIDE**



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
2024 NORTHEAST CONVENING ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Welcome!

Welcome Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7: 14 (NIV)

From our earliest meetings to organize and give rise to the Northeast Conference, there was a visceral need to be a people built on and sustained by prayer. Our prayer was the desire to see the Holy Spirit work in and through us. With open hearts, we humbled ourselves, and we prayed for His will to be done with this new movement. We can already see the Holy Spirit moving within the new denomination, our conference, our churches, and the people of the Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church because of this vital action. We continue to focus on prayer and what the Spirit is telling us. The fire is being built. Are you ready to burn?

We welcome you to the Convening Annual Conference of the Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church. Many hours have been dedicated by our wonderful volunteers to plan the next few days of worship, holy conferencing, prayer, and celebration. Take this time to get to know one another, form friendships, and network throughout the Conference. Pray with and for one another. Celebrate this historical moment, and plan for the future. This is just the beginning, Northeast - ignite the fire, fan the flame, and watch the Spirit Move.

*In Christ's Service,
The Northeast Conference Sessions Committee*

Conference Leadership



**Mark
Webb**

**Global Methodist
Church Bishop**



**Steven
Taylor**

**President
Pro Tem**



**Matthew
Sichel**

**Conference
Secretary**



**Arthur
Kendall**

**Conference CFO /
Treasurer**

Conference Speakers



Mark J. Webb

Global Methodist Church Bishop

Mark J. Webb currently serves as a bishop in The Global Methodist Church.

He was elected as a bishop in The United Methodist Church and consecrated on July 20, 2012, at the Northeast Jurisdictional Conference. Mark served as the episcopal leader of the Upper New York Area of the United Methodist Church from September 1, 2012, until December 31, 2022. On January 2, 2023, he was received as an elder and bishop in The Global Methodist Church.

Mark holds a M. Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Shippensburg University. He also holds a graduate certificate in nonprofit management from the University of Connecticut.

He served pastorates at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Mechanicsburg, Pa. from 1994-2007, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Wormleysburg, Pa. from 1991-1994, and Linglestown United Methodist Church from 1989-1991. He served as District Superintendent of the York District of the Susquehanna Conference of the United Methodist Church from 2007-2012.

Mark currently serves as a Trustee of United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio

He received the Harry Denman Evangelism Award in 2002, and in 2018, he was named as one of the top 100 leaders by the John C. Maxwell Transformational Leadership Award.

Mark encourages clergy and laity to work together in the development of discipleship pathways that will point people to Jesus Christ and bear fruit for the kingdom of God. He has a passion for Christ-following leadership development, new faith communities and ensuring existing congregations grow in vitality and fulfill the mission of "making disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly and witness boldly".

He is a native of Williamsport, PA, and is married to Jodi. Mark and Jodi live in Lititz, PA and have two sons: Tyler, who is married to Lyndsay, and Benjamin, who is married to Mary.

Conference Speakers

Steven Taylor

Northeast Conference President Pro Tem



Rev. Steven Taylor serves as the President Pro Tem of the Northeast Provisional Annual Conference. Steve has been a follower of Jesus his whole life, but felt God's call on his life when he was 12 and again at age 28. He's been a Methodist pastor for over 20 years, ordained as an elder in 2011. In March 2020, Steve became a founding member of the GMC's Transitional Leadership Council, helping to shape and steer the new world-wide Methodist denomination. Steve grew

up in Lancaster, NY, and was baptized, confirmed, and heard his call to ministry through the Methodist Church and Christian camping. Steve holds a bachelor's degree in environmental engineering from SUNY ESF and a Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary.

Prior to answering the call to pastoral ministry, Steve worked for 10 years at an international consulting firm as a professional environmental engineer. He has served on The Confessing Movement Board of Directors, the regional Wesleyan Covenant Association board, and multiple leadership teams. Steve and his wife, Stacy, have two grown and married children, two grandchildren and one due in May 2024, and now reside in Syracuse, New York. Steve enjoys flying his drone, disc golfing, hiking, archery hunting, motorcycle riding, and spending lots of time with family.

Conference Speakers



Young Jin Cho

Global Methodist Church Bishop Emeritus

Young Jin Cho (Bishop Emeritus) graduated from the Methodist Theological Seminary in Seoul, Korea (Th. B. and Th. M.), came to the United States in 1979 and continued to study at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. (M. Div. and D. Min.). He was transferred to the Virginia Annual Conference in 1983 and served the Korean UMC of Greater Washington in N. Virginia for 22 years.

During his tenure the church grew into the largest United Methodist congregation in the Virginia Conference measured by worship attendance. In 2005 he was appointed to District Superintendent of the Arlington District, serving in that capacity for 7 years and overseeing the planting of several new faith communities. He was elected and consecrated as Bishop in the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference in 2012. He served the Virginia Annual Conference for four years and retired in 2016. His consistent message had been “No Spiritual Vitality, No Vital Congregation.”

In retirement, Bishop Emeritus Cho remains engaged in ministry and mission. From 2019 to 2022 he helped three Korean congregations as an interim pastor and has been serving as a co-mentor of the Bishop Cho Scholars (D. Min. Program) at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He is also involved with Durihana Mission, which works with North Korean refugees in the United States.

Bishop Emeritus Cho has been married to Kiok Cho (Retired Deacon) for 48 years, and they have three adult children, Grace, Sophia and Chris and two grandchildren, Luke and Lily.

Conference Speakers

Leah Hidde-Gregory

Mid-Texas PAC President Pro Tem



Rev. Dr. Leah Hidde-Gregory has served as President Pro-Tem of the Mid-Texas Provisional Annual Conference since November 1, 2022. During her ministry, she served as a laywoman in the Oklahoma Conference and as a pastor in the North Texas and Central Texas Conference, as well as a District Superintendent for six years in the CTC. She has sat on the Transitional Leadership Council for the Global Methodist Church since its formation.

Leah has a heart and passion for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. She spent much of her ministry in church revitalization, revival and church growth. She is excited about the Global Methodist Church and the orthodox Wesleyan witnesses which is being awakened within our congregations as they discern their next faithful step.

She holds a Doctorate in Ministry in Church Leadership Excellence from Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C.; a Masters of Divinity from Perkins School of Theology; and a Bachelors in Psychology and Sociology from Texas A&M Commerce. She is married to the love of her life, Stan. They have two grown daughters and son-in laws, and a son, Will, who is still at home.

Conference Speakers

Emily Allen

Coordinator of Worship, Asbury Theological Seminary



Emily Allen is the Coordinator of Worship at Asbury Theological Seminary where she is a current MDiv student, planning to graduate in 2025. She is a 2020 graduate of Houghton University with her Bachelor of Arts in Theology and a minor in Biblical Studies.

Emily is passionate about worshiping Jesus and raising up leaders in the church to do the same. Her favorite part of her job is working collaboratively with the 15 person Chapel Intern Team, as together they learn the theology of worship and plan Chapel services. She also has interest in the fields of spiritual formation and discipleship, church music, outdoor leadership, and all things British!

Emily currently resides in Wilmore, KY, but calls Penn Yan, New York, home. She is a TBO Deacon in the Northeast Provisional Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

Room Assignments and Locations

Location

Welcome Centers
Main Staircase
East and West Staircases
Main Level Vestibule(s)
701 (Sanctuary)
Kid's Town
Balcony

700 M (Red Room)

702

706

709

710

714 (Worship Arts Room)

715

401 (Christian Life Center)

iheart Cafe

Women's Robing Room

Men's Robing Room

Room Designation

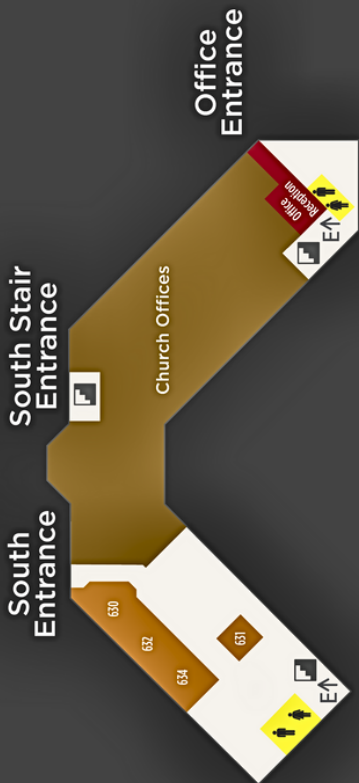
Snacks & Water
 Registration Tables
 Coffee & Hot Tea Stations
 Vendor Spaces
 Main Worship & Meeting Space
 Seedbed Store
 Additional Seating for Saturday's
 Ordination Service
 Worship Band Room
 Board of Ministry Meeting Room
 Offering / Counting Room
 Consecration Room
 Prayer Stations Room
 Thursday: Prayer Orientation Meeting
 Friday: Pre-Ordination Station
 Pastor and Bishop Room
 Thursday Evening Ordination Meal
 Sessions Team Meals
 Ordination Service Robing
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Need Help?



During the Conference, if you have a question or need help in any way, come to the **Information and Help Table at the rear of the Sanctuary**. This includes help from lost and found items to emergency services. You can also seek out a Volunteer with a question mark button that has the graphic you see to the left.

Lower Level



Balcony Level



Main Level



Student Center Entrance



Christian Life Center Entrance



Conference Agenda at a Glance

Thursday April 11, 2024 (Check In begins at 2:45 PM)

- 3 PM: Prayer Walk Over the CLA Campus
- 3-6PM: Ordinands Meeting and Dinner with Bishop Webb
- 6 PM: Clergy Session & Laity Session (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 PM: Break
- 7 PM: Worship Opening Celebration (Sanctuary)
 - Speaker - Ms. Emily Allen, Coordinator of Worship, Asbury Theological Seminary

Friday April 12, 2024

- 8 AM: Doors Open and Gathering
- 9 AM: Worship (Sanctuary)
 - Speaker: Rev. Steven Taylor, President Pro Tem
- 10 AM: Panel Discussion (Sanctuary)
- 10:45 AM: Break
- 11 AM: Plenary Session (Sanctuary)
 - Omnibus Legislation Discussion and Voting
 - General Conference Introduction/Voting Information
 - Historical Questions Answered by Ordinands
- 12 PM - 1:30 PM: Lunch Break (Off-Site, On Your Own)
- 1:30 PM: Worship (Sanctuary)
 - Speaker Rev. Leah Hidde-Gregory, Mid-Texas PAC President Pro Tem
- 3:00 PM: Break
- 3:30 PM: General Conference Delegation Voting (Sanctuary)
- 4:30 PM: A Time of Prayer (Sanctuary)
- 5pm: Dinner Break (Off-Site on Your Own)
- 7PM: Worship
 - Speaker - Bishop Emeritus Young Jin Cho, New Jersey
- 8:45 PM: Ordination Rehearsal-All Ordinands Requested to Attend

Saturday April 13, 2024

- 7:30 AM: Ordinands Report for Group Picture
- 9 AM: Ordination Service
 - Speaker: Bishop Mark Webb
- 12 PM: Benediction and Sending; Closing of Annual Conference

Restaurants in the Area

Fast Food/Fast Casual:

- Arby's 240 Cumberland Pkwy, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Burger King 3555 Old Gettysburg Rd, Camp Hill, PA
- Chick-Fil-A 3525 Gettysburg Rd, Camp Hill, PA
- McDonald's 4230 Trindle Rd, Camp Hill, PA | McDonald's 1014 Wesley Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Panera 1500 Camp Hill Mall Dr, Camp Hill, PA
- Playa Bowls 3544 Gettysburg Rd, Camp Hill, PA
- Subway 1010 Wesley Dr, Mechanicsburg | Subway 4 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Quechuas Chicken 3433A Simpson Ferry Rd, Camp Hill, PA
- Wendy's 3465 Simpson Ferry Rd, Camp Hill | Wendy's 305 Cumberland Pkwy, Mechanicsburg, PA

Fast Food inside Capital City Mall Food Court, 3506 Capital City Mall Dr, Camp Hill, PA

Charley's Philly Steaks; Cinnabon; Panda; Saladworks; Sbarro; Shawarma House; Subway; Sushi Express; Taco Bell; Teriyaki Express

Restaurants in/across from Capital City Mall Complex:

- Blaze Pizza 3741 Capital City Mall Dr, Camp Hill, PA
- Dickey's BBQ Pit 3401 Hartzdale Dr, Camp Hill, PA
- El Toro Coatzingo 3401 Hartzdale Dr, Camp Hill, PA
- Outback Steakhouse 1201 Lower Allen Dr, Camp Hill, PA
- Primanti Bros 3745 Capital City Mall Dr, Camp Hill, PA

Restaurants:

- Big Ray's Burgers and Dogs 3619 Simpson Ferry Rd, Camp Hill, PA
- Bonefish Grill 3505 Gettysburg Rd, Camp Hill, PA
- China Tea House 4912 Louise Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Cracker Barrel 395 Cumberland Pkwy, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Ferrante's Pizza & Italian Restaurant 4902 Louise Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Flinchy's 1833 Hummel Ave, Camp Hill, PA
- Friendly's 3125 Market St, Camp Hill, PA
- Issac's Craft Kitchen & Brewery 4940 Ritter Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Italian Delight Pizzeria 4932 Louise Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Lower Allen Diner 3449 Simpson Ferry Rd, Camp Hill, PA
- Marzoni's Brick Oven & Brewing Co. 4925 Ritter Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Mission BBQ 25 N 32nd St, Camp Hill, PA
- MoMo's BBQ Co. 4816 Louise Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Nikoli's Pizza 3904 Gettysburg Rd, Camp Hill, PA
- Peppermill Family Restaurant 1010 Wesley Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA
- Pizza Grill 3817 Gettysburg Rd, Camp Hill, PA
- Summit Family Restaurant 2210 Gettysburg Rd, Camp Hill, PA
- Sunlight Diner 4729 Gettysburg Rd, Camp Hill, PA
- Tatiana's Restaurant 4601 Gettysburg Rd, Camp Hill, PA

Prayer Schedule During Conference

As John Wesley once said, “prayer is where the action is.” And prayer has been covering the Northeast Convening Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church since day one. For this reason, you will see various opportunities to pray throughout the duration of the conference.

One opportunity is the Prayer Room with self-paced interactive prayer stations. In this room, hands-on ways to encourage and expand your experience of scripture supported prayer is made available. Each station has a scripture and an activity to encourage and focus a specific kind of prayer. The “Dream Prayer,” which you will hear more about on Friday, is the time to discern and write your God inspired dream for the Northeast GMC Conference and place it in the golden bowl (ref. Rev. 5:8). The opportunity for quiet personal prayer as well as prayer with a member of the prayer team is also available. All seven stations are listed in a booklet which you can take with you and share with our local ministry area.

Other opportunities for prayer will be included within the conference sessions as shown on the schedule below. If you have any questions about prayer, please feel free to reach out to the volunteers wearing the Prayer Team buttons.

Schedule of Prayer During Conference:

Thursday, April 11

3 pm - 4 pm : Prayer Walk to bless the venue (inside and outside)
 5 pm - 6 pm : Orientation and Training for prayer volunteers (Room 714 - Worship Arts Room)
 6 pm - 7 pm : Prayer Room Open
 6 pm - 7 pm : Consecration Room (Praying for worship team and speakers)
 7 pm - 9 pm : Worship Opening Celebration (Concert of Prayer and Altar Ministry)
 9 pm - 9:30 pm: Prayer Team Meeting (Debriefing and Prayer)

Friday, April 12 (* Stoles for the Ordinands will be in the Prayer Room to be prayed over all day.)

8 am - 9 am : Prayer Room Open
 8 am - 9 am : Consecration Room (Prayer for worship team and speakers)
 9 am - 10 am : Prayer Room (Praying for Worship Service)
 9 am - 10 am : Worship (Including Centering Prayer and Introducing Dream Prayer and Golden Bowl)
 10 am - 12 pm : Prayer Room (Praying for Plenary Session)
 12 pm - 1 pm : Lunch; Prayer Room Closed
 1 pm - 3 pm : Prayer Room Open (Praying for Worship Service)
 1 pm - 1:30 pm : Consecration Room (Praying for worship team and speakers)
 1:30 pm - 3 pm : Worship (including Small Group Prayer)
 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm : Prayer Room (Praying for General Conference Delegate Voting)
 4:30 pm - 5 pm : A Time of Prayer (Sharing the Vision of Prayer Ministry)
 5 pm - 6 pm : Dinner; Prayer Room Closed
 6 pm - 7 pm : Prayer Room Open
 6 pm - 7 pm : Consecration Room (Praying for worship team and speakers)
 7 pm - 8:30 pm : Worship

- Prayer of Confession and Repentance; Reading Dream Prayers; Tongsung Kido: Lifting the Golden Bowl; Altar Ministry

 8:30 pm - 9 pm: Prayer Team Meeting (Debriefing and Prayer)

Saturday, April 13

8 am - 9 am : Prayer Room Open
 8 am - 9 am : Consecration Room (Praying for worship team speakers)
 9 am - 12 pm : Ordination Service (Including Altar Ministry)
 12:30 pm: Closing Out Prayer Room and Praying

Behaviors of Holy Conferencing

John Wesley understood Christian Conferencing as one of the five instituted means of grace. As those who pursue God's call to love Him and to love our neighbor, we join to peacefully work together for the common good of all to fulfill the mission of the church.

Holy Conferencing Principles:

Every person is a child of God, and made in God's image.

Listen actively before speaking or giving your opinion.

Endeavor to understand your sibling in Christ's point of view.

Disagree without being disagreeable.

Speak on issues; do not attack one another's character.

Pray about decisions.

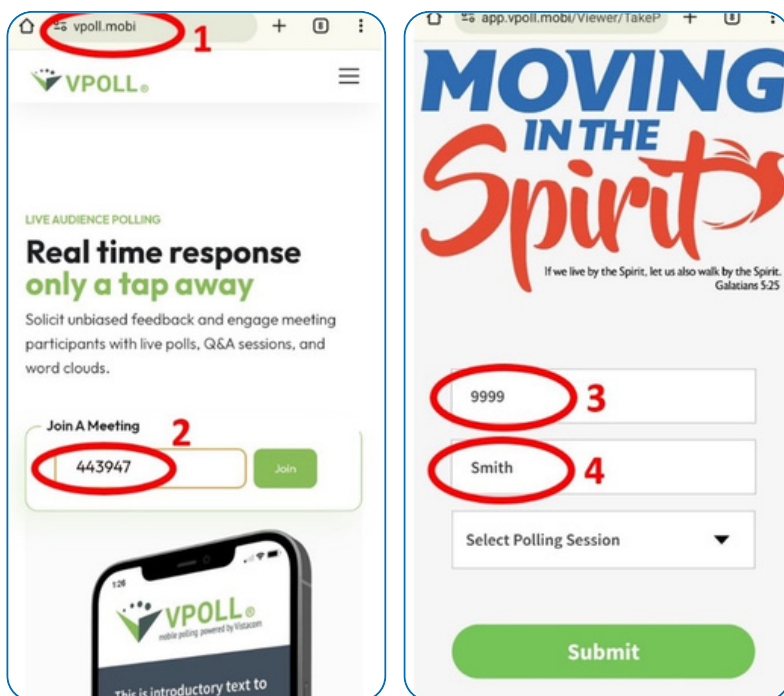
Let prayer interrupt our schedule and our agenda.

Who May Vote and Instructions for Voting

The following people have both voice and vote on the Conference floor:

- Deacons who are under appointment (except on votes regarding ordination and conference relation of Elders).
- Elders who are under appointment.
- Clergy in senior status who have registered with the Conference Secretary per ¶418 of the Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline (except Deacons in senior status regarding ordination and conference relation of Elders).
- Transitional Local Pastors who are under appointment (except on votes regarding ordination and conference relation of Deacons and Elders).
- Lay Members to Annual Conference affirmed and sent by an Annual Conference charge (each charge having laity equal to the amount of appointed clergy).
- Any Lay Members to Annual Conference appointed to equalize clergy (chosen per conference procedures).

Instructions for Voting Using Vpoll.mobi:



Refer to the **RED** numbers on the images to the left for clarity on the instructions.

1. Type “vpoll.mobi” into any browser window on your device (Safari, Chrome, Firefox, etc)
 2. Type the access code on the voter information card you received during registration as the Access Code to Join A Meeting and tap/click “Join.”
 3. Type your ID number you were assigned during registration or on the back of your Convention name badge.
 4. Type your last name in exactly as it appears on your voter information card. This field IS CASE SENSITIVE.
 - *Your number & name should be entered exactly as it is on your card.*
- *Only voting Delegates and Clergy will have an ID number. Alternates and guests do not have access.*
5. Use the drop down arrow to Select Polling Session. Polling Sessions will NOT OPEN until just prior to voting and you will be directed as to what to select.
 6. Tap/Click Submit. Until the Polling Session is open and selected the Submit Button will not work. The Polling Session will NOT OPEN until just prior to voting at Convention.

Northeast Convening Annual Conference

Detailed Agenda

Thursday, April 11, 2024

Northeast Convening Annual Conference Begins!

Please remember that dinner is on your own prior to Opening Session.

3 PM: Prayer Walk Over the CLA Campus

3-6PM: Ordinand Meeting & Dinner with Bishop Webb

6 PM: Clergy and Laity Session

Both sessions will be held in the Sanctuary.

- Affirmation of the Ordinands
- Introduction and Prayer for Conference Leadership
- Remembering Clergy We Have Lost This Year
- Vision Casting for the Northeast Conference
- Discernment for a Conference Lay Leader

6:30 PM: Short Break

7 PM: Worship - Opening Celebration! (Sanctuary)

“Moving in the Spirit: Worship Passionately” (Upward)

- *This focus is the upward direction of the Spirit moving us to encounter God’s holy presence and celebrate God’s goodness and faithfulness.*

- **Opening Narrative:** Emily Layser
- **Opening Song**
 - Medley of “Agnus Dei,” “Doxology,” “Amen” (Chorus from “The Blessing”)
- **Welcome:** Bishop Mark Webb & Rev. Steve Taylor, President Pro Tem
- **Introduction:** Rev. Matthew Sichel, NE Provisional Annual Conference Secretary
 - Sharing the History of “And Are We Yet Alive” (Charles Wesley, 1739)

*And are we yet alive / And see each other’s face
Glory and thanks to Jesus give / For His almighty grace*

Thursday, April 11, 2024

*Preserved by power divine / To full salvation here
 Again in Jesus' praise we join / And in His sight appear
 What troubles have we seen / What mighty conflicts past
 Fightings without and fears within / Since we assembled last
 Yet out of all the Lord / Hath brought us by His love
 And still He doth His help afford / And hides our life above
 Then let us make our boast / Of His redeeming power
 Which saves us to the uttermost / Till we can sin no more
 Let us take up the cross / Till we the crown obtain
 And gladly reckon all things loss / So we may Jesus gain*

- **Songs**
 - “Oh For A Thousand Tongues To Sing” (Crowder Version)
 - “House of the Lord”
 - “Holy Forever”
- **Scripture:** Rev. Leo Park
 - Psalm 100
- **Prayer of Praise & Thanksgiving:** Liz Heintzelman
- **Songs**
 - “Holy, Holy, Holy (We Bow Before Thee)”
 - “Rest On Us”
- **Prayer of Dedication for Annual Conference:** Rev. Adam Snell
- **Scripture:** Rev. Dr. Gordon Edwards
 - 1 Peter 1:3-9
- **Message:** Ms. Emily Allen
 - “Worship with Our Lives”
- **Communion:** Rev. Steven Taylor & Ms. Emily Allen (*Informal Liturgy*)
 - Song for Communion: “I am Yours (The Wesleyan Covenant)”
- **Response Time with Prayer Ministry at the Altar**
 - **Closing Song:** “In Christ Alone”

The venue doors will close at 9:30 PM.

Friday, April 12, 2024

“Moving in the Spirit: Love Extravagantly”

- *Friday’s focus is the Inward and Outward direction of the Spirit moving us to personally experience God’s holy love, to be healed and transformed, to overflow with God’s love in the Church and out into the world.*

8 AM: Doors Open and Gathering

9 AM to 10 AM: Morning Worship (Sanctuary)

- *Friday morning will focus on a personal encounter with and transformation in God’s love.*

- **Opening Narrative:** Glenn Collison
- **Songs**
 - “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”
 - “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
 - Jesus We Love You”
- **Centering Prayer:** Rev. Penny Brink
 - Psalm 46:7-11
 - Psalm 139:1-4, 7-10, 14-18
- **Song**
 - “Sanctuary” (Repeated Chorus, a capella)
- **Scripture:** Rev. Joshua Davinsizer
 - Revelation 21: 1-6
- **Message:** Rev. Steven Taylor
 - “Easter People Love Extravagantly”
- **Song**
 - “Is He Worthy”
- **Prayer Invitation:** Rev. Leo Park
 - Explanation of the Golden Prayer Bowl: “Dream Prayers for GMC Northeast”

Panel Discussion Notes

NOTES...

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Friday, April 12, 2024

12 PM to 1:30 PM: Lunch Break (Off-Site On Your Own)

1:30 PM to 3 PM: Afternoon Worship (Sanctuary)

- *Friday afternoon's worship will focus on the love of God shared outward in the Body of Christ.*

• Opening Songs

- "The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"
- "Goodness of God"
- "Holy Spirit"
- "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

• Small Group Prayer Time: Diana Briselli

• Songs

- "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"
- "I am Yours (The Wesleyan Covenant)"

• Scripture: Rev. HyungYong Choi

- Philippians 2: 1-5

• Message: Rev. Dr. Leah Hidde-Gregory

- "Imitate Christ"

• Song

- "Build Your Kingdom Here"

3 PM: Break

3:30 PM: General Conference Delegation Voting (Sanctuary).

- See Following Pages for Candidate Information.
- *For Voting Instructions, Please See Page 17.*

4:30 PM: A Time of Prayer (Sanctuary)

5 PM: Dinner Break (Off-Site On Your Own)

Clergy Candidates for General Conference Delegate

Emily Allen

Bemus Point GMC | Wilmore, KY



I feel called to be a representative voice of young clergy in the GMC at the convening General Conference. I care deeply about the future of the GMC and am filled with hope as we launch into what is ahead. I would like to be a part of the GMC seeking to follow where Christ is leading. As a current seminary student, I am in constant conversation with my peers about hopes for the Church. I have much experience with working on a team and believe that my gifts include collaboration, listening well, asking good questions, and administrative and detail skills. I desire to see the best in others and examine all issues with Spirit-filled deliberation.

I currently serve as the Coordinator of Worship for Asbury Seminary, where I plan three weekly Chapel services, host guest speakers, lead a team of 15 student interns, and collaborate with other departments to plan major events for the Seminary. I am also very active in my local seminary church, where I am a life group leader and a regular participant in various elements of worship leadership.

Past leadership experiences in the UMC include being a delegate to Annual Conference for nine years, serving on the Division on Ministries with Young People (part of the General Board of Discipleship) as the Northeastern Jurisdiction Youth representative for four years, and serving as the Co-Chair of the Upper New York Conference Council on Youth Ministries for one year.

Emily Buonocore

Dover Bethany GMC | Dover, PA



The primary reason I feel called to offer my services as a delegate to the first General Conference of the GMC is to help create a structure that will encourage and aid future generations in their call to serve God and build His church. I am a pastor's child and grew up in the United Methodist Church serving in leadership positions in local church and camp ministries since I was twelve. I have been in the ordination process first in the UMC and now in the GMC starting in 2017. I praise God that I will be ordained an elder this April at the Northeast Annual Conference. However, for myself and many other ordination candidates, it has been a disheartening and complicated road. I hope that my know-

ledge and experience can be used as a delegate to help establish structures and procedures that are clear and uniform across the denomination. I pray that the new structure can enable the current and next generation to explore their calling and grow their relationship with Jesus Christ without being overburdened and confused by the ordination process or how the church, as a whole, functions.

Clergy Candidates for General Conference Delegate



Salvatore Buonocore

Dover Bethany GMC | Dover, PA

Raised by my grandmother, I felt called to ministry around 10th grade in which I began my ministry by leading my youth group in both song and devotionals. A few times my senior year I got to fill in and preach for our pastor. At Asbury College I was the class chaplain for 2 years and lead weekly prayer meetings. I went out each year with the men's glee club and also led a few ministry teams that went out from the college to other churches. While at Asbury Seminary, I pastored near Shakertown, Kentucky for 4 years. I also served a year as the general chairman of the Ichthus music festival. I met my wife who is from northern Kentucky while at college. We have 3 children. My son is a

worship pastor, my daughter is a GMC pastor and my youngest daughter works with special needs children. I was ordained deacon and then elder in the United Methodist Church. I have served 2 churches in the central area of Pennsylvania. My 1st appointment was for 22 years and I am currently in my 13th year of my 2nd appointment. Our latest challenge is to plant a daughter church within the next year. The local church is where my calling has been which has resulted in 2 long pastorates totaling some 34+ years. My passion is to make sure the needs of the local church are served by the hierarchy and not the other way around. It is in the local church where evangelism is shared, disciples are grown and holiness is pursued. I want to see our new denomination rooted and grounded in support of the local church. This passion and experience is what I would bring to our delegation team.



Jae Chang

**Heavenly Vision Korean Community Church |
Clarksville, MD**

My main ministry concern is how to overcome conflict in the church to pursue renewal and reconciliation, how to heal and help the people - those who are in conflict and division in the multi-ethnic society and racism, hunger, economic war, conflicts of the world - in the power of Holy Spirit. I would like to give thanks to the living God who led me to Global Methodist church to do my best in carrying out God's pastoral ministry during the past 25 years. Also, I am very thankful for those who made many commitments and prayers.

Our church has suffered 2 large conflicts and a schism during past years, however it has been very peaceful and a gracious situation since I have been appointed to this church. The church has overcome arduous conflicts and is constantly moving forward to a fruitful future thanks to the Almighty God.

Clergy Candidates for General Conference Delegate



Todd Christine

Grace Church of Hanover | Hanover, PA

After much consideration and prayer, I believe God is calling me to serve our new denomination as a delegate to General Conference. I have never served as a delegate beyond a lay person to my local annual conference. Until now, I have never felt the push to stand up and offer myself for this service. There is a fire burning within me!

I am gifted in peacemaking and discernment.

God has blessed me with being able to think big picture and to seek to build bridges. I have served as the Vice-President of my former Susquehanna Conference Board of Trustees. I

was invited to serve as a clergy and congregational vitality advisor. I have had the opportunity to teach at multiple levels of my conference in equipping laity in the church. In my former life I have almost 15 years of construction management experience.



Anne McCorkle Garrett

Fairview Methodist Church | Baldwin, MD

I have been serving as staff or pastor for 23 years. Some of my staff experience was in the Episcopal and Lutheran churches. In addition to my M.Div. I earned a certificate in Ecumenism, and was a UM delegate to the National Council of Churches. I have only served troubled churches, and have turned each one around. I have enjoyed studying and teaching our Wesleyan heritage and doctrine. I am thrilled to be part of the first wave of Global Methodists, and to help to lay a good foundation for a healthy church.

My church was unanimous in its votes, one of the first out of the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

Clergy Candidates for General Conference Delegate



Kari Jones

**Connection Community Church |
Middletown, DE**

“To be ready to respond when God interrupts.” That has been my personal mission statement for almost 30 years. From God interrupting my very satisfying career as a nurse to go into the ordained ministry, from a wonderful first appointment on staff of a large church (1992-2001) and then called along with my husband to uproot our family in order to plant a church (Connection Community Church) in Middletown, Delaware (2001-present), I’ve sought to be obedient. In pastoral ministry, I served on the Board of Ordained Ministry for 12 years, chaired the Superintendency

Committee, helped on various task forces, mentored many clergy, and in 2022, was a Reserve Delegate to Jurisdictional Conference of the UMC. In 2016, I attended the convening Conference of the Wesleyan Covenant Association in Chicago and felt like I was HOME. As part of our local WCA, our team worked diligently to help churches discern their future. Ninety-two churches disaffiliated.

I was humbled to serve on the GMC’s Northeast Transitional Conference Advisory Team (TCAT) and currently serve as a Presiding Elder and Chair of the North East Board of Ministry. It’s a new day as we move in the Spirit (Galatians 5:25)! Approving the GMC Constitution, adopting the Book of Doctrines and Discipline, and legislation regarding the episcopacy are in the forefront of decisions that need to be made. I am committed to remain centered on Wesleyan doctrine and theology based on scripture, support a leaner denominational structure that prioritizes the work of the local church, robust accountability, and a truly global church that will be multi-racial, multi-cultural, and multi-national, where we learn from one another as we live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Back in 1987, I discovered that my spiritual gifts are leadership, administration, and discernment. Since that time, I have seen them used by God throughout my life in the local church and beyond. I would be humbled to represent the NE PAC as a Clergy Delegate. I didn’t see this coming but I am responding to God’s interruption to serve Him with everything I’ve got.



Ho Kang

Community Methodist Church | Great Bend, PA

I have served as an Elder in the UMC and became an Elder in the GMC as of July 1, 2023. I want to become a delegate, hoping to become a GMC of grace that follows the Bible of unchanging truth.

Clergy Candidates for General Conference Delegate

Robert Kaylor

Aldersgate Church (not affiliated) | York, PA



I currently serve as the Chair of the General Commission on Doctrine, Discipleship, and Just Ministry for the Global Methodist Church. I previously served as member of the Global Council of the Wesleyan Covenant Association (2017-2023) and served on the Next Steps Task Force that wrote the initial WCA version of the Book of Doctrine and Discipline. I also chaired the WCA Task Force on Accountable Discipleship, which fed into both the WCA and Transitional Leadership Council versions of the Book of Doctrine and Discipline. I was the host of the WCA Podcast "Holy Conversations" and have served in numerous other ways in assisting in the creation of the Global Methodist

Church. Now recently moved back to the Northeast after 25 years in the West, where I served churches in Colorado and Utah, I believe that my experience at the ground level of creating the GMC allows me to have some deep insight into the spirit and mission of this movement. My presence on the delegation would provide historical and theological background for the work ahead, as well as personal and professional relationships with other GMC leaders across the connection. My current church, Aldersgate Church in York, PA, is still discerning its connectional future, but I am fully committed to the GMC and its mission. I was originally ordained elder in the old Central Pennsylvania Conference of the UMC in 1997, so the Northeast is my home. I would value the opportunity to represent the Northeast which, in many ways, has similar challenges to what we faced in the Western Jurisdiction of the UMC. I plan to attend the convening conference in Costa Rica at my own expense, representing the Commission on Doctrine, Discipleship, and Just Ministry, but I also believe that I have the credentials to effectively serve the Northeast delegation in its work. My spiritual gifts include leadership and teaching, and I have skill sets in writing, communication technology, and team formation.

Mike Kerzee

Kidder Memorial GMC | Jamestown, NY



Elder in the GMC. I served on the pre-conference team in the Mid-Tex Conference. Served as Presiding Elder in the Mid-Tex Conference. Served as Dean of the Cabinet Mid-Tex Conference. I have prayed about serving on the general conference team for quite some time. I feel led to serve, even though I am new to the North East Conference of the GMC.

I bring a few spiritual gifts to the General Conference delegation. First is prayer. The book of James reminds us to pray first. Prayer is an essential element for the members of the delegation. Second, I am team player. I work well in an environment where it is important that the delegation works well together. Third, I am committed to orthodoxy and orthopraxis in the GMC. Thank you for your consideration.

Clergy Candidates for General Conference Delegate



Rick LaDue

Webster Methodist Church | Webster, NY

Prior to ordained ministry, I served as a youth pastor for almost 20 years. From 2000-2003, I was the Ichthus festival director, overseeing a festival geared towards sharing the gospel to thousands through contemporary Christian music and orthodox teaching. Since then, in the Upper New York (UNY) Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, I was district youth coordinator, DCOM secretary and co-chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry. I've served as dean of the annual Family Bible Camp in Findley Lake, NY for over a decade and I was the events coordinator for the UNY WCA. I recently completed my term on the Asbury Theological Seminary Alumni Council.

John Wesley's goal in America was to "reform the continent and to spread scriptural holiness over the land." During my two decades of youth ministry, I served in three different UMC conferences throughout the country. Because of this, I feel I have a unique perspective which would contribute to a national dialogue focused on renewal. I believe that my life experiences in missions and educational travel can contribute to the global conversation as well.

In this season of transition to the Global Methodist Church, I have found direction from the gospel of John which tells us that Jesus "...came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14) As we navigate the legislative processes that determine what our denomination will become, I am committed to following Jesus' model of grace and truth. As lead pastor at the Webster Methodist Church, I have led a congregation of diverse theological perspectives with a spirit of grace into the Global Methodist Church, while remaining anchored to the truth I find in the orthodox theology of Methodism and of the Christian church itself.



Philip Michaels

Exeter Methodist Church | Exeter, NH

I feel led to at least offer myself up as a possibility to be a delegate. There are many others who have been around the specific Methodist eco-system that has given birth to the GMC longer than I have. But, I do feel it is important that we have a wide variety of perspectives (within a firm commitment to our mission, vision, core values and polity) represented, as well as those who bring a firm commitment to a robust Wesleyan theological perspective as we help to shepherd our fledgling denomination through the next steps in our formation as a people. As more of an "APE" on the "APEST" scale I think it's important that we are represented as well, and can give guid-

ance from that perspective (since often in the church it seems we have many more of the shepherd-teacher types in leadership than we do apostle-prophet-evangelist types; we should have a solid mix of both/all). We'll see where the Holy Spirit leads. I would be honored and delighted to be a delegate to the convening GM Conference, and if not, I look forward to supporting those who are, praying for those who go, and taking part/assisting in whatever ways I can.

Clergy Candidates for General Conference Delegate



Patricia Molik

Senior Status | Ballston Spa, NY

I am awaiting an appointment to a church in the Northeast, once NY State finalizes the process. I believe the gifts of leadership and administration would be very beneficial in attending the conference. I currently lead the GMC Women Zoom monthly gatherings, I am a Board member of the WCA Global team, the co-leader of the Northeast Jurisdiction of WCA, Board member for SLIM-net (Spirit Led Interim Ministries Network) and was previously a Board of Ordained Ministry member and the District Committee on Ministry chairperson.



Thadius Sales

Calvary Methodist Church | Dillsburg, PA

When I was attending the 2022 New Room Conference, I came in with a great level of zeal and passion. I had, only a few months prior, decided to end my candidacy for ordination in the United Methodist Church and look towards serving in the Global Methodist Church. I was coming into New Room with excitement, passion, and some eagerness to see if my church was going to disaffiliate and align itself with the GMC. I would describe that time with this phrase, "My soul was ripe for the picking."

A common theme at this conference, with the newly formed GMC on everyone's mind, was a desire to highlight and lift up young leaders. I knew that I had the passion, energy, and giftings to lead, and I couldn't sit around and watch any longer. For so long I was hearing about how "young people want this" and "young people think like that." Nothing that these "young people" were saying or thinking aligned at all with what I believed, and frankly I had never been asked! I knew, especially after the UMC 2019 General Conference, that I needed to be a young voice that was leading. I felt that my spiritual gifts of wisdom, compassion, knowledge, and discernment were ready to be used more fully. I quickly found myself working as an application reviewer for the Transitional Leadership Council and for many months worked closely with numerous churches and clergy who were joining the GMC, all the while studying and learning the intricacies of the Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline. Soon after I was asked to join the Transitional Commission on Communications and the Transitional Conference Advisory Team (TCAT). Because of my work as a reviewer, I found myself assisting in many areas of the TCAT, chairing the Nominations Committee, becoming the Global Methodist Representative for Central and Eastern Pennsylvania, and eventually stepping into the role of Presiding Elder of the Northern York/Adams District as well as serving as the Board of Ministry Registrar.

In the midst of all of this, I have been leading a growing, Christ-centered church full-time, Calvary Methodist Church in Dillsburg, PA. Through these last few years, I have heard a consistent affirmation from others that I have the capabilities to lead well. This whole time I have wanted to ensure that the denomination that we get the chance to build and form is not simply UMC 2.0, but something that honors God beyond all imagination. I firmly believe that the affirmation from others and this deep desire to form a Christ-centered denomination is what propels me to serve as a delegate to the Convening General Conference.

Clergy Candidates for General Conference Delegate



Brian Sandell
Second Avenue GMC | Altoona, PA

I have been blessed to be the Pastor of Second Avenue Global Methodist since 2016. My family and I moved to Altoona that year not knowing a soul and not knowing what we were getting ourselves into, but God showed up and He has continued to show up. My gifts of outreach, collaboration, visioning, connecting God's word to culture, and hospitality I'm sure will bless our delegation and the church as a whole. I have been blessed to sit on three community boards in the Altoona, PA. I have served in pastoral leadership and have led youth groups for the past decade, and I'm excited to see where God is leading our church. Thank you for considering me to serve on your behalf to General Conference.



Joseph Saunders
Cressey Road Christian Church | Gorham, ME

I humbly ask for your support and trust as you consider who will be our delegates to General Conference in September of 2024. I am a fourth-generation pastor, but more importantly, I am a Christian, and I believe that means being a follower and servant of Christ. It has been my honor to serve as senior pastor of four churches and coordinating pastor of two others, all within the rocky mission field of New England. Currently, I serve as the pastor of Cressey Road Christian Church in Gorham, ME. Prior to serving in local church ministry, I served for 20 years in the military, both in the Air Force and Army, retiring in 2002, and thereupon entering the Lord's service full-

time. In the Spring of 2023, I was invited to be part of the Transitional Conference Advisory Team (TCAT) and served until it concluded its work in December of 2023. With the TCAT, I was involved in the Appointments Team, Prayer Steering Team, and Culture Statement Development Team. During this period, I was also asked to be the point of contact for the GMC in New England and to answer questions or to help people find the answer in this area of the Northeast Region. As of January 1, and the start of the Provisional Annual Conference, I have been serving as the Presiding Elder of the New England South and the New England West Districts. This new opportunity is challenging, but so blessed! Churches and pastors are being welcomed into the GMC and new churches are being planted! The need and the HOPE for New England can be summed up in the words of Jesus in Matthew 9:37 & 38, "Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" The Spiritual Gifts most evident in my life are Pastor, Evangelist, and Teaching. Through my time in the military, God had also given me much experience in conflict resolution, which was very helpful in pastoral ministry, especially in these last few years. It is my hope and prayer that I can faithfully and adequately represent the Northeast Conference and the New England Districts at the Global Methodist Church's first General Conference in September! Truly, God is creating and doing a new thing!

Clergy Candidates for General Conference Delegate



Matthew Sichel

Grace Church of Hanover | Manchester, MD

I have been active in the renewal movement of the UMC since the 2004 General Conference, and I organized the WCA Chapter in the Baltimore-Washington Conference from a very disorganized Baltimore- Washington evangelical fellowship that had long given up hope of renewal in the UMC. I have served as the secretary of the Baltimore-Washington WCA Chapter since its founding.

I was elected as an alternate delegate to the 2016/2019 UMC General Conference, and was the only evangelical elected in the very liberal Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference. I was in St. Louis in 2019 and participated heavily with the Reform and Renew-

al Coalition efforts. Because of this, I have relationships with most of the leadership of the Reform and Renewal Coalition, which is now the leadership in the Global Methodist Church.

I was asked to serve on the TCAT for the Northeastern region as one of the leaders from the Baltimore- Washington renewal movement. I served as the TCAT recording secretary for the formation of the Provisional Annual Conference, and now I serve as our Northeastern Annual Conference Secretary. I also currently serve on the Translation Team for the Commission on General Conference of the GMC.

I have been working toward the renewal of Methodism for most of my adult life. I've had the experience necessary to serve as a delegate because of my service as an active and vocal delegate in the UMC. I am very familiar with legislation and the way that business is conducted at the General Conference, and I know the issues which will need to be addressed to form a new denomination. My education in church history and historical theology gives me a strong understanding of polity, doctrine, and theology for the formation of a new denomination.

Lastly, but most importantly, I have a strong and sure relationship with Jesus Christ. I will seek to put his will and his Kingdom at the front end of everything that I do in the formation of our new denomination. I believe that if we are faithful to Christ and his Word, that the Global Methodist Church will be a powerful witness to help the world see salvation in Jesus Christ. This is my highest goal. I hope to bring all of these gifts and experiences to my work as a Delegate to the Convening General Conference.



Steven Taylor

Northeast PAC | Panama, NY

I'm currently blessed to serve as the President Pro Tem of the Northeast PAC, and have served the GMC since the beginning of the Transitional Leadership Council in March 2020. My spiritual gifts of leadership, administration, and teaching, along with discernment have been used by God to lead the local church, the region, and the denomination for the past 20 years. Connecting and collaborating with GM churches and pastors across the world has allowed me to gain a global vision of the GMC. Now serving as the President Pro Tem of the Northeast, I am connecting our region with the world as we connect with each other. As we move to solidify the work of the TLC and fully establish the GMC, I am

hopeful for this new movement of God through the Methodist Church and am looking forward to celebrating all that's been accomplished for the Kingdom through it.

Clergy Candidates for General Conference Delegate



Rob Townsend, Hockessin, DE **Moore's Chapel | Elkton, MD**

I feel called to offer myself as a delegate to General Conference because of what God has done in and through me over the last 26 years of ministry. I have served rural churches, a 3 point charge, a town church, an inner city church and a suburban church. I have served on the cabinet in the UMC as a District Superintendent and as the Director of Connectional Ministry. I have served as the Chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry and as a Delegate to Jurisdictional and General Conferences in the UMC. I co-founded the Peninsula-Delaware chapter of the Wesleyan Covenant Association and served on its Board. This past year, as I transitioned to the GMC, I have served on the Transitional Conference Advisory

Team, chaired the Appointments Team and currently serve as a Presiding Elder of the Northern Maryland District and Dean of the Cabinet. Through all of these ministries, I have experienced the good and bad of serving. I have learned that leading can only be done from a profound posture of discipleship. We can not get far without being connected to Scripture, prayer, accountability and a vigorous seeking after the Lord. It would be my honor to represent the clergy of the Northeast and to put my knowledge and experiences in our region to work at the convening General Conference.



Faith Wilkerson **Cedar Grove Methodist | North Beach, MD**

My past leadership experience includes serving on the Transitional Leadership Council in the formation of the Northeast GMC as well as serving on the Board of Directors for the launch of our conference. I feel prompted to offer myself as a delegate after prayer this morning. I have never served as a delegate to a general conference, although I worked on the communications staff for the West Ohio Conference in 2000 as a news reporter during the UMC General Conference in 2000.

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Laity Candidates for General Conference Delegate



Diana Briselli

Halifax Community Church | Harrisburg, PA

After much prayer, I feel called to serve as a lay delegate from the Northeast Conference to the Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

I was humbled and very grateful to be a member of the Northeast TCAT and continue to feel honored to serve in the Northeast Provisional Annual Conference. I have witnessed the sacrifice of congregations, pastors and individuals who prayerfully made difficult decisions in order to ensure that God's Word and His Will are reflected in the churches and denomination of which we are now a part. In many ways it is this experience that has shown me that I can be of service in a different way as a lay delegate to the Convening General Conference.

I believe my giftedness rests primarily in Administration, Discernment and Exhortation, as evidenced by various roles in which I have served. Since beginning as a TCAT member, I have been a part of the Prayer Team and Communications Team, teams on which I continue to serve. I am a member of the Sessions Committee, which planned this Convening Annual Conference, and manage Conference email communications and the Conference Facebook page. Additionally, I am a member of the Episcopacy Committee and Committee on Investigation and Administrative Review. Effective February 1, 2024 I was recognized as a Certified Lay Minister within the Northeast Provisional Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

Prior to leaving my UMC congregation, I served as the Lay Leader of Grace UMC-Hummelstown from January 2015 - February 2023, was a certified Lay Servant, a delegate to the Susquehanna Annual Conference and served on Harrisburg District Committees.

My husband, Sec, and I live in Harrisburg and are members of Halifax Community Church. We have been married for 31 years and have three adult daughters and a son-in-law.

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Cora Doram

Westchester Methodist | Teaneck, NJ

My saying is "if you can use anything Lord, you can use me." With that said, eagerness to serve as a delegate builds on my saying above. I feel the delegation will benefit from my spiritual gifts in the areas (Knowledge, Administration, Leadership, Servanthood, Giving, Compassion, Shepherding) Areas served and still serving in my local church (Lay Leader, Lay Servant, Lay member to Annual Conference) On the Conference level (formerly New York Annual Conference) and on the District level of the United Methodist Church I served on BOOM (Board of Ordained Ministries, Conference Trustees and on Finance and Administration.

On the District level on dCOM (District Committee on Ordained Ministry, Health & Family Life, Nominations, and a District Lead Lay Leader. I had the opportunity to attend The United Methodist Church General Conference as a guest without voting privilege. From that experience I acquired understanding of the workings of a General Conference.

Laity Candidates for General Conference Delegate

Murray Drummond

Connection Comm. Church | Townsend, DE

My name is Murray Drummond, and I was an active member of the United Methodist Church for 58 of my 65 years with the exception of my 7 teen years. I, like so many others have watched my church walk away from Biblical teachings and follow worldly ways. I want to be involved in the Global Methodist Church to see that that doesn't happen again. I am proud that my church, Connection Community Church, boldly stood on Biblical principles and became a Global Methodist Church on November 1, 2023. In my many years at church, I've served on Trustees, SPRT, Chair of the Administrative Council, member of the Leadership Team, and am now serving on the Nominations and Leadership



Development Team. I served as a Lay Delegate to my Annual Conference for two sessions and am honored to serve this year at the historic Northeast Provisional Conference. I've been a part of a new church plant and was the church's Construction Manager through a \$4 million building project four years ago. I served on Lay Witness Missions for over ten years. I served on several Appalachian Service Projects. I've served and held leadership positions in the Emmaus and Chrysalis communities. I was part of a four-person Lay team that Pastored a two-church charge for ten months. In 2019 I received the Order of St. Barnabas award. God has blessed me with some wisdom and discernment abilities and just plain common sense. I love the Lord. I love the Church and I don't want to just sit on the sidelines and watch as this new exciting day is dawning. I believe my calling to this opportunity is to share my experience as a leader in the Church for those following in the future. I know it's our responsibility to pass along to the next generations a foundation that's been built on God's word. To me, that means keeping the Global Methodist Church on the narrow road that leads to eternal life.

Arnie Fritzius

Chapel Church of Red Lion | York, PA

I have served as our Trustee Chairman through the disaffiliation process and admission to GMC. Further, our congregation has confirmed me as the Church's Lay Leader. My spiritual gifts include Leadership, Vision and Spiritual growth.



Laity Candidates for General Conference Delegate



David Molik

**Maplewood Parkway Methodist |
Ballston Spa, NY**

My primary spiritual gifts are one of discernment. I believe this is vitally important with this convening conference. I am a pastor's spouse and have a unique perspective as to how churches operate and the organizations they report to. I have been an attorney and judge for 45 years and a member of the military for 37. Lots of leadership skills because of these.



Dennis Rader

Mariners Bethel GMC | Ocean View, DE

As a lifelong Methodist, and now a Global Methodist, I have been involved with and served the church in a variety of roles. Over the past twenty-five years, in two churches, in two conferences (Baltimore-Washington and PenDel), I have held multiple leadership positions to include membership and eventually chairing the Church Council, Staff-Parish Relations, Trustees, and Finance committees. In addition, I am the Chair of the ARC of Southern Maryland board of directors, a non-profit organization (NPO) that serves the intellectually disadvantaged community. And before retiring professionally, I was a Deputy Director of a Department of a Defense agency, responsible for managing

a program of 3500 people with a budget of \$425 million and concluded my federal career with the investigative agency overseeing the post-Gulf war reconstruction of Iraq. In short, I have an extensive career in leading both NPO and federal organizations. Last year I led our church discernment effort to determine our path forward regarding disaffiliation. We undertook a prayer-based, intentional, and informative discernment process that spanned 10 months, and included (7) interactive congregational meetings, ongoing prayer sessions and small group discussions, to discern God's will for the future of our church. The last congregational meeting culminated with the vote to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. And shortly thereafter, the church again voted to join the Global Methodist Church (GMC). This effort also required me to interact with the media/news reporters and clearly explain our actions and position to ensure our ultimate decision was accurately portrayed in the community. I then finalized the legal and administrative requirements of conversion to the GMC, interacting with attorneys, county officials, and the UMC Annual Conference officials, leading to timely completion of disaffiliation and notification to the GMC that our congregation was ready to join! All this history inculcated me to the issues surrounding disaffiliation and theology and mission of our GMC. My spiritual gift assessment reveals my gifts to be leadership, administration, and wisdom. I believe that I am called to continue to use these gifts - led by the Holy Spirit - to serve, assist, and promote the future course for our denomination. However, I will happily serve the church in whatever capacity God calls me to.

Laity Candidates for General Conference Delegate



Carl Samans

Connection Community Church | Cecilton, MD

My name is Carl Samans. Church has been a very active part of my life since I joined the UMC about 25 years ago. I have served on several committees: SPRC, Nominations, Admin Council. I love learning about God and serving where I am sent. Since that first small rural church, I have relocated to a larger church, still maintaining involvement on the tech team and several teams: nominations, SPRT, Lead Team. I have also been very active in the Emmaus & Chrysalis Communities, at one point being the Chrysalis Community Lay Director. I was a co-chair of the Conference Council on Youth Ministry for 10 years.

When the WCA formed, I was asked to be a member our conference's WCA Board. I was very active until we disbanded when over 90 churches disaffiliated and our function turned elsewhere. I have always had a love for UMC polity, closely following many General Conferences and having served as a lay delegate for my conference. I was elected to be a GC delegate for the 2020 General Conference, which never met due to Covid. I was still a delegate when our church disaffiliated and I resigned that position. I am current keeping very busy with the Northeast Provisional Annual Conference Sessions Team. I am honored to be considered for a lay delegate position to the convening General Conference of the GMC. I think it is very important to really get the start right, how we define our doctrines and lay out our discipline. Regardless of the outcome, I do look forward to working with my brothers and sisters in Christ for the betterment of the kingdom. Thank you.



Lara Sandell

Second Avenue GMC | Altoona, PA

It is such an honor to be considered as a delegate for General Conference. I've been around Methodism my entire life. Being the daughter of a now retired United Methodist pastor, I have served in many areas of the church. I have been blessed to go on youth mission trips, sing on the praise team, serve on committees, lead and oversee Vacation Bible school, and even preach. God has blessed me with three amazing children, a wonderful, supportive husband, and a loving church family. I feel led to be a delegate to General Conference because I believe my experience, gifts, and service would be a blessing at this year's General Conference.

Laity Candidates for General Conference Delegate

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Friday, April 12, 2024

7 PM to 8:30 PM: Evening Worship (Sanctuary)

◦ *Friday evening will focus on the Love of God flowing through us into the world.*

- **Songs**

- “Rest on us”
- “King of Kings”
- “Gratitude”

- **Prayer of Confession and Repentance:** Sam Flick

- 1 John 1:7-10

- **Song**

- “I Surrender All”

- **Prayer of Intercession - Tongsung Kido with Golden Bowl Dream Prayers:**

Rev. Leo Park (*A “Notes” section follows on page 47.*)

- **Song**

- “Way Maker”

- **Offering**

- Introduction from the Northeast Church Planting Team

- **Special Music**

- “Good Good Father”

- **Video for Next Year’s Annual Conference**

- **Scripture:** Rev. Faith Wilkerson

- John 13:34-35

- **Message:** Bishop Emeritus Young Jin Cho

- “Just As Jesus Has Loved Us”

- **Communion:** Bishop Webb, Bishop Cho, and Rev. Matthew Sichel

- “Great Thanksgiving from “Our Great Redeemer’s Praise”
- Song for Communion: “One Bread, One Body”

- **Response Time with Prayer Ministry at the Altar**

- **Closing Song:**

- “I Am Yours (The Wesleyan Covenant)”

Immediately following worship, the Ordination Candidates and Leadership will gather for rehearsal in the Sanctuary. The venue doors will close at 9:30 PM.

Offerings During Conference

Special Offerings to Spread the Gospel!



There will be two opportunities during worship services to give a special offering towards the ministry of church planting - one during Friday evening's worship service and one during the Saturday morning's Ordination Service. The ministry receiving these offerings will be the Northeast Church Planting and Visioning Fund, which is an in-conference fund to strategically determine where in the conference we have 'deserts' without a Global Methodist presence, and then begin creative and innovative planning to plant churches or faith communities in those regions. We chose this strategic focus because we know that there are many places where we have faithful, orthodox Methodists and no Global Methodist presence to help them serve the Kingdom through the Global Methodist Church in those areas. Leadership of this effort will be led by a team of people who are passionate about planting and nurturing faith communities in the Global Methodist Church. We will be connecting church planters with the GMC-endorsed church planting development and training organizations in order to equip church planters for success and Kingdom growth.

To contribute, you may put your gifts in the offering baskets as they are passed during worship or you may use the QR code below to scan and donate online. If you choose to donate online, please mark your gift with "Church Planting" in the memo line to ensure it gets to the correct fund.

We invite you to join us in opening your hearts for seed-planting work that will hopefully bear holy and everlasting fruit! More information will be available during the Worship Services or on the Northeast GMC website.



At any time, feel free to use this QR code to donate towards the same ministry. Thank you for your gifts!

Ordination Service



You Are Invited...

Please join in the Service of Ordination for our clergy brothers and sisters on the third day of this Convening Annual Conference:

Saturday, April 13, 2024

9 AM to Noon

Christian Life Assembly Church Sanctuary

Registration for this service is not required.

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