



GLOBAL  
METHODIST CHURCH

2025 NORTHEAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## Conference Guide

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**“For this reason I  
remind you to fan into  
flame the gift of  
God...”**

*2 Timothy 1:6a*

**May 8-10, 2025**

**Grace Christian  
Fellowship**

**Cortland,  
New York**

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# GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH MISSION

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The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.



## GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH VISION

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Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Global Methodist Church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

# GATHERING SCRIPTURE

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**“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline.**

**So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.”**

**2 Timothy  
1:6-8**

# LETTERS FROM OUR LEADERSHIP...

**"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not abandoning our gatherings, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near."**

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

Last year at our Convening Annual Conference, we set the Northeast Conference on fire for Christ. The fire was built, and we took the fire from that conference back to our homes, families, churches, and cities. Over this past year, the fire was tended to through continuing to lean into prayer - the foundational cornerstone of our Northeast Conference, and focusing on what the Holy Spirit was guiding and calling for our lives, the lives of our churches, and the lives of those Global Methodists around the world. We lived into the new relationships and experiences of our new denomination. We stoked the fires, the coals are hot; can you feel the breath that fans the flame?

We welcome you to the First Annual Conference of the Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church. We have worked many hours this past year to plan the next three days of worship, holy conferencing, prayer, and celebration. We pray that you take this time to greet old friends, make new friends, and build connection with our brothers and sisters throughout the conference. Take time to reflect and pray for those in this room and throughout our churches. We have ignited and tended the fire; now it's time to fan the flames and watch the Spirit move!!!

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



## **Northeast Global Methodist Disciples,**

Welcome to the Northeast Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church! As we gather in this sacred time of fellowship, reflection, and renewal, I am reminded of Paul's powerful words to Timothy:

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God... For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:6-8).

These words resonate deeply with us today as we gather for our first annual conference. Each of us has been entrusted with a holy calling—one that demands boldness, compassion, and steadfast dedication to Jesus Christ. This conference is not simply a meeting; it is an opportunity to ignite those divine gifts within us, to be emboldened by the Holy Spirit, and to engage fully in God's mission for our churches and communities.

John Wesley once declared, "Light yourself on fire with passion and people will come from miles to watch you burn." May this conference kindle a flame in your heart that inspires a call-to-action, deepens your faith, and strengthens our shared ministry together.

I urge you to participate wholeheartedly—to listen, to speak, to worship, and to pray. Together, let us embrace this time with burning hearts and eager spirits.

***Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Steven M. Taylor, Conference Superintendent, NE Annual Conference***





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# AGENDA AT-A- GLANCE

Thursday, May 8, 2025

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- 8:00 AM** Ordinand Registration Begins
- 8:30 AM** Ordinand Meeting with Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory
- 9:00 AM** Registration Opens for Everyone  
Ordinand Meeting with Bishop Leah Gregory
- 10:30 AM** Clergy Session  
Laity Session
- 11:30 AM** Lunch  
Prayer Team Orientation (in Youth Room)
- 1:30 PM** Opening Worship with **Ms. Cara Nicklas**, GMC Connectional Council
- 3:15 PM** Plenary Session I
- 5:00 PM** Dinner
- 7:00 PM** Plenary Session II
- 8:00 PM** Closing Worship with **Rev. Guillem Correa**, Conference Superintendent, Spain Conference of the GMC

Friday, May 9, 2025

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- 8:00 AM** Registration Opens
- 8:30 AM** Bible Study with Bishop Lowry- Sanctuary  
Prayer Meeting with Leo Park and Staff - Youth Room
- 9:30 AM** Worship with **Rev. Steven Taylor**, Conference Superintendent, Northeast Conference of the GMC
- 10:30 AM** Plenary Session III
- 12:00 PM** Lunch
- 1:30 PM** Plenary Session IV and Healing Service

# AGENDA AT-A- GLANCE

Friday, May 9, 2025  
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- 3:15 PM** Breakout Sessions:
- “Church Planting” - Gym
  - “Q & A” - Youth Room
  - “Scriptural Holiness” - Sanctuary
- 5:00 PM** Dinner
- 7:00 PM** Worship with **Rev. Terry Teykl**
- 8:45 PM** Ordination Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Saturday, May 10, 2025

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- 7:30 AM** Ordinands Arrive and Robe - Gym
- 7:45 AM** Ordination Photograph
- 8:30 AM** Clergy Arrive and Robe - Gym
- 9:00 AM** Ordination Service with **Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory**
- 12:00 PM** Conference Session Closes

*“When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and gold bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.”*  
*Revelation 5:8*





## PRAYER WALKS & PRAYER ROOM STAFFING

### Wednesday, May 7, 2025

**4:00 PM** Community Prayer Walk (Meet in Downtown Cortland)

**6:00 PM** Venue Prayer Walk and Consecration of Sanctuary  
(Gather at North Entrance of the Church)

### Thursday, May 8, 2025

The Conference Prayer Room will be open all the time, but hours during which someone will be available on-site to pray with those who desire prayer are following:

**8:30 AM - 10:15 AM** Prayer Room Will Be Staffed

**11:30 AM - 1:15 PM** Prayer Room Will Be Staffed

**6:00 PM - 6:45 PM** Prayer Room Will Be Staffed

### Friday, May 9, 2025

**12:00 PM - 1:00 PM** Prayer Room Will Be Staffed

**6:00 PM - 6:45 PM** Prayer Room Will Be Staffed

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# OUR CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



## MS. CARA S. NICKLAS

**Member of the Connectional Council;  
Delegate to the 2024 Convening General Conference**



Cara Nicklas is a life-long Methodist who was born in Fort Eustis, Virginia, and raised in Oologah, a small town in northeast Oklahoma. After graduating with her bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma and her juris doctorate degree from Oklahoma City University in 1990, Cara began the practice of law, got married to Tim, and had two sons, Connor and Evan. Connor and his wife, Michelle, have blessed "Grannie" with a granddaughter, Isla, and another granddaughter due in June. Currently, Cara is a partner in the law firm, McAlister, McAlister & Nicklas PLLC, in Edmond, Oklahoma. She practices in the area of business and trust litigation, as well as estate planning, probates and guardianships. She is blessed to be partners with believers who support and encourage her expanded work within the church.

Cara and her husband are members of North OKC Methodist Church, a new church formed in late 2023. Cara teaches the youth in her church, serves as chair of the Church Council, plays the piano and plans worship each Sunday. Church planting is hard!

Cara currently serves on the Connectional Council after serving as chair of the Transitional Leadership Council. Cara was a delegate to the convening General Conference of the GM Church, a much more fulfilling experience than her service as a General Conference delegate in the UMC.

Cara is involved in the Congo Initiative's efforts to promote the rule of law in Congo. She travels to Beni, Democratic Republic of Congo, (when Ebola, Covid-19, and violence is contained) to participate in a Justice Conference involving Christian lawyers in Eastern Congo who seek to elevate justice in the context of a broken system.



## REV. GUILLEM CORREA

**Spain Conference Superintendent;  
Delegate to the 2024 Convening General Conference**



I have been the Bishop of the Evangelical United Methodist Church of Spain until our integration into the Global Methodist Church. I am currently pastor of the Central Church of Barcelona and Superintendent of the IMG of Spain.

In 2006, by the Grace of God, we planted the Methodist Church in Barcelona from which the Evangelical United Methodist Church, its current missions and its Abundant Life Groups were born.

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Currently our vision is to reach Western Europe for Jesus hand in hand with the Global Methodist Church.

I am the Secretary General of the Evangelical Council of Catalonia, an entity that brings together the Evangelical Churches of the Area, I am part of the Steering Committee of the Plaza del Plantador de España (Church planter) and I am Director of the evangelical program on Catalan television "Nacer de Nuevo" (Born again). I have written about 30 books and hundreds of articles as a journalist.

I have not received any salary for having been the Bishop and pastor of the Methodist Church in Spain nor now for continuing as pastor of the central Church or for being Superintendent in the Global Methodist Church. I earn my living working in the NGO, Solidarity Initiatives, which I founded together with my wife. We also founded together a social economy company called Solidarity Resources. I have been president of the Social Economy Companies of Catalonia and Spain.

In the interreligious field I have been one of the founders of the Stable Group of Religions and Religions for Peace in Spain 20 years ago and of which I am still a member of the steering committee.

I have a degree in journalism, a Master in Training Management and a Certificate in Human Resources Development.

I have a Diploma in Theology and a Bachelor in Biblical Sciences. I direct the John Wesley Ministerial Seminary: Methodist Bible Institute and the School of Discipleship and Missions.

I have been married for almost 50 years and have two children and two grandchildren.

## ***En Español:***

### **Guillem Correa, Pastor de la Iglesia Metodista Central - Barcelona. España**

He sido el Obispo de la Iglesia Evangélica Metodista Unida de España hasta nuestra integración en la Iglesia Metodista Global. Actualmente soy pastor de la Iglesia Central de Barcelona y Superintendente de la IMG de España.

En el año 2006, por la Gracia de Dios, plantamos la Iglesia Metodista en Barcelona de la que nació la Iglesia Evangélica Metodista Unida, sus actuales misiones y sus Grupos de Vida Abundante.

Actualmente nuestra visión es alcanzar Europa Occidental para Jesús de la mano de la Iglesia Metodista Global.

Soy el Secretario General del Consejo Evangélico de Cataluña, entidad que reúne a las Iglesias Evangélicas de la Zona, formo parte del Comité Directivo de la Plaza

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del Plantador de España y soy Director del programa evangélico de la televisión de Cataluña "Nacer de Nuevo". He escrito unos 30 libros y centenares de artículos como periodista.

No he recibido salario alguno por haber sido el Obispo y pastor de la Iglesia Metodista en España ni ahora por continuar como pastor de la Iglesia central ni por ser Superintendente en la Iglesia Metodista Global. Recibo mi sustento trabajando en la ONG, Iniciativas Solidarias, que fundé juntamente con mi mujer. También fundamos juntos una empresa de economía social llamada Recursos Solidarios. He sido presidente de las Empresas de Economía Social de Cataluña y de España.

En el ámbito interreligioso he sido uno de los fundadores del Grupo Estable de las Religiones y de Religiones por la Paz de España hace 20 años y del que sigo siendo miembro del comité directivo.

Soy licenciado en periodismo, Master en Dirección de la Formación y Certificado en Desarrollo de Recursos Humanos.

Tengo una Diplomatura en Teología y un Bachiller en Ciencias Bíblicas. Dirijo el Seminario Ministerial Juan Wesley: Instituto Bíblico Metodista y la Escuela de Discipulado y Misiones.

Estoy Casado desde hace casi 50 años y tengo dos hijos y dos nietos.



## REV. STEVEN TAYLOR

### Northeast Annual Conference Superintendent



Rev. Steven Taylor serves as the Conference Superintendent of the Northeast Annual Conference of the GMC. 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

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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, three grandchildren and one due in July 2025, 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.



## REV. TERRY TEYKL

**Prayer Warrior, Evangelist, Author**



Terry Teykl's conversion experience was a little unusual. In March of 1967 his friends had a stillborn baby and after that crisis he made a bargain with God, if his baby due in September was born healthy, he would go to church. September 1, 1967, his wife delivered a healthy baby boy, so he decided he should keep his part of the bargain and get to know God better. He found a quiet

place to pray, sitting in their backyard on top of the doghouse. While sitting atop that doghouse he felt a call to preach. This call seemed exciting but also caused consternation because he had no church experience and had never stood in front of a group of people to pray, much less preach. Therefore, a desperation was born in him to begin this journey with prayer as his first response at every point.

While pastoring his first small country church, he attended Sam Houston State University where miraculously he graduated with highest honors. He then attended Perkins School of Theology at SMU and earned a Master's in Theology. Two years later, his desperation only increased when his Bishop asked him to start a new church with only 8 attendees and a large debt. God told him, "Don't look for people, look for Me and people will find you." In a short time, the church grew to several hundred members and retired from that church, there were over 1200 in attendance. This experience led him to write the book, *The Presence Based Church*, as opposed to the consumer-based church. Dr. Teykl has authored several books on prayer and his last book sums it all up: *Praying in Jesus Name for 21 Centuries, a History of Prayer in the Christian movement*. These and other resources can be found at [www.prayerpointpress.com](http://www.prayerpointpress.com). He pastored for 28 years and during that time he earned a Doctor of Ministry from Oral Roberts University. In 1996, he began to travel full time teaching prayer-evangelism. It has been his privilege to help start prayer ministries in churches of all denominations all over the world. His greatest achievement was starting a prayer movement he calls *Praying The Lord's Prayer at Noon* which is now worldwide.

He has been married to his wife, Kay, for 59 years. They have four children, 11 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He now serves as a prayer consultant across denominations. And nothing has changed, he is still as desperate for God now as when he came off that doghouse!



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## BISHOP LEAH HIDDE-GREGORY

### Episcopal Leader of the Northeast Conference



Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory serves as the Conference Superintendent of the MidTexas Conference while serving as an episcopal leader and General Superintendent for the denomination. During her ministry, she served as a laywoman in Oklahoma, a North and Central Texas pastor, a district superintendent, and a new church development director. She is a founding leader of the MidTexas Conference. For four years, she sat on the Transitional Leadership Council for the Global Methodist, serving as the chair for a season.

Bishop Gregory serves as the episcopal leader for the Bulgaria, Northeast, and South Georgia Annual Conferences and the now-forming conference in Mexico. She has a heart and passion for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Bishop Gregory has spent much of her ministry in church revitalization, revival, and church growth. She is excited about the Global Methodist Church and the orthodox Wesleyan witness being awakened within our congregations.

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. Their family includes daughter Maddie and her husband Aaron, daughter Caroline and husband Zach, and their Will, who is still a senior in high school.

# Encountering GOD



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## Summer Camp

A guide to Camping Ministry



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**Learn more:**

**[www.northeastgmc.org/camping](http://www.northeastgmc.org/camping)**

# HOW TO VOTE WITH VPOLL DURING ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Refer to the **RED** numbers below for clarity on the instructions.

The screenshot shows the VPOLL mobile app interface. A red box highlights the entire app area. Red circles and numbers 1 through 4 indicate specific fields: 1 points to the browser address bar showing 'vpoll.mobi'; 2 points to the 'Join A Meeting' input field containing the number '326642'; 3 points to the 'ID Number' input field; and 4 points to the 'Last Name' input field. The app header includes the VPOLL logo and a menu icon. The main content area features a banner for 'FANNING THE FLAME' by the Global Methodist Church for the 2025 Northeast Annual Conference. Below the banner, there's a section for 'LIVE AUDIENCE POLLING' with the text 'Real time polling only a tap away' and a description: 'Solicit unbiased feedback and engage meeting participants with live polls, Q&A sessions, and word clouds.' At the bottom, there's a 'Submit' button.

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 Conference 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.

# FRIDAY'S BREAKOUTS: AN OVERVIEW

## ➤ **“Church Planting and Multiplication” with Rev. Les Towsey:** Gym

During this session, come and meet with members of the Church Planting team of our Conference. There will be information on church planting as well as where the church plants are in the Northeast Conference. There will also be time for questions.

## ➤ **“Q & A” for the GMC with Conference Leadership:** Youth Room

For this breakout session, come and ask questions of our Conference leadership. Questions can be about the GMC or the Northeast Conference. The leadership available will be :

Rev. Steve Taylor, Conference Superintendent

Rev. Kari Jones, Board of Ministry Chair

Rev. Rob Townsend, Dean of the Cabinet

Rev. Thadius Sales, Church and Clergy Reviewer for the GMC

## ➤ **“Scriptural Holiness” with Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory:** Sanctuary

What is scriptural holiness, and how can we teach and spread it throughout our churches, our cities, towns, states, and the world? Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory will give us answers and ideas on what it is and how to spread just that in this breakout session.

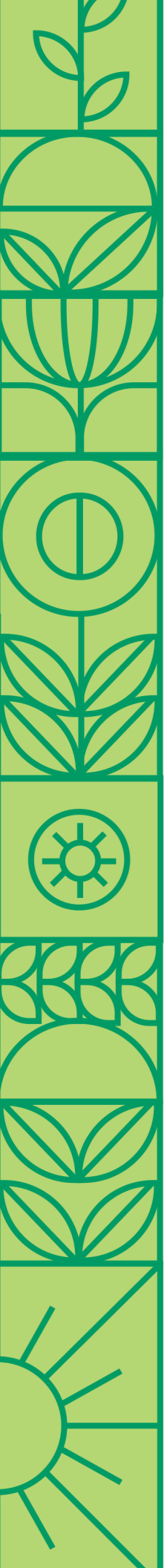
## Need Help?



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 ranging 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.





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# CONFERENCE OFFERINGS

This year's Conference will have three times of offering for three different areas of ministry in the Northeast Conference.

## ◀ Thursday Evening: International Partnerships

As a conference of the Global Methodist Church, we agree to partner with conferences from around the world in a one-on-one relationship. Within this relationship we covenant to help build each others ministries, leaders, and pray for one another. There is a financial piece to this partnership as well. These funds we collect today will help with any needs our partner conferences may have, to further their ministry and mission. The monies we collect for this fund will help with needs that our partner conferences need, such as ministry needs, humanitarian needs, and missional needs.

## ◀ Friday Night: Church Planting

The Northeast Church Planting and Visioning fund will be the recipient of these offerings. This is an in-conference fund to strategically determine where in the conference we have "deserts" without a Global Methodist presence and begin creative and innovative planning to plant churches or faith communities in those regions. A portion of this fund also goes to training and equipping leaders for these endeavors.

## ◀ Saturday Morning: Clergy Scholarships

To start and continue the call of ordained ministry is a long journey, but it is one that is fulfilling and life-giving. Along the way, there are often many unforeseen expenses that can hinder and even stop candidates from furthering their journey and following their call. The monies collected will be used for scholarships toward theological education

To contribute to any of these funds, you may put your gifts in the offering baskets as they are passed during the worship services. or you may use the QR code below to scan and donate online. If you choose to donate online please mark which fund you wish your gift to go to. Online donations can be made any time during conference.



SCAN ME





### The mission of the Global Methodist Women's Ministry

To **empower** and **encourage** women in local churches to do transformative ministries, to embody Scriptural holiness and to experience the presence of Holy Spirit. The GM Women's Ministry exists to **encourage** effective women's ministries in local GM Churches. We are committed to being a clearing house for **resources** to help laity women in their ministries.

For more information or to schedule a Zoom meeting with the ladies in your church:

**Please contact**

**Arlene Schmidt, CLM**

Coordinator

Northeast GM Women's Ministry  
arlenedschmidt@gmail.com

**You are not alone!**

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To Network, Support and Empower each other  
to be leaders in our churches.

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# ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

## WELCOME CENTER

Registration; Information

## LOBBY

Vendor/Ministry Tables

## CONNECTION ROOM 1

Seedbed Publishing

## CONNECTION ROOM 2

BoM Meeting Room

## CONNECTION ROOM 3

Prayer Room

## GYM

Ordinand Meeting (Thursday Morning)

Clergy Session (Thursday Morning)

Snacks & Coffee; Lunches;

Breakout Room for "Church Planting" (Friday Afternoon)

## YOUTH ROOM

Prayer Team Orientation (Thursday at Lunch)

Prayer Meeting Room (Friday Morning)

"Q & A" Breakout Room (Friday Afternoon)

## SANCTUARY

All Worship Services; All Plenary Sessions

Laity Session (Thursday); Bible Study (Friday)

"Scriptural Holiness" Breakout Room (Friday)

Ordination Rehearsal (Friday Evening)

## CHILDREN'S WING ROOM 8

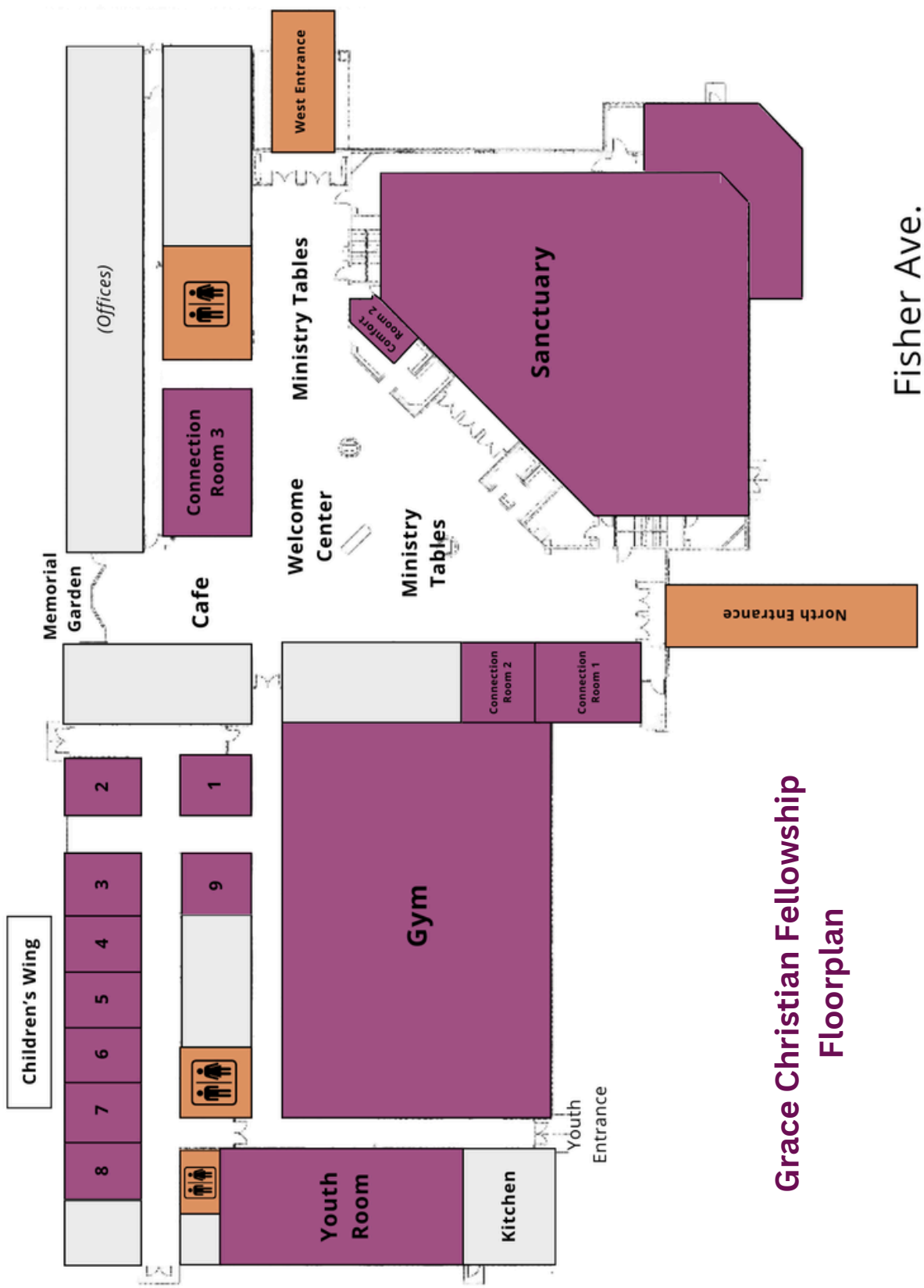
Volunteer Room

## COMFORT ROOM 2

Consecration Room

## CHILDREN'S WING ROOMS

Additional Meeting Space

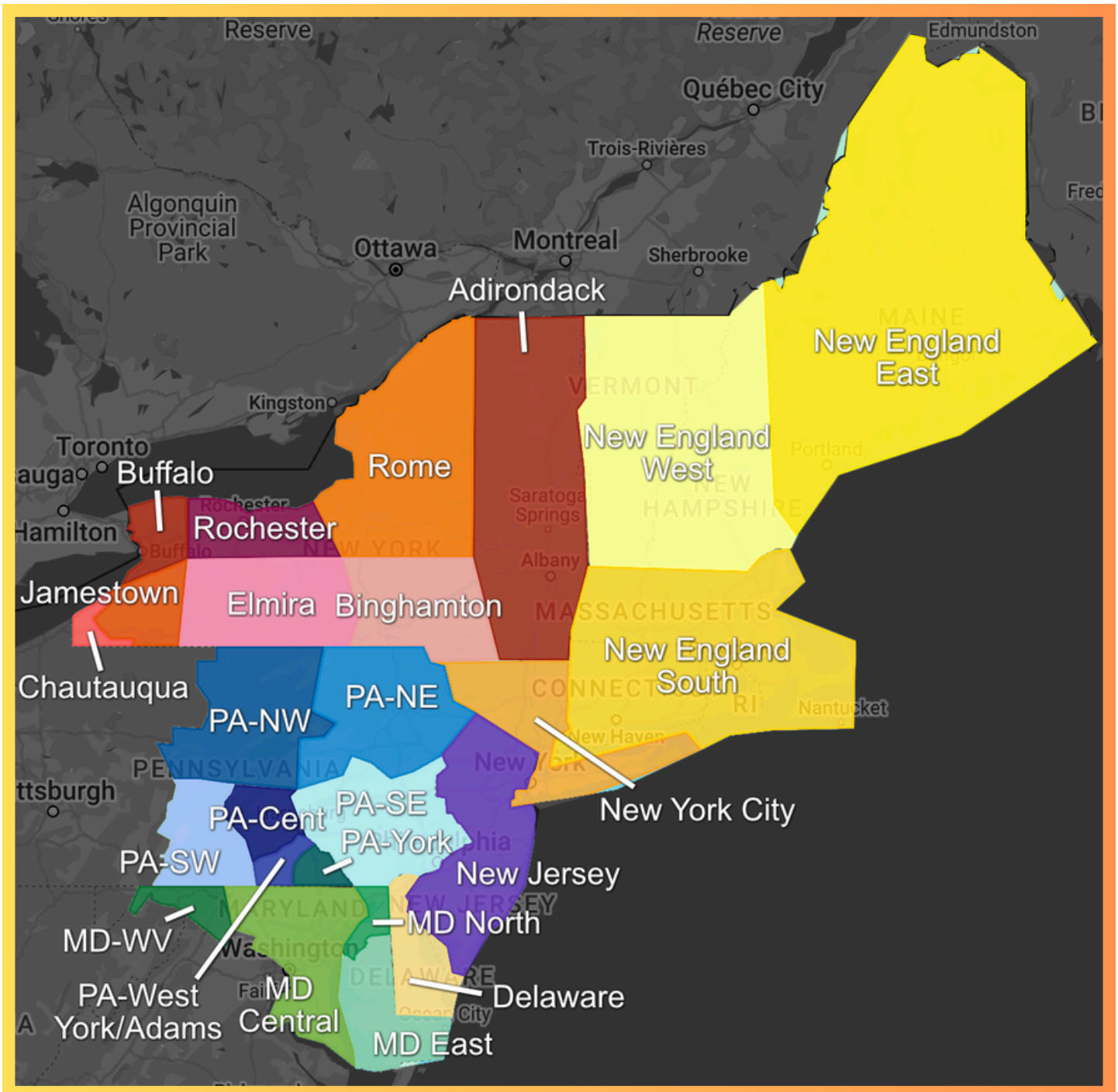


Grace Christian Fellowship  
Floorplan

Fisher Ave.

Rte. 281

# NORTHEAST CONFERENCE AND DISTRICTS MAP





# PRESIDING ELDERS, DISTRICTS, & CHURCHES

- **New England East**
  - **Rev. Hyoung Yung Choi**
    - Cressey Road Christian Church
    - New Hope Global Methodist Church
    - Vida Abundante
- **New England West**
  - **Rev. Joseph Saunders**
    - Exeter Methodist Church
    - Hillsboro Methodist Church
    - Lyndonville Methodist Church
- **NY Adirondack**
  - **Rev. Penny Brink**
    - Amsterdam Methodist Church
    - Fortsville Methodist Church
    - Lake George Community Methodist Church
    - Malta Ridge Methodist Church
    - Maplewood Parkway Methodist Church
    - Mountain Community Methodist Church
    - Wells Methodist Church
- **NY Rome**
  - **Rev. Jack Ford**
    - Kendrew Methodist Church
    - DeKalb Methodist Church
    - Ava Hilltop Church
    - Boonville Methodist Church
    - CenterPoint Church
    - Church of Cold Brook
    - Floyd Methodist Church
    - Hannibal Methodist Church
    - Mount Pleasant Church
    - Salisbury Community Church
    - Stittville Methodist Church
- **NY Rochester**
  - **Rev. Rick LaDue**
    - Clyde Methodist
    - Farmington Community Church
    - Hamlin Methodist Church
    - Kendall Methodist
    - North Ontario
    - Rose
    - Webster Methodist Church
- **NY Buffalo**
  - **Rev. Katie Zettle**
    - Alabama Basom Global Methodist Church
    - Clarence Global Methodist Church
    - Darien Disciple Church
    - Exley Community Church
    - Following Jesus at Harris Hill
    - Hartland Corners Methodist Church
    - Indian Falls Global Methodist Church
    - Olcott Beach Church
    - Tonawanda Methodist Church
- **NY Jamestown**
  - **Rev. P. J. Pasieka**
    - Bemus Point Methodist Church
    - Charlotte Center Church
    - East Randolph Methodist Church
    - Gerry Methodist Church
    - Grace Gathering Church
    - Kidder Memorial Church
    - Little Valley Bridge Of Hope
    - Napoli Methodist Church
    - Park Methodist Church
    - Trinity Church
    - Wheeler Hill Community Church
- **NY Chautauqua**
  - **Rev. David Cooke**
    - Christian Community Church of Dewittville
    - Clymer Community Church
    - Findley Lake Church
    - Laona Methodist
    - North Clymer Community Church
    - North Harmony Methodist Church
    - Panama Methodist Church
- **NY Elmira**
  - **Rev. Matthew Rowe**
    - Avoca Methodist Church Inc
    - Caton Church
    - Cuba Methodist Church
    - Germany Hill Church
    - Hammondsport Methodist Church
    - Jenksville Methodist Church
    - McKendree Church
    - Mitchellsville Methodist Church

# PRESIDING ELDERS, DISTRICTS, & CHURCHES

- **NY Binghamton**

- **Rev. Dan Fuller**

- Christs Church in the Valley
    - Conklin Forks Methodist Church
    - First Methodist Church of Campville
    - Gibson Corners Methodist Church
    - Hawleyton Methodist Church
    - New Hope Methodist
    - Union Center Methodist Church
    - Wesley Methodist Church
    - Whittemore Hill Global Methodist Church

- **New York City**

- **Rev. Gordon Edwards**

- Westchester Methodist Church

- **New England South**

- **Rev. Joseph Saunders**

- Bakerville Methodist Church
    - Christ Global Methodist Church

- **PA Northwest**

- **Rev. Max Furman**

- Antes Fort Methodist
    - Genesee Community Church
    - God's Country Global Methodist Church
    - Keating Summit Church
    - Middle Ridge Church
    - New Life Global Methodist Church
    - Oriole Methodist Church
    - Oval Church
    - Pine Creek Valley Church
    - Ulysses Methodist Church
    - Wingate Faith: A Global Methodist Community

- **PA Northeast**

- **Rev. David Layser**

- Bethany Church of Berwick
    - Meshoppen Community Church
    - North Jackson Community Church
    - Trinity Church Danville

- **PA Southwest**

- **Rev. Richard Morris**

- Asbury Methodist Church of Harrisonville
    - Bedford Methodist Church
    - Bellwood Cross of Calvary
    - Ebenezer Christian Church
    - First Church Greencastle
    - Good Shepherd Tyrone
    - Hicks Memorial Methodist Church
    - Second Avenue Global Methodist Church
    - Siloam Church
    - Warriors Mark Methodist Church of PA

- **PA Central**

- **Rev. Eugene Liddick**

- Baughman Church
    - Browns Church
    - East Salem Community Church
    - Locust Run Church
    - Mt. Gilead Church
    - Otterbein Global Methodist Church of East Salem
    - Snyder's Church
    - Thompsontown Methodist Church
    - Trinity GMC of New Kingstown
    - Turkey Valley Church
    - Young's Church of Mechanicsburg

- **PA East York**

- **Rev. Josh Wargo**

- Bethany Church of York
    - Bethlehem Stonepile Church
    - Chapel Church of Red Lion, PA
    - Christ Church Jacobus
    - Christ Church Yorkana
    - Dover Bethany Global Methodist Church
    - Emmanuel Church of Windsor
    - Highmount Community Church
    - Mt Nebo Church of Delta
    - New Jerusalem Church
    - Saginaw Community



# PRESIDING ELDERS, DISTRICTS, & CHURCHES

- **PA West York/Adams**

- **Rev. Thadius Sales**

- Calvary Methodist Church of Dillsburg, PA
    - Centenary Global Methodist Church
    - Chestnut Grove Church
    - First Church Hanover
    - Grace Church of Hanover
    - Idaville Global Methodist Church
    - Mt. Victory United Christian Church
    - York Springs GMC

- **PA Southeast**

- **Rev. Brendan Hock**

- Halifax Community Church
    - John Wesley Covenant Church of Wind Gap
    - Limeville Church
    - Grace St. Paul's Church
    - Church of the Great Redeemer

- **New Jersey**

- **Rev. Gordon Edwards**

- **MD WV**

- **Rev. Sharon Lowans**

- Butlers Chapel Church
    - Davis Memorial Methodist Church
    - Faith and Friends Global Methodist Church
    - Mt Zion Orleans Community Church
    - New Covenant Methodist Church
    - Parkhead Union Church

- **MD Central**

- **Rev. Faith Wilkerson**

- Brandenburg Methodist Church
    - Cedar Grove Methodist Church
    - Community With A Cause
    - Fairview Methodist Church
    - Lighthouse Fellowship Church

- **MD East**

- **Rev. Karen Handy**

- Asbury Methodist Church Mount Vernon
    - Asbury Methodist Church of Sharptown
    - Bethesda Methodist Church of Preston
    - Centreville Methodist Church
    - Christ Methodist Church
    - Grace Methodist Church of Cambridge
    - Kent Island Methodist Church
    - Mount Vernon
    - Snethen Church
    - St Luke's Methodist
    - Tilghman Methodist Church

- **Delaware**

- **Rev. Kari Jones**

- Atonement Methodist Church
    - Cheswold Methodist Church
    - Christ the Cornerstone
    - Connection Community Church
    - Downs Chapel Church of Delaware
    - Harbeson Methodist Church
    - Immanuel Union Methodist Church
    - Mariners Bethel GMC

- **MD North**

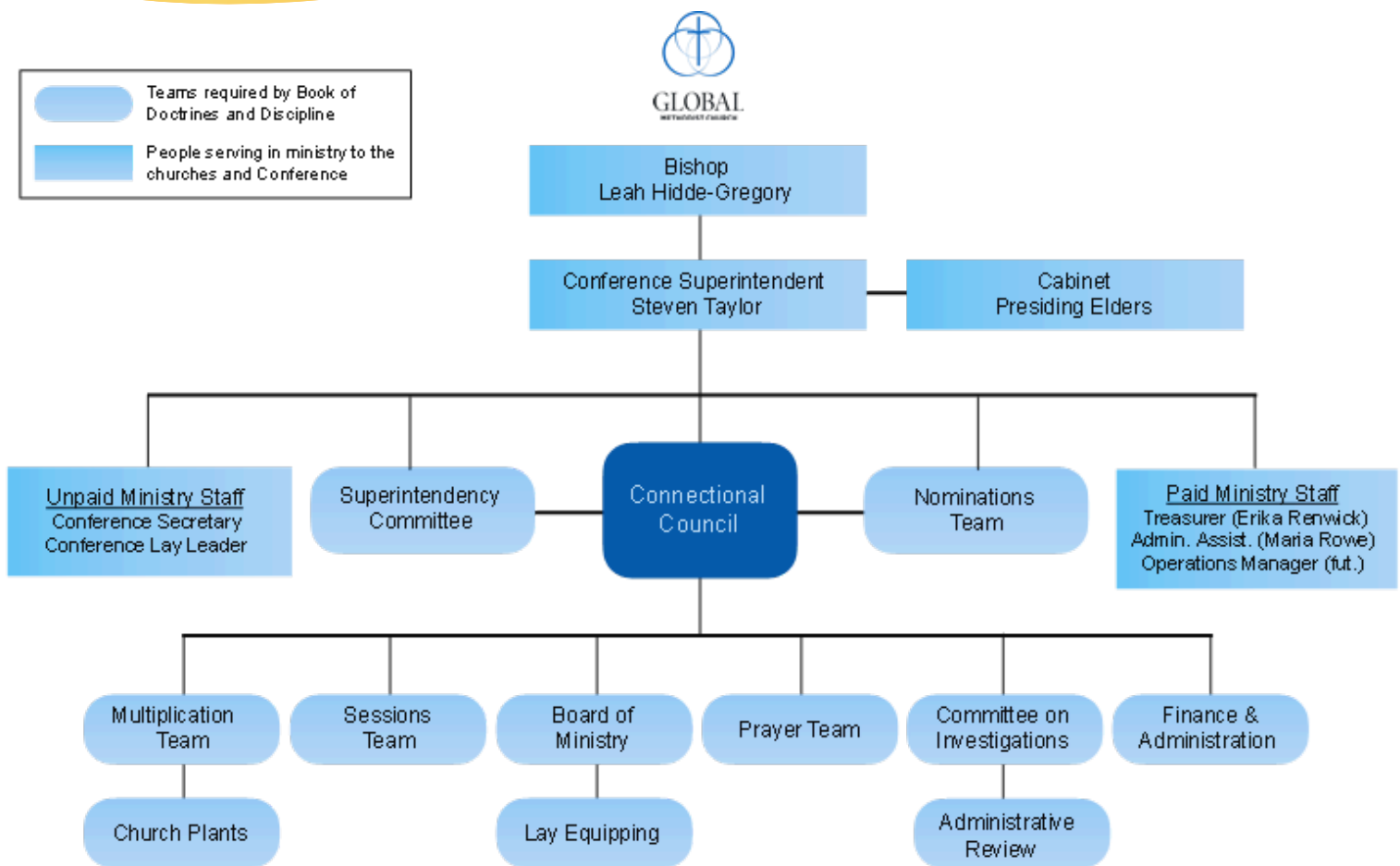
- **Rev. Rob Townsend**

- Bethel Church North East
    - Ebenezer Church
    - Leeds Church
    - Moores Chapel
    - Rock Hall Methodist Church
    - Shelemiah Church
    - St Johns Lewisville Church
    - Union Community Church
    - Wesley Chapel of Rock Hall
    - Wesley Church of Elkton

- **New Church Starts**

- **Rev Les Towsey**

# Northeast Annual Conference Organizational Chart



## 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.



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# NORTHEAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Detailed Agenda for May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>





# Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## 8.00 AM

- Ordinand Registration – Lobby

*This will be a separate check-in area from general registration. Please look for the clearly marked Registration area.*



## 8.30 AM – 10.00 AM

- Ordinand Continental Breakfast and Meeting with Bishop Gregory and the Board of Ministry – Gym

*This will be a time for the Bishop and BoM to meet with those being ordained. You will have received an invitation for this time if applicable.*



## 9.00 AM – 10.30 AM

- Registration-Welcome Desk

*Registration will not begin for delegates until 9 AM. You will receive your name tag, voting credentials if you are a lay or clergy delegate, printed booklet if ordered in advance, and more.*



## 10.30 AM – 11.30 AM

- Clergy Session – Gym with Rev. Kari Jones, Board of Ministry Chair & Rev. Thad Sales, Board of Ministry Registrar

*This is a closed session. Only clergy from the Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church are able to attend this session.*

- Laity Session – Sanctuary with Ms. Jacquelyn Kim, Conference Lay Leader

*The laity are the foundation of the Northeast Conference, and the Global Methodist Church as a whole. During the Laity session hear from our Conference Lay Leader on what our lay members have been doing, and the opportunities we have planned for 2025.*



## 11.30 AM – 1.30 PM

- Lunch Break

*If you pre-purchased boxed lunch meals, please go to the Gym to get your lunch.*

# Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**1.30 PM – 3.00 PM**



- **Opening Worship – Sanctuary**

Worship Team

**Speaker:** Ms. Cara Nicklas

**Scripture:** Psalm 51:6-9

*This service we will be Fanning the Flame...in our Hearts.  
How do we fan the flame of the Spirit in the core of our  
being with the power, love and self-discipline God provides?*

*We will be sharing in Holy Communion during this service  
through intinction; individual communion packages will be  
available at all stations if needed.*

**3.00 PM – 3.15 PM**



- **Break**

**3.15 PM – 5.00 PM**



- **Plenary I – Sanctuary**

Rev. Steve Taylor, Conference Superintendent

Rev. Charles Harrell, Parliamentarian

Conference Secretary

***Organization Motion:** Rev. Steve Taylor  
**Approval of 2025 Annual Conference Minutes:** Rev. Steve Taylor  
**Lay Equalization Member Election:** Rev. Steve Taylor  
**Adoption of Rules for the Annual Conference:** Rev. Steve Taylor  
**Election of Conference Secretary:** Rev. Steve Taylor  
**Res. 2025-3:** Lay Member Policy, Rev. Steve Taylor  
**Nominations Report:** Rev. Dan Fuller  
**Res. 2025-2:** Nominations Policy, Rev. Dan Fuller  
**Budget/Finance Report:** Ms. Erika Renwick &  
Ms. Gwen Harris-Montague*

**5.00 PM – 7.00 PM**



- **Dinner Break**

# Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## 7.00 PM – 8.00 PM

### • Plenary II – Sanctuary

Rev. Steve Taylor, Conference Superintendent

Rev. Charles Harrell, Parliamentarian

Conference Secretary

*Prayer and Intercession Team Report:* Rev. Leo Park

*Lay Equipping Team Report:* Ms. Jacqueline Kim

*Church Planting - Northeast:* Rev. Les Towsey

*Board of Ministry Report:* Rev. Kari Jones

*Celebration of Those Serving Beyond the Local Church:* Rev. Jerry Sieg

*Celebration of Retirees:* Rev. Steve Taylor

*Cabinet Report:* Rev. Rob Townsend

*Res. 2025-1: Clergy Appointive Process Policy,:* Rev. Rob Townsend

*Connectional Council Report - Approve Church Additions and*

*Disaffiliation:* Rev. Steve Taylor

*International Partnership Update:* Rev. Steve Taylor



## 8.00 PM – 9.00 PM

### • Worship – Sanctuary

Worship Team

**Speaker:** Rev. Guillem Correa

**Interpreter:** Rev. Manuel Valentin

**Scripture:** 1 Cor. 10:31, Col. 3:23

*Fanning the Flame...in our Homes. How do we fan the flame of the Spirit in our everyday lives with the power, love and self-discipline God provides?*

*During Thursday evening worship, we will have an offering for our international partnerships fund.*



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the globe while staying rooted in your  
local mission, we're here to help.**



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# Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**8.00 AM – 10.00 AM**



- Registration Open – Welcome Desk

**8.30 AM – 9.30 AM**



- Bible Study with Bishop Lowry – Sanctuary

*Bishop Lowry will lead a Bible study on 2 Timothy 1:6-8, our theme scripture for our Conference.*

- Prayer meeting with Rev. Leo Park – Youth Room

*Led by Rev. Leo Park and the members of the Aldersgate Renewal Ministries.*

**9.30 AM – 10.30 AM**



- Worship – Sanctuary

Worship Team

**Speaker:** Rev. Steve Taylor

**Scripture:** Hebrews 10:19-25

*Fanning the Flame...in our Churches. How do we fan the flame of the Spirit in our congregations with the power, love and self-discipline God provides?*

**10.30 AM – 12.00 PM**



- Plenary III – Sanctuary

Rev. Steve Taylor, Conference Superintendent

Rev. Charles Harrell, Parliamentarian

Conference Secretary

*Educational Opportunities Presentation: James Ridgway*

*Report from General Conference Delegation: Ms. Diana Briselli*

*General Conference Delegate Voting: Bishop Leah Gregory*

*Conference Business from Thursday*

*Sessions Report for 2026: Ms. Autumn Christine and Ms. Jess Sichel*

# Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## 12.00 PM – 1.30 PM

- Lunch Break

*If you pre-purchased boxed lunch meals, please go to the Gym to get your lunch.*



## 1.30 PM – 3.00 PM

- Plenary IV – Sanctuary

Rev. Steve Taylor, Conference Superintendent

Rev. Charles Harrell, Parliamentarian

Conference Secretary

*Completion of all business still left from prior plenary sessions*

- Healing Service – Sanctuary

Worship Team

Aldersgate Renewal Ministries

Northeast Conference Prayer and Intercession Team

*This will be a prayer service focused on making space for people to meet with the Lord and receive His healing in all areas of their lives.*



## 3.00 PM – 3.15 PM

- Break



## 3.15 PM – 5.00 PM

- Breakout Sessions

- “Church Planting” Session in the GYM  
*Led by Rev. Les Towsey, Chair of the Church Planting Team*
- “Q&A about the GMC” Session in the YOUTH ROOM  
*Led by Northeast Conference Leadership*
- “Scriptural Holiness and Intentional Discipleship” in the SANCTUARY  
*Led by Bishop Gregory*



# Friday May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**5.00 PM – 7.00 PM**

- Dinner Break



**7.00 PM – 8.45 PM**

- **Worship – Sanctuary**

Worship Team

**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. Terry Teykl



*Fanning the Flame...in our Communities. How do we fan the flame of the Spirit in our local mission fields with the power, love and self-discipline God provides?*

*Prepackaged elements will be distributed so that all those in attendance can partake together at the same time. Also included will be a time of offering for the Church planting fund.*

**8.45 PM – Completion**

- **Ordination/Ordinand Rehearsal-Sanctuary**







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# NORTHEAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## Appendix A: Legislation



## Organizing Motion

Be it resolved: that the Bishop and Conference Superintendent of the Northeast Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church do hereby call the first regular session of the Northeast Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church to order, on this the 8th day of May in the Year of our Lord, 2025, in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

## **Opening Prayer by the Bishop of the Conference**

**Sing: “And Are We Yet Alive”**

## Adoption of Conference Policies and Procedures

### **Presiding Officer**

Unless otherwise determined by the Bishop of the Conference, the Conference Superintendent shall preside over the session, assisted by a duly elected Conference Secretary and the appointed Conference Parliamentarian.

### **Quorum**

A quorum shall consist of those members present and voting at any session of the Conference.

### **Election of the Conference Secretary**

The Conference shall elect a secretary to keep all minutes of the session and assist the presiding officer in all duties administrative.

### **Election of the Equalizing Lay Members to Annual Conference**

Per ¶709.6 and ¶442.2. of the ***Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church***, the Conference shall affirm by vote all those who have been nominated as equalizing Lay Members at large to the Annual Conference. Those members have been duly nominated.

### **Business of the Conference**

The order of business of the daily sessions shall be prepared by the Conference Sessions Committee and the Secretary and stand as published in the Pre-Conference Reports Booklet and/or the published daily schedule during the Annual Conference. The Conference Sessions Committee, the Bishop, and the Conference Superintendent are authorized to make adjustments as necessary during the session.

### **Consent Calendar**

A Consent Calendar (CC) shall be provided, which shall contain all reports printed in the Pre-Conference Reports Booklet or other material as distributed by the Conference Sessions Committee, whether programmatic or administrative. Any report may be lifted from the CC by request of ten (10) members before the CC is presented to the Conference for adoption. A list of all reports assigned to the CC has been provided. No action item, resolution or petition shall be included on the consent calendar.

### **Bar of the Conference**

The Conference Secretary shall determine the bar of the Conference at the start of the session, and it shall be duly defined and announced. Voting on matters by members entitled to vote shall take place within that area.

### **Seating of Members**

No clergy or lay members, unless hindered by sickness or otherwise, shall be absent from the sessions of the Conference. An alternate lay member, in the absence of the lay member, may be seated with all the privileges and duties of the lay member. At no time shall the lay member and alternate lay member be seated at the same time during business sessions.

### **Rights for Motions**

A person seated in the Conference with the right to speak, but without vote, does not have the right to make a motion or second motions.

### **Securing the Floor**

A member desiring to speak to the Conference shall go to a microphone and will not speak until recognized by the Presiding Officer. On recognition, the member will first announce his/her name and charge or Conference relationship. The Presiding Officer shall recognize members in order and in various sections of the voting area in rotation.

No member who has the floor may be interrupted except for a point of order, a misrepresentation, a parliamentary inquiry, a point of information or to call attention that the time has arrived for a special order.

### **Speeches**

A) No member shall speak:

- (1) longer than three minutes, unless the time shall be extended or reduced by the Conference per the terms in B), below.
- (2) a second time on the same question if a member who has not spoken desires the floor.
- (3) more than twice on the same subject under the same motion.

B) Any extension or reduction of time shall be by motion and second and passed by a majority vote of the Conference members present and voting.

### **Voting Procedures**

Voting shall be by such method as announced at the beginning of the session and may include vote by a show of hands and voice, by standing, or by secret ballot. Secret ballots may be taken by written or electronic means. If the vote is in doubt after a show of hands and voice, the Presiding Officer may order a standing vote. A standing vote count may be ordered on call of any member supported by one-third of the members present and

voting. A vote by secret ballot may be ordered on call of any member, supported by one-third of the members present and voting. No other business shall be in order when a vote is being taken until the process is completed, except such as relates to the vote itself or such business as the Presiding Officer may deem appropriate. All vote counts shall be made by the Presiding Officer, the Bishop, the Secretary, unless otherwise Tellers or Counters are appointed. Voting count on electronic secret ballot shall be made by the Tech Team as necessary.

## Resolutions or Petitions to the Annual and General Conferences

### Resolutions of the Annual Conference

- a) Proposed Resolutions of the Annual Conference shall be submitted to the Conference Secretary, who, in consultation with the Conference Connectional Council, shall set the deadline for resolutions and announce same at least ninety days in advance of the deadline on the Conference website.
- b) Resolutions shall address a single issue which is only germane to the life, business, or ministry of the Northeast Annual Conference as a whole, and rationale shall be provided by the author to that end.
- c) Resolutions shall be reviewed by the Secretary for consistency with the current ***Book of Doctrines and Discipline*** and this policy.
- d) Resolutions shall be reviewed by the Conference Connectional Council, which entity shall report the Resolution to the Conference may optionally make a recommendation of concurrence or non-concurrence.
- e) Resolutions shall be on the Conference agenda the day before the last full day of plenary session.
- f) No resolution shall be made from the floor of the Annual Conference.
- g) Appeal process: If a resolution is disallowed from submission to the plenary, the Secretary shall promptly inform the submitter with the reasons. The submitter may appeal this decision by submitting, within 15 days, the submitter's justification for appeal, along with the signatures of at least 10 GMC clergy and 10 laity in good standing within the Northeast Conference. If such an appeal is received, the full Annual Conference will determine, by majority vote, if the petition will be calendared for debate.

### Petitions to the General Conference

As a matter of policy, the Northeast Annual Conference will not petition the General Conference as a full body. This policy does not restrict or remove any Annual Conference member's, entity's, or church's right to petition the General Conference in accordance with the ***Book of Doctrines and Discipline***.

## Proposals Requiring Funding

Any proposals requiring funding shall be referred to the Committee on Finance and Administration for consideration and recommendation before final action is taken by the Conference. Recommendations and motions which come before the Committee on Finance and Administration shall carry reasonable cost estimates of the total cost of the project, plus a statement as to the source of funds, in addition to the proposed benefits.



**Affirming Robert's Rules as determinative for decision-making and the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline* as the governing document.**

Be it resolved: The Northeast Annual Conference affirms Robert's Rules of Order (the most recent edition) as our normal process for group decision-making unless otherwise superseded by the policies and procedures adopted by the session as listed herein. Be it further resolved that all actions and legislation of the Northeast Annual Conference are subject to the most current edition of the ***Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church***.

**Approval of the Minutes**

Be it Resolved: The Conference approves the minutes of the 2024 Convening Session of the Northeast Annual Conference as previously printed and provided to the Conference Session by the Conference Sessions Committee.

## Conference Minutes from the 2024 Convening Annual Conference of the Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church

Business session opened at 11:10 am with Steve Taylor, President Pro Tempore, presiding and Matthew Sichel as secretary. Bishops Webb and Cho were present.

After information about how voting should proceed, we began work on the legislative portion of the conference. Steve Taylor reviewed the legislative agenda and other information.

Steve Taylor presented the omnibus legislation as previously presented to the Annual Conference. He expressed that the omnibus legislation is an affirmation of the work that was previously done by the TCAT. Steve invited the body to discussion on the legislation

Greg Witte asked for CC-15 to be lifted out of the omnibus legislation

Sal Bunnacore of Dover-Bethany. Have we discussed any other options for rules other than Robert Rules?

How were our presiding elders selected?

Presiding Elders are selected by the President Pro Temp. They were lifted by the TCAT and approved there in. There will be further discussion on how that will take place in the future. In this transitional season, there was vetting work done throughout the former UMC Conferences to lift up those who might lead. In areas where we had districts, we might have only had one Elder serving in that area. It was actually by God's Grace that we even had some PEs in those areas. It is the role of the President Pro Tem to put that group together. General Conference will provide further guidance on this process moving forward.

Bob Kirby addressed the Conference with regard to the Budget and Connectional Funding Report. Bob addressed the need of the Conference to focus on Jesus and the Holy Spirit so structure and budget needs to be focused on allowing God to do the work and not constraining that work with a lot of structure and policy. This echoes the previous comments of Leah Hidde- Gregory in the panel discussion.

Bob Kirby introduced Art Kendall to present the budget and answer questions. Bob presented his calling to his work in finance. He then presented the methods used for estimating income in the new Northeast Annual Conference. He presented the worksheet form to the churches. He called on the members of the AC to speak with their Treasurers to make sure that everyone knows how to handle sending connectional funding to the Annual Conference. Art then presented the expenses of the budget. Art said that reports for income are not ready yet, but things will come together. Thanks go to God for people who simply donated to the expenses for this session of the Annual Conference. Art put the call for anyone who might want to help with the financial bookkeeping for the Annual Conference.

Rob Pierson, Davis Memorial, brought question to where to bring the money that his church offered for the Conference.

Greg Louque, Brandenburg, asked for the location of the page for connectional funding on the webpage. Art described the location for those forms and how they should be completed. There are two forms, a worksheet for budgeting purposes and a remittance form

Jeanie Warner, Bethlehem-Stonepile could we please have the budget out ASAP and she noted that churches do their budgets in September or October.

Steve Taylor then read the Omnibus Resolution and presented that legislation to the Body, with the exception of CC15. The vote was opened and called. Vote tally was 217-1 in favor of the Omnibus Resolution. Initial report was for 218-0, but there was a slight mistake in the report.

Steve Taylor then called for the Ordinands to come for historic questions. Bishops Webb and Cho asked the historic questions and Steve Taylor prayed over the ordinands. This included a speech encouraging the local churches of the Annual Conference to find a culture of call in their churches and to fully financially support the educational needs of all who would enter the journey of ordained ministry.

Session adjourned for lunch.

Session resumed at 3:15pm with Steve Taylor in the chair. We picked up the amendment to CC-15 from Greg Witte from Cedar Grove.

- All Presiding Elders and an equal number of other clergy members from throughout the Conference.
- A number of lay persons equal to the total number of clergy members and representing all Northeastern districts shall be nominated to serve on the committee.

Amendment seconded and discussion opened.

Thad Sales had a speech against with concerns that we could not amend this, as it's mandated in the TBODD.

Rob Pierson spoke in favor, noting how important this idea of getting voices from across the Conference will be.

Faith Wilkerson spoke against the amendment, noting that this was simply a Transitional period, and we can move to this in aspiration, but brought some hesitancy about the idea of the amount of people.

Anne McCorkle Garrett stood to speak in favor of this amendment, noting that this policy would be something we *can amend* as it was policy.

John Lake spoke and asked for clarification for how a committee this large would function (and pressed his rhetorical point), noting that committees over 13 people can become unwieldy.

The Amendment was approved by a vote of 142-60-2.

There being no further discussion, the question proceeded to a vote on the entire question on CC-15.

The question on CC-15 passed as amended with a vote of 199-11-3.

Steven then advised the body that in full transparency, the full vote on the Omnibus Bill was not unanimous.

Legislation concluded and then the body moved to voting for the delegates. Bishop Webb presided as Steve Taylor was a candidate for delegate. Bishop Webb spoke on the importance of spiritual discernment in the choosing of delegates. He called the body to remember Samuel working to anoint the next King of Israel, and that out of Jesse's children, God looked upon the heart and not the exterior. It was David whom God chose.

Bishop Webb explained that NE was allocated 4 clergy and 4 laity delegates with 1 alternate and 1 reserve. Because the amounts may increase as churches come into the GMC, it was determined that we should elect 8 clergy and 8 laity in order to cover the issues of additional people.

Carl came again to explain how the voting system will work. It was determined to take a ballot of 6 for the first round, and then 2 for the final round. Clergy took the first ballot.

First ballot for clergy elected 4 delegates:

Steven Taylor 89  
Kari Jones 70  
Emily Allen 68  
Thadius Sales 66  
Matthew Sichel 54  
Rob Townsend 47  
Faith Wilkerson 40  
Todd Christine 33  
Ho Kang 32  
Rick Ladue 27

57 for an election.

Laity took a ballot following the clergy.

Diana Briselli 99  
Lara Sandell 80  
Walter Warriner 73  
Cora Doram 72  
Dennis Rader 70  
Murray Drummond 68  
Carl Samans 59  
David Molik 55  
Arnie Fritzius 34



53 for an election

Clergy then took another ballot for two to fill out the delegation with an alternate and a reserve.  
There was no election.

Matthew Sichel 34  
Rob Townsend 27  
Rick Ladue 24  
Faith Wilkerson 24  
Ho Kang 23  
Todd Christine 16  
Salvadore Buonocore 12  
Jae Chang 9  
Anne McCorkle Garrett 9  
Joseph Saunders 9

Clergy took another ballot.  
There was one election.

Matthew Sichel 56  
Rob Townsend 55  
Rick LaDue 25  
Faith Wilkerson 22  
Ho Kang 17  
Todd Christine 8  
Salvadore Buonocore 7  
Jae Chang 5  
Anne McCorkle Garrett 5  
Mike Kerzee 4

56 needed for an election

The clergy took another ballot.

Rob Townsend 63  
Rick LaDue 13  
Faith Wilkerson 12  
Todd Christine 6  
Salvadore Buonocore 4  
Ho Kang 4  
Jae Chang 2  
Anne McCorkle Garrett 2  
Robert Kaylor 2  
Mike Kerzee 1

57 needed for an election. We had one election. Clergy official delegation was complete; therefore, we turned to laity reserves.

Carl Samans 81  
David Molik 73  
Arnie Fritzius 47

53 needed for an election. We had two elections. Laity delegation is now complete with reserves; therefore, we turned to clergy reserves.

Faith Wilkerson 47  
Rick LaDue 34  
Ho Kang 28  
Todd Christine 21  
Joseph Saunders 15  
Anne McCorkle Garrett 12  
Jae Chang 10  
Emily Buonacore 9  
Salvadore Buonocore 8  
Patricia Molik 8

56 were needed for an election. There was no election. Clergy took another ballot. Faith Wilkerson was elected on the final ballot with 87 votes.

Election business completed, the business portion of the Annual Conference adjourned at 5:00pm with the entire elected delegation appearing before the body for recognition.

## Resolution for 2025 Northeast Annual Conference of the GMC

### Resolution # 2025-1

#### **Modifying the Clergy Appointive Process Policy for the Northeast Annual Conference**

Whereas: An effective clergy appointive process is essential to the spiritual and temporal wellbeing of our churches and clergy,

And whereas, the 2024 ***Book of Doctrines and Discipline*** contains substantial updates to the appointive process.

and whereas our Conference continues to learn and adapt as we and the denomination form and grow,

Therefore, be it resolved: The Northeast Annual Conference modifies the appointive process policy previously adopted at the 2024 Convening Conference as outlined below:

The minimum considerations and criteria for appointment-making shall be as set forth in ¶610 of the ***Book of Doctrines and Discipline*** (BD&D). Additionally, it is our desire to live into the ***Appointive Process Policy*** described below to the extent possible, realizing there may be times and circumstances when the process may be modified and adapted to specific circumstances.

1. The Conference Superintendent and Presiding Elders of the Districts shall comprise the Cabinet (the Cabinet) of the Northeast Annual Conference. As more churches are brought into the conference, appropriate representation will be sought so that the needs of the local church and clergy can best be represented, and their needs met. The Cabinet shall be as close as feasible to a representation of the people, the groups, and the regional identities of the area known as the Northeast.
2. The Cabinet will make attempts to acquire an up-to-date profile from all churches and clergy within their geographical area to form a model and a starting reference point for current and future appointment needs.
3. The Cabinet will work with the Dean of the Cabinet to maintain a confidential list of open or opening ministry settings and potential clergy, who will or may need an appointment. The Cabinet may be divided into regional teams to do the detailed work of appointments.
4. There will be an online database accessible only to members of the Cabinet to maintain all the church and clergy profiles of the Northeast Annual Conference. All attempts will be made to get a current (within the previous four months) profile from all churches and clergy seeking an appointment or an appointment change. When helpful, the Presiding Elder for the church or ministry setting needing an appointment may meet with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee or equivalent body

(SPRC) to understand and clarify church needs. The Cabinet (or a regional team thereof) will evaluate all potential clergy candidates for an appointment.

5. If a member of the Northeast Cabinet is identified as a potential candidate, or if their current church is under consideration for a new appointment, he or she shall recuse themselves from the remainder of the process. After much prayer, paying particular attention to the missional needs of the congregation or ministry setting, the Cabinet or regional team will create a list of two or three potential clergy for appointment to that setting. The Cabinet will seek to give fair consideration to the diverse pool of clergy within the Northeast Annual Conference, including, but not limited to, diversity of age, gender, culture, ethnicity, skill set, and other pertinent characteristics specific to the particular appointment being considered. Before proceeding further, the cabinet or regional team will check with the potential clergy to be sure they are willing to consider such an appointment.
6. The Presiding Elder will also give the church profile to those potential candidates for the appointment, and they will ask them to prayerfully consider the ministry context. Upon prayerful consideration, the clergypersons will give the Presiding Elder a report on the potential for ministry, within that context, in as judicious a timeframe as possible. These reports will include:
  - a. What strengths will he or she bring to the ministry context under consideration?
  - b. What areas of concern does he or she have about their potential fit for the ministry context?
  - c. Is there a designation by the clergyperson as to whether he or she sees this ministry setting as a **great** potential fit, a **good** potential fit, a congregation or ministry setting he or she is willing to prayerfully work with, or a congregation or ministry setting to which he or she will not accept appointment?
7. The Presiding Elder will issue the clergy profiles of the candidates for the ministry setting under consideration to the SPRC for their review. The Presiding Elder may offer some guidance with the profiles (reflecting the thoughts of the Cabinet or regional sub-team about how a particular candidate may fit with the church). The Presiding Elder will also instruct the SPRC that names and information about candidates must be kept strictly confidential within the SPRC throughout the process until an appointment is approved by the Conference Superintendent and finalized by the assigned Bishop. When requested by the SPRC, current pastors of the church or ministry setting may be involved in development/update of the church profile, but they shall recuse themselves from the candidate review and discernment process. The SPRC will review the clergy profiles prayerfully and completely. They will give the Presiding Elder a report on the potential for ministry of each candidate in as judicious a timeframe as possible.



These reports will include the following responses:

- a. What strengths does the SPRC believe each candidate will bring to the ministry context?
  - b. What areas of concern does the SPRC have about the candidates potential fit for their ministry context?
  - c. Is there a designation by the SPRC as to whether this candidate might be a **great** potential fit, a **good** potential fit, a candidate they are willing to prayerfully work with, or a candidate they will not accept?
8. The Cabinet or regional team will receive the reports of the SPRC and clergy persons, and they will prayerfully consider which appointment(s), if any, will meet the needs of the ministry context, the clergy, the needs of the Northeast Annual Conference, and the Global Methodist Church. Making what they believe to be the best God-honoring decision the full Cabinet (considering advice of the regional team, if any ) will rank their top 2-3 choices in order to present, one at a time, to the ministry setting for a meeting/interview. If the SPRC clearly identifies one preferred candidate, but that candidate is not the Cabinet's first choice, then the SPRC will be asked to interview both candidates before entering into prayer and discernment (as outlined in #10 below).
  9. The Presiding Elder will schedule a meeting between the first candidate and the members of the SPRC. This meeting will give sufficient time to allow the ministry candidate and the SPRC to get to know one another.
  10. The Presiding Elder will moderate the scheduled meeting to facilitate the discernment process and will note at the beginning of the meeting that no final decisions regarding the appointment will be made at this meeting. The Presiding Elder may ask questions for clarification or ensure that pertinent information is made known, but the Presiding Elder should not seek to influence the discussion during completion of the meeting. The SPRC and clergyperson will be encouraged to enter an intentional time of prayer and discernment (of at least 3 days). After a reasonable time, both parties will let the Presiding Elder know of their intentions to either receive or not receive this appointment. If there are reasonable concerns made that this might not be the best match by either the SPRC or the clergyperson, the discernment process continues and additional candidates may be presented, one at a time to the SPRC for a meeting/interview. As stated in 610.7 of the **Book of Doctrines and Discipline**, "Churches and pastors have the right to decline a proposed appointment without malice, understanding there are factors like available personnel and available appointments that may extend the time when churches are served by pulpit supply."
  11. If an SPRC prefers to lead their own search process, they may do so if approved by the Presiding Elder and Conference Superintendent, and in accordance with 610.7 of the BD&D.

12. Upon completion of an agreed upon appointment match, the Presiding Elder will complete the Change of Appointment form and related forms and send it to the Conference Superintendent, who in turns submits it to the bishop, who will fix the appointment, if approved. As required by 603.8 of the ***Book of Doctrines and Discipline*** the appointment is not finalized until the bishop fixes the appointment.

### **Ongoing care of appointments**

1. The Global Methodist Church seeks to nurture long-term appointments.
2. The clergy and SPRC should meet soon after a new appointment and agree to a Pastor-Church Covenant customized for the ministry setting.
3. Each church or ministry setting's SPRC should conduct an annual review of the appointed clergy in accordance with the BD&D 445.8d. This review shall be conducted confidentially. A portion of this time should be a discussion with the pastor about how the Pastor-Church Covenant is being lived into and about any updates that need to be made. The pastor is encouraged to voluntarily excuse him or herself from the meeting when the SPRC formulates their review. Promptly following completion, the SPRC Chair (or the full SPRC) shall meet with the pastor and share the results of the review and any recommendations.
4. In the format provided by the Cabinet, each church or ministry setting's SPRC will be asked to submit a report to the Presiding Elder before the church/charge conference each year. This report will briefly summarize how the Pastor-Church Covenant is being lived into, and provide an opportunity to give feedback to the Presiding Elder. An SPRC may also request to meet with their Presiding Elder at any time.
5. When a change of appointment has been requested by a clergy person or an SPRC, the Cabinet will work throughout the year to comprehensively discern the best matches for new appointments across the Conference. After a change of appointment has been requested, the Pastor and Church will enter into a signed covenant to transition well and prepare for the next pastor in that church.
6. Although there will be exceptions, the Cabinet will generally attempt to schedule ordinary changes of appointments to occur during the summer months, in a manner that minimizes the time churches are without a clergy person.

**Resolution for 2025 Northeast Annual Conference of the GMC**  
**Presented by the 2025 Interim Nominations and Leadership Committee**  
**Resolution # 2025-2**

**Composition, Selection Process, and Operating Guidance for the Nominations and Leadership Committee of the Northeast Annual Conference**

Whereas, The Nominations and Leadership Committee is responsible for nominating clergy and laity to serve on various annual conference committees and boards;

and whereas, It is important to ensure that all geographic areas and constituencies of our Annual Conference are well represented, and that all laity and clergy have a participatory voice in choosing their leadership;

and whereas, BD&D ¶710.5a states that the Annual Conference shall set the number of members of the Nominations and Leadership Committee, and BD&D ¶709.12 states that Annual Conferences may adopt rules for their own governance, provided they do not conflict with the requirements of the BD&D;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

The Nominations and Leadership Committee of the Northeast Annual Conference shall be composed of one representative for each district of the Annual Conference, along with the Conference Superintendent and up to five members at-large. In accordance with the BD&D, the committee shall include equal numbers of laity and clergy, and at least one member shall be a presiding elder.

It is the Annual Conference's preference that the committee be composed such that approximately:

- ½ of the districts will be represented by a clergy person from the district who is chosen by the clergy in the district (this may include the presiding elder)\*
- ½ of the districts will be represented by a lay person from the district who is chosen by the laity in the district\*
- Up to five additional members at-large may be nominated by the Conference Superintendent to promote diversity or to obtain specific gifts, skills, or expertise. One of these member-at-large shall be a presiding elder if one wasn't elected from a district. The member-at-large positions will be distributed between laity and clergy such that the total number of positions on the committee (including the Conference Superintendent) is equally divided between laity and clergy for each election cycle.

For each district, an election shall be held to determine the preferred candidate. This election may be held at an in-person or online district meeting, with the method being chosen by the Presiding Elder. At least 30 days prior to the election, the district's Presiding Elder shall publicly solicit volunteers/nominees, which may submit statements of no longer than 300 words on why the candidate is appropriate for the position. These statements shall be published to the district at least 15 days prior to the election. The person receiving the most votes shall be the recommended candidate for the district.

(\* In accordance with BD&D ¶710.5a, the Conference Superintendent makes the final determination on who to nominate to Nominations and Leadership Committee for election by the Annual Conference. The Conference Superintendent may determine to nominate persons other than those chosen by the districts as preferred candidates. The Annual Conference has the final choice on whether to elect the nominees.)

The representative for each district shall alternate between laity and clergy when their terms of office expire. A draft initial rotation plan is attached, with districts being divided into classes and the initial term lengths staggered to produce a uniform rotation. (This initial plan may be adjusted by the Conference Superintendent if the boundaries or number of active districts changes prior to the initial elections.) Following the initial rotation, all terms will be for a period of 6 years and members may not succeed themselves. If the number of districts changes, the Nominations and Leadership Committee may, as terms expire, adjust the rotation to approximately maintain an equal lay/clergy ratio. If a vacancy of a district representative occurs mid-term, an election of a preferred candidate of the same type (laity, clergy) may be held at the next district meeting, followed by nomination or interim appointment by the Conference Superintendent. If a vacancy of a member-at-large occurs mid-term, it may be filled by nomination or interim appointment by the Conference Superintendent.

Initial district elections of preferred candidates to populate the committee shall be held prior to December 15, 2025 and those chosen shall, once appointed by the Conference Superintendent, serve as interim members until election by the annual conference in 2026. Terms shall end on June 30th of the class year. Future district elections shall be held at least 3 months prior to the Annual Conference at which nominees will be elected.

### **Operating Guidance**

During the annual nominations process, the Nominations and Leadership Committee is encouraged to seek input from: presiding elders, annual conference committee chairs, and lay leaders; and issue an annual survey for nominees and volunteers to the full annual conference contact list. As the committee makes nominations, they are encouraged to be mindful of promoting diversity, specific gifts, skills, or expertise.



## DRAFT INITIAL ROTATION PLAN

<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>In Initial Rotation Represented By</u></b>	<b><u>Class of</u></b>
<b>Delaware</b>	Laity	2029
<b>MD &amp; WV</b>	Clergy	2032
<b>MD-Cent</b>	Laity	2032
<b>MD-E</b>	Clergy	2032
<b>MD-N</b>	Laity	2029
<b>New England E</b>	Clergy	2029
<b>New England W</b>	Laity	2032
<b>New England S</b>	Laity	2029
<b>NY City &amp; NJ</b>	Clergy	2029
<b>NY-Adirondack</b>	Laity	2029
<b>NY-Binghamton</b>	Clergy	2032
<b>NY-Buffalo</b>	Laity	2032
<b>NY-Chautauqua</b>	Clergy	2032
<b>NY-Elmira</b>	Laity	2029
<b>NY-Jamestown</b>	Laity	2032
<b>NY-Rochester</b>	Clergy	2029
<b>NY-Rome</b>	Clergy	2029
<b>PA-Breezewood</b>	Laity	2029
<b>PA-East York</b>	Laity	2032
<b>PA-Harrisburg</b>	Clergy	2032
<b>PA-Hershey</b>	Clergy	2032
<b>PA-Philadelphia</b>	Laity	2029
<b>PA-W York/Adams</b>	Clergy	2029
<b>PA-Wilkes Barre</b>	Laity	2032
<b>PA-Williamsport</b>	Clergy	2029
<b>Conference Sup't.</b>	Clergy	N/A
<b>Member-at-Large</b>	Laity	2032
<b>Member-at-Large</b>	Clergy	2029
<b>Member-at-Large</b>	Laity	2032
<b>Member-at-Large</b>	Clergy	2032

## **Resolution for 2025 Northeast Annual Conference of the GMC** **Presented by Rev. Steven Taylor**

### **Resolution # 2025-3**

#### **Policy for Election of Lay Members to the Northeast Annual Conference**

Each church (not charge) will elect a Lay Member to Annual Conference at a Church or Charge Conference at least 60 days prior to the beginning of the Northeast Annual Conference. If lay persons are elected from a Charge that includes one appointed clergy and more than one church, the name of the Lay Member from the second church shall be forwarded to [Maria.Rowe@northeastgmc.org](mailto:Maria.Rowe@northeastgmc.org) for tracking a list of lay members to Annual Conference.

Any church that has more than one appointed Clergy, would have an equal number of Lay Members to Clergy.

Churches that are currently being served by a Certified Lay Minister in a pastoral role, may elect that CLM as a Lay Member to Annual Conference, in addition to a Lay Member from the congregation. The name of the Lay Member and CLM shall be forwarded to [Maria.Rowe@northeastgmc.org](mailto:Maria.Rowe@northeastgmc.org) for tracking a list of lay members to Annual Conference.

Any Lay Persons who serve as a member of a Conference Board (Board of Ministry, Superintendency Committee, Finance and Administration, Administrative Review, Committee on Investigations, Church Planting and Strategy Team, Prayer Steering Team, and Nominations Team) would be a Lay Member to Annual Conference.

Any Lay Persons who serve on a Global Methodist General Commission would be a Lay Member to Annual Conference.

The Connectional Council may assign/appoint others to serve as Lay Members of Annual Conference up to 30 days prior to Annual Conference.

In accordance with the constitution of the GMC, (para. 207), the Annual Conference shall be composed of clergy, both active and retired, as well as an equal number of lay members. The conference Administrative assistant will track the number of additional lay members submitted from the categories above. If the laity exceed clergy, then the Connectional Council will reduce the lay member seats as required, starting with categories 6, 5, and 4 in that order. This reduction will be performed before the opening of Annual Conference registration.

In accordance with the Book of Doctrines & Discipline (para. 708.1), all equalizing lay members (as detailed above) will need to be elected. A list of all equalizing lay members not elected by their church / charge conference (categories 4,5,6) (including the category they qualify under) will be presented at the beginning of each annual conference for election by the previously elected lay members. Other nominations may be made from the floor.



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## SOLUTION

ARM encourages dialogue within the Wesleyan Theology streams and seeks to interpret the movement of the Holy Spirit to the church. We celebrate the richness of our Wesleyan heritage and history, recognizing that John Wesley's theology of grace is, in fact, a theology of the Holy Spirit.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### 1. Ministry to Clergy & Ministry Leaders

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### 2. Annual Family Renewal Events

Usually a family event with teaching, worship, and prayer for all ages.

### 3. Local Church Renewal Events

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### 4. ARC Events

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## AT A GLANCE CHALLENGES

- Fear of the Holy Spirit
- No understanding of the Holy Spirit
- Disconnect between the Word and Spirit

## BENEFITS

- Opportunity to embrace the Holy Spirit
- Hands-on teaching and equipping with Holy Spirit Activation
- Connecting Word and Spirit



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# NORTHEAST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## Appendix B: Reports





**2025 Nominations and Leadership Report**  
**Northeast Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church**

Greetings in the name of Jesus!

In conformance with the legislation passed at our 2024 Convening Annual Conference, a large interim Nominations and Leadership Committee was assembled early this year. The committee has worked diligently and prayerfully to prepare a full slate of nominees and propose conference-specific details and rules needed to help insure stability for the future.

In general, persons already elected in 2024 and those serving on an interim basis were asked to continue in their positions. Volunteers and nominees for open positions were solicited conference-wide and then prayerfully selected by the Nominations and Leadership Committee. In order to secure experience and stability, members of each committee and team have been divided into the classes indicated.

The Nominations and Leadership Committee presents the attached report for review and approval by the 2025 Northeast Annual Conference. A separate resolution will also be presented proposing the size, selection process, and structure for future Nominations and Leadership Committees.

**General Notes Applicable to All Committees & Teams:**

1. Text in ***bold italics*** represents new nominees and new rules for approval by the 2025 Northeast Annual Conference(NEAC)
2. ***All terms end on June 30th of the Class Year listed unless otherwise noted***
3. \* = Persons elected by the 2024 AC – ***Confirm continuation of term at 2025 NEAC***
4. ^ = Persons appointed on interim basis following the 2024 AC - ***Elect at 2025 NEAC***
5. ( ) = The number of consecutive terms served by a person if greater than one
6. TBEC= Officer To Be Elected by the Committee/Team from its members
7. BD&D = The 2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church

## CONNECTIONAL COUNCIL

**Committee Description:** The Connectional Council (or equivalent body) shall meet for the purpose of communication and coordination of ministry among the boards and committees of the Annual Conference.

**BD&D Requirements (§710.1) :** Members shall include: Conf. Sup't, Cabinet Rep., AC Sec'y, AC Lay Leader, Any other Conference Officer elected by AC, (optionally) Members at Large who are nominated by Nominations and Leadership Committee (to promote diversity or to obtain specific gifts, skills, or expertise) and elected by the Annual Conference, and appropriate Conf. Staff Persons as determined by Conf. Sup't. (with voice only). The Committee shall have an equal number of laity and clergy (**NEAC assumption - voting members**). The Conference Superintendent is appointed by the Bishop, serves an initial term of 6 years, and may be extended for up to twelve years total service.

**NEAC rules:** *The committee may have up to 6 members at large (2 clergy & 4 laity) with 3-year terms that may be renewed once. The Annual Conference Lay Leader shall serve a 3-year term that may be renewed once. The Annual Conference Secretary shall be elected for a one-year renewable term at each annual conference. The Conference Sup't. shall chair the Council. The Council shall elect from its membership a Vice Chairperson with a one-year renewable term.*

Class	Role	Name	Clergy/Laity
12/31/2030	Conference Sup't & Council Chair	Steven Taylor*	Clergy
2026	Conference Secretary	<b>Matthew Sichel* (2)</b>	Clergy
N/A	Dean of Cabinet/Cabinet Rep. (elected by cabinet)	Rob Townsend*	Clergy
2028	Conference Lay Leader	Jacqueline Kim^	Laity
	Council Vice-Chair (2025-2026)	<b>TBEC</b>	
2026	At Large member	<b>Wendy McVeigh</b> ^	Laity
2026	At Large member	<b>Debbie Burgio</b> ^	Clergy
2027	At Large member	<b>Beth Rogers</b> ^	Laity
2027	At Large member	<b>Dennis Rader</b>	Laity
2028	At Large member	<b>intentionally vacant</b>	Clergy
2028	At Large member	<b>intentionally vacant</b>	Laity
N/A	Board of Ministry Chair (voice only)	Kari Jones	Clergy
N/A	Superintendency Chair (voice only)	Todd Christine	Clergy
N/A	Finance and Administration Chair (voice only)	Gwen Harris-Montague	Laity
N/A	Sessions Team Chair (voice only)	Autumn Christine	Laity
N/A	Conf. Prayer & Intercession Leader (voice only)	Leo Park	Clergy
N/A	Church Planting Strategist (voice only)	Les Towsey	Clergy
N/A	Media and Communications Chair (voice only)	Diane Hopkins	Laity
N/A	Conference Treasurer (voice only)	Erika Renwick	<b>Laity</b>
N/A	Conference Admin. Assist. (voice only)	Maria Rowe	<b>Laity</b>

## **BOARD OF MINISTRY**

**Committee Description:** The Board of Ministry shall be responsible for overseeing the recruiting and credentialing of clergy for the furtherance of the mission of the Global Methodist Church.

**BD&D Requirements (§710.2):** Nominated by Conference Superintendent and elected by the Annual Conference. Includes Elders, Deacons, and Laity. Members serve 6 years and can succeed themselves once. No more than 1/3 of the board may be laity. Committee Size: To be determined by AC. Officers elected by simple majority, and time in office is determined in years by the AC

**NEAC rules: *The committee shall be composed of up to 26 persons. Officers shall have three-year, renewable terms. A Registrar is established as an officer.***

<b>Class</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Clergy/Laity</b>
2030	<b>Chair (2024-2027)</b>	Kari Jones* Mark	Clergy
2030	<b>Vice-Chair (2024-2027)</b>	Farnell* Linda	Clergy
2030	<b>Secretary (2024-2027)</b>	Douglas Smith*	Clergy
2030	<b>Registrar (2024-2027)</b>	Thadius Sales*	Clergy
2029		Mary Jean Simonin*	Clergy
2029		Neil Cleveland*	Laity
2029		Eugene McCallips	Clergy
2029		David Cooke*	Clergy
2028		Edwin Jaqua	Clergy
2028		Murray Drummond*	Laity
2028		Josh Wargo*	Clergy
2028		Jerry Sieg*	Clergy
2027		Joshua Davinsizer*	Clergy
2027		<b>Cheryl Snyder</b>	Clergy
2027		SuneAe Lee-Koo*	Clergy
2027		Erin Mueller*	Laity
2026		Cora Doram*	Laity
2026		Matt Sichel*	Clergy
2026		intentionally vacant	Clergy or Laity
2026		Leo Park*	Clergy
2026		Cindy Makarchuck*	Clergy
2030		intentionally vacant	Clergy or Laity
2031		Allyce Logue^	Clergy
2031		Charles Harrell^	Clergy
2031		<b>Roger Frederick</b>	Clergy
2031		intentionally vacant	Clergy or Laity

## **SUPERINTENDENCY COMMITTEE**

**Committee Description:** The Superintendency Committee shall be responsible to support the Conference Superintendent in the oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Global Methodist Church, with special reference to the area where the Conference Superintendent has residential responsibility.

**BD&D Requirements (§710.3):** Nominated by the annual conference nominations and leadership committee and elected by the annual conference. Must have 6-12 members with equal numbers of laity and clergy. 6 year term, no succession. Cannot be conference staff or member of conference superintendent's family. Conference superintendent serves with voice, no vote. Officers elected by simple majority, and time in office is determined in years by the AC

**NEAC rules: Officers shall have 3 year, renewable terms.**

Class	Role	Name	Clergy/Laity
	<b>Chair (2025-2028)</b>	TBEC	
	<b>Vice-Chair (2025-2028)</b>	TBEC	
	<b>Secretary (2025-2028)</b>	TBEC	
2030		<b><i>Karen L. McCaffery</i></b> ^	Clergy
2030		<b><i>Margaret Perry</i></b>	Laity
2029		Todd Christine^	Clergy
2029		Brenda Roof^	Laity
2028		Trisha JoAnn Guise^	Clergy
2028		Diana M. Briselli^	Laity
2027		David Bennett^	Clergy
2027		Francine Edwards^	Laity
2026		Gordon Edwards^	Clergy
2026		Carmen Hamilton^	Laity
2031		<b><i>James 'Mike' Kerzee</i></b>	Clergy
2031		<b><i>Russ Stibitz</i></b>	Laity
N/A	<b>Conference Sup't (voice only)</b>	Steven Taylor	clergy



## **FINANCE and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**Committee Description:** The Finance and Administration Committee shall be responsible to develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, budgets, procedures, and management services for the annual conference.

**BD&D Requirements (§710.4):** Nomination by nominations and leadership committee and elected by the annual conference. Annual conference sets number of members. The committee shall include equal numbers of laity and clergy. Members serve 6 years and may succeed themselves once. The conference superintendent, one presiding elder (CS's choice) and conf. treasurer serve with voice but no vote. Officers elected by simple majority, and time in office is determined in years by the AC

**NEAC Rules:** *The committee shall have up to 8 at-large members. Officers shall have 3-year, renewable terms.*

Class	Role	Name	Clergy/Laity
2030	Chair (2024-2027)	Gwen Harris-Montegut*	Laity
	Vice-Chair (2024-2027)	TBEC	
2029	Secretary (2024 -2027)	Celinda McQuiston*	Laity
2028		Gregory John Louque*	Clergy
2027		Jerry Thomas*	Laity
2026		Dave Humphrey*	Clergy
2031		Matthew Armstrong*	Laity
2029		<b>Alan Jones</b>	<b>Clergy</b>
2031		<b>Krystl Gauld</b>	<b>Clergy</b>
N/A	Conference Sup't (voice only)	Steven Taylor	Clergy
N/A	Cabinet Representative (voice only)	TBD	<b>Clergy</b>
N/A	Treasurer (voice only)	Erika Renwick	Laity
N/A	Assistant Treasurer (voice only)	Art Kendall	Laity

## **NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Committee Description:** The Nominations and Leadership Committee shall be responsible for nominating clergy and laity to serve on annual conference committees and boards.

**BD&D Requirements (§710.5):** Members nominated by conference superintendent and elected by AC. Number of members set by AC. The committee shall include equal numbers of laity and clergy. Members serve six years but cannot succeed themselves. Conference superintendent and one presiding elder serve with voice and vote in addition to the other clergy and laity elected. Officers elected by simple majority, and time in office is determined in years by the AC (propose 3-year, renewable terms for officers). Conference superintendent serves as Chair.

**NEAC Rules:** *(Legislation is pending establishing the committee size, selection process, and structure - for approval by the 2025 NEAC)*

## COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION

**Committee Description:** The Committee on Investigation shall be responsible for considering judicial complaints against clergy as set out in Part Nine: Judicial Administration of this Book of Doctrines and Discipline and specifically ¶910.2.

**BD&D Requirements (¶710.6):** Seven members (4 ordained clergy and 3 laity) and seven alternates (4 ordained clergy and 3 laity). No one can be on BoM or the cabinet, or their immediate family members. Serve three years and may succeed once. Conference superintendent nominates persons for the committee, in consultation with the board of ministry (for clergy members). Annual conference shall elect the committee, with power to elect additional members or alternates during the term of office as needed. Committee members shall elect a Chair and Secretary.

**NEAC Rules: Officers shall serve 1-year, renewable terms.**

Class of	Role	Name	Clergy/Laity
	<b>Chair</b>	TBEC	
	<b>Secretary</b>	TBEC	
2028	<b>Member</b>	Diana M. Briselli^	Laity
2027	<b>Member</b>	David Molik*	Laity
2026	<b>Member</b>	Dennis Rader*	Laity
2028	<b>Member</b>	<b>Douglas Mellott</b>	Clergy
2028	<b>Member</b>	<b>John Marshall</b>	Clergy
2027	<b>Member</b>	<b>Linda Haight</b>	Clergy
2026	<b>Member</b>	<b>Timothy Beardsley</b>	Clergy
2026	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Janet McNeal</b>	Laity
2027	<b>Alternate</b>	Dave Corretore (alternate)*	Laity
2028	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Patrick Rardon</b>	Laity
2026	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Wayne Clemens</b>	Clergy
2027	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Erika Sollenberger</b>	Clergy
2027	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Kelly Warner</b>	Clergy
2028	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>David McElwee</b>	Clergy

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**Committee Description:** The Administrative Review Committee (§ 906.2) shall be responsible for ensuring that the disciplinary procedures for resolving a substantiated administrative complaint are properly followed as required by Judicial Practices and Procedures 5.2 and fair process (§905).

**BD&D Requirements (§710.7):** Composed of three ordained clergy members and two alternates. Cannot be members of BoM or immediate family. Serve three years and may succeed themselves once. Conference superintendent nominates, elected by clergy session. Committee shall elect a Chair and Secretary and organize itself at the annual conference following the election.

**NEAC Rules: Officers shall serve 1-year, renewable terms.**

Class	Role	Name	Clergy/Laity
2028	Chair (2024-2025)	Daniel Thomas Gedman^	Elder
2027	Secretary (2024-2025)	Patti Molik*	Elder
2026	Member	Todd Christine*	Elder
2028	Alternate	<b><i>Paul Winkelman</i></b>	Elder
2027	Alternate	<b><i>Emily Allen</i></b>	Deacon



## **CABINET – PRESIDING ELDERS**

**Committee Description:** As an extension of the Office of the Bishop and Conference Superintendent, the Presiding Elder shall oversee the ministry of the clergy and churches in the communities of the district to which they are appointed. Presiding Elders are members of the Cabinet, which is convened and supervised by the Conference Superintendent

**BD&D Requirements (§608-609):** Appointed by the bishop upon the recommendation of the conference superintendent. Appointed annually after evaluation for effectiveness. May not serve over 12 years in aggregate unless extended by AC Connectional Council and approved by Conference Superintendent.

**NEAC Rules:** *The Dean of the Cabinet shall be elected by the cabinet and serve a three year renewable term.*

<b>First Appointed</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Name</b>
1/1/2024		Delaware	Jones, Karen (Kari)
1/1/2024		MD & WV	Lowans, Sharon
1/1/2024		MD-Cent	Wilkerson, Faith
1/1/2024		MD-E	Handy, Karen
1/1/2024	<b>Dean (2024-2027)</b>	MD-N	Townsend, Robbie (Rob)
7/1/2024		New Church Starts	Towsey, Leslie (Les)
1/1/2024		New England-E	Choi, Hyoung Yong
1/1/2024		New England-S; New England-W	Saunders, Joseph
1/1/2024		NY City & NJ	Edwards, Gordan
1/1/2024		NY-Adirondack	Brink, Penny
1/1/2024		NY-Binghamton	Fuller, Daniel (Dan)
1/1/2024		NY-Buffalo	Zettle, Katie
1/1/2024		NY-Chautauqua	Cooke, David (Dave)
1/1/2024		NY-Elmira	Rowe, Matthew (Matt)
2/1/2024		NY-Jamestown	Pasieka, Peter John (PJ)
1/1/2024		NY-Rochester	LaDue, Richard (Rick)
1/1/2024		NY-Rome	Ford, Jack
1/1/2024		PA-Breezewood	Morris, Richard (Rich)
1/1/2024		PA-East York	Wargo, Joshua (Josh)
1/1/2024		PA-Harrisburg	Liddick, Eugene (Gene)
1/1/2024		PA-Hershey	Hock, Brendan
		PA-Philadelphia	TBA
1/1/2024		PA-West York/Adams	Sales, Thadius (Thad)
1/1/2024		PA-Wilkes-Barre	Layser, David
1/1/2024		PA-Williamsport	Furman, Max
1/1/2025	<b>Conference Sup't</b>		Taylor, Steven

## **SESSIONS COMMITTEE**

**Committee Description:** The Sessions Committee shall be responsible for planning and managing all aspects of the annual conference session, and any other events/gatherings assigned to it by the Bishop/Conference Superintendent

**BD&D Requirements (§710.8):** Optional committee created by the Annual Conference. Committee composition determined by the Annual Conference.

**NEAC Rules:** *Members shall be nominated by the annual conference nominations and leadership committee and elected by the annual conference. The committee shall be composed of between 9 -14 members at-large, with 3-year, renewable terms. Membership shall be composed of clergy and laity with no set ratio. The Conference Superintendent and a rep. from the Prayer and Intercession Team shall also be a member with voice and vote. The committee shall elect a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Media Coordinator with 1-year renewable terms for officers.*

<b>Class</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Clergy/Laity</b>
2027	<b>Chair (2024-2025)</b>	Autumn Christine*	Laity
2027	<b>Vice Chair (2024-2025)</b>	Thadius Sales*	Clergy
2027	<b>Secretary (2024-2025)</b>	Jessica Sichel*	Laity
2027	<b>Media and Comm. Coord.</b>	Diane Hopkins*	Laity
2027		David Layser*	Clergy
2026		Diana Briselli*	Laity
2026		Matthew Finch*	Clergy
2026		Matthew Sichel*	Clergy
2026		Rebecca Collison*	Clergy
2026		Tristyn Ahart*	Laity
2028		<b>Alan Jones* (2)</b>	Clergy
2028		<b>Carl Samans* (2)</b>	Laity
2028		<b>Ernest Warren</b>	Laity
2028		<b>Brian Sandell</b>	Clergy
12/31/2030	<b>Conference Superintendent</b>	Steven Taylor	Clergy
N/A	<b>Prayer and Inter. Team Rep.</b>	Leo Park*	Clergy

## **CONFERENCE PRAYER AND INTERCESSION TEAM**

**Team Description:** The role of the Conference Prayer & Intercession Team is to ensure the work of the emerging conference is thoroughly covered in prayer throughout the developmental process and beyond. The team prays for regional leadership and regional needs as well as the GM Church leadership and needs. This Conference team also prays and works together to encourage local GM Church pastors to prayerfully select a prayer point person from each local church in order to ensure prayer is a priority in local churches. The Conference Prayer & Intercession team "prays for prayer," so that each of our local GM Churches will become a "house of prayer" as in the words of Jesus. The team also resources local churches as needed. Most importantly, the team prays for the mission of the GM Church.

**BD&D Requirements (§710.8):** Optional committee created by the Annual Conference. Committee composition determined by the Annual Conference.

**NEAC Rules:** *Members shall be nominated by the annual conference nominations and leadership committee and elected by the annual conference. The committee shall be composed of between 9 - 20 members at-large, with 3-year, renewable terms. Membership shall be composed of clergy and laity with no set ratio. The committee shall have a Conference Prayer Coordinator and an assistant elected by the committee, with 1-year renewable terms for officers.*

Class	Role	Name	Clergy/Laity
2027	Conference Prayer Coord. (2025-2026)(2)	Leo Park*	Clergy
	Assist. Conference Prayer Coord. (2025 -2026)	TBEC	
2027		Teri Niedzielski*	Laity
2027		Penny Brink*	Clergy
2027		Bill Prior*	Laity
2027		Diana Briselli*	Laity
2027		David Layser*	Clergy
2027		Adam Snell*	Clergy
2027		Margaret Perry*	Laity
2026		Carmen Hamilton*	Laity
2026		Sam Flick*	Laity
2026		Benjamin Earlwyn*	Laity
2026		Christine Kidd*	Laity
2026		Joanne Rue*	Laity
2028		Liz Heintzelman*	Laity
2028		Reenie Miller^	Laity
2028		<b>Christopher Hughesman</b>	Laity
2028		<b>Pamela Flockerzi</b>	Laity
2028		<b>Karen McLain</b>	Clergy
2028		<b>Constance Hastings</b>	Clergy
2026		<b>Rita Fry</b>	Clergy

## **CHURCH PLANTING & STRATEGY TEAM**

**Team Description:** The Church Planting and Strategy Team will focus on the expansion of the Global Methodist Church in the Northeast Annual Conference by way of church planting and multiplication strategies.

**BD&D Requirements (§710.8):** Optional committee created by the Annual Conference. Committee composition determined by the Annual Conference.

**NEAC Rules:** *Members shall be nominated by the annual conference nominations and leadership committee and elected by the annual conference. The team shall be composed of between 9 -12 members at-large, with 3-year, renewable terms. Membership shall be composed of clergy and laity with no set ratio. The team shall be chaired by a Church Planting Strategist to be appointed by the Connectional Council with a three year, renewable term.*

Class	Role	Name	Clergy/Laity
N/A	<b>Church Planting Strategist &amp; Chair (2025-2028)</b>	Jes Towsey^	Clergy
2028	covering Western NY	<b>Nilla Owen</b>	Clergy
2028	covering West Virginia/DC/MD	Bill McNeal^	Clergy
2028	covering New Jersey	Don McMahon^	Clergy
2027	covering New York	Jeff Haines^	Laity
2027	covering PA - Philadelphia	Tim Parker^	Clergy
2027	covering PA South	Brian Mann^	Clergy
2026	covering PA North	Richard Auhl^	Laity
2026	covering Maine/VT/NH/MA,RI,CT	Phil Michaels^	Clergy
2026	covering DE	<b>Sampson Nyanti</b>	Clergy
2026	covering PA	<b>Win Green</b>	Clergy

## **CAMPING MINISTRY TEAM**

**Team Description:** The Camping Ministry Team is newly created and will focus on developing and implementing a camp and retreat ministry within the Northeast Annual Conference.

**BD&D Requirements (§710.8):** Optional committee created by the Annual Conference. Committee composition determined by the Annual Conference.

**NEAC Rules:** *Members shall be nominated by the annual conference nominations and leadership committee and elected by the annual conference. The team shall be composed of between 6 -12 members at-large, with 3-year, renewable terms. Membership shall be composed of clergy and laity with no set ratio. The team shall have a chairperson and vice-chairperson elected by the committee with 1-year, renewable terms.*

Class	Role	Name	Clergy/Laity
	Team Chairperson (2025-2026)	TBEC	
	Team Vice-Chair (2025-2026)	TBEC	
2028		Doug Frantz^	Laity
2028		Joshua Davinsizer^	Clergy
2028		Jeremy Phipps^	Clergy
2028		Todd Christine^	Clergy
2027		intentionally vacant	Laity or Clergy
2027		<b>Rita Fry</b>	Clergy
2027		<b>Michael Brossman</b>	Clergy
2027		<b>Laurel Phipps</b>	Laity
2026		intentionally vacant	Laity or Clergy
2026		intentionally vacant	Laity or Clergy
2026		intentionally vacant	Laity or Clergy
2026		<b>Brian Sandell</b>	Clergy



## **LAITY EQUIPPING TEAM**

**Team description:** The Laity Equipping Team is a sub-team of the Board of Ministry and functions to support Certified Lay Ministers and other lay ministries.

**BD&D Requirements (§710.8):** Optional committee created by the Annual Conference. Committee composition determined by the Annual Conference.

**NEAC Rules:** *Members shall be nominated by the annual conference nominations and leadership committee and elected by the annual conference. The team shall be composed of between 6 -12 members at-large, with 3-year, renewable terms. Membership shall be at least 2/3 laity and no more than 1/3 clergy. The committee shall have a chairperson, vice-chairperson elected by the committee with 1-year, renewable terms.*

Class	Role	Name	Clergy/Laity
2028	<b>Team Chairperson (2025-2026) (2)</b>	Jacqueline Kim^ - CLM	Laity
	<b>Team Vice-Chair (2025-2026)</b>	TBEC	
2028	BOM Representative	Cora Doram^	Laity
2028	Co-Registrar	Arlene Schmidt^ - CLM	Laity
2027	Process/Data Management	Tracy Hagler^ - CLM	Laity
2027	Instructor Contact/Processing	Muriel Slenker^	Laity
2026	Co-Registrar	Brenda Roof^ - CLM	Laity
2026		intentionally vacant	Laity or Clergy
2027		<b>Linda Haight</b>	Clergy
2028		Tim McCarty^	Laity
2027		<b>Ernest Warren</b>	Laity
2026		<b>Margaret Perry</b>	Laity
2028		<b>Kim Raduns</b>	Laity
2026		<b>Donna Greer</b>	Laity
2026		<b>John Vidal</b>	Clergy

**2024 Fiscal Year in Review**  
**Northeast Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church**

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

— Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

The 2024 fiscal year marked the first full year of operation for the Northeast Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church. With more than 150 churches united in mission and ministry, this was a year of foundation-laying and faithful forward movement. We give thanks to God for His provision and for the generosity of His people that made this inaugural season possible.

From a financial standpoint, 2024 was a year of building systems, launching connectional fund giving, and learning to steward well the resources entrusted to us.

Significant milestones included:

- **Connectional Funding:** In 2024, churches contributed over \$500,000 in connectional funding, which became the core of our shared support model. In addition, the Conference received approximately \$60,000 in 2023 connectional fund giving that was transferred from the Global Methodist Church national office, which helped launch operations.
- **Offerings and Donations:** We received approximately \$7,000 in offerings and individual donations, and we are deeply grateful for these gifts, which reflect the generosity and commitment of churches and individuals across our Conference. These contributions have helped sustain the ministry and operations of the Conference in meaningful ways. Some churches and individuals also chose to cover electronic giving fees when donating online—an added blessing that helps maximize every dollar given.
- **Interest and Registration Income:** Interest income exceeded \$2,000, and Annual Conference registration fees totaled more than \$18,000, fully covering event costs and yielding a small surplus.

These resources were used to support the essential work of the Conference, including:

- **Staff Compensation:** Approximately \$160,000 supported the work of our superintendent (began full-time status in April), part-time administrative assistant (began November), and part-time treasurer (began December). In addition, \$80,000 was provided in stipends to our Presiding Elders in recognition of their vital leadership and pastoral oversight across the Conference.
- **Travel and Ministry Connection:** \$20,000 supported travel by the Superintendent and Presiding Elders for connectional and missional work across the Conference.
- **General Conference Delegation:** We invested \$16,000 to send delegates to the Global Methodist Church’s first General Conference, a historic and spiritually significant event.
- **Board of Ministries & International Leadership Institute (ILI):** A combined investment of approximately \$20,000 supported leadership development and ministry coordination.

- Operating Expenses: General operations, including systems, technology, and administrative costs, totaled approximately \$22,000.

We also recognize that, as with any new organization, there have been growing pains and ongoing refinements in our financial systems. As we continue to finalize full year-end data, we are taking intentional steps to strengthen our processes, improve timeliness, and enhance our overall financial reporting. We are grateful for the foundation that has been laid and are committed to building upon it with transparency, accountability, and faithful stewardship.

We are grateful to report that we entered the 2025 fiscal year with a surplus from 2024 in excess of \$250,000, positioning the Conference to move forward with strength and stability as we continue to build infrastructure, support churches, and invest in mission.

While our systems are young, our mission is clear. We move forward in 2025 with hope, clarity, and confidence—trusting in the One who provides and believing in the shared strength of our connection. Thank you for your giving, your prayers, and your partnership in the Gospel.

## **Report of the Conference Prayer and Intercession Team To the 2025 Northeast Annual Conference of The Global Methodist Church**

### **Restoring Our Methodist DNA Through Prayer**

John Wesley, Founder of Methodism, every morning at 4, knelt at the kneeler at the corner of his room and prayed. And that is the birthplace of Methodism. Next to the kneeler, there was a fireplace. He built a fire when he prayed. That is where the fire of revival started. This commitment to prayer is at the core of our Methodist DNA, and as the Conference Prayer and Intercession Team, our mission is to reignite that spirit within the Northeast Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

### **Vision**

Our vision is for the Northeast Annual Conference to become a prayer-based conference, where every local church is a house of prayer and every congregation is a people of prayer.

### **Goals**

To realize this vision, we have established three key goals:

#### **1. Cultivating a Culture of Prayer:**

- o Creating a culture of prayer in the Northeast GMC. Prayer must not be treated as a program but as an integral part of our lives and ministry.
- o Our aim is for prayer to become second nature to every member of the Northeast GMC.

#### **2. Empowering Local Churches in Prayer Ministry:**

- o Assisting local churches in forming and strengthening prayer and intercession teams.
- o Establishing a network of prayer leaders across the conference by recruiting prayer point persons from each local church.
- o Connecting the network of pray point persons with the GMC global prayer network.
- o Providing training, seminars, and resources on prayer and intercession.

#### **3. Establishing Prayer Rooms in Every Local Church:**

- o Encouraging local churches to create dedicated prayer rooms.
- o Ensuring the fire of prayer remains burning on the altar of every congregation.

## Prayer Initiatives and Opportunities

To embed a culture of prayer in our conference, we currently offer three structured prayer opportunities:

### 1. Monthly Open Prayer Meeting

- Held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- Messages delivered by Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory, Conference Superintendent Rev. Steve Taylor, and Presiding Elders on a rotating basis.
- Praise teams from four churches provide recorded worship music.
- Attendance ranges from 25 to 30 participants who intercede for the Northeast Conference, local churches, and the Global Methodist Church.

### 2. Weekly Pastors' Prayer Meeting

- Held every Monday at 7:30 a.m., led by Rev. Dr. Sarah Dorrance, director of the Frederick (MD) 24-7 Prayer House.
- Participation includes 10 to 15 pastors weekly.
- Each week focuses on interceding for one of the 13 states (including D.C.) within our conference, lifting up GMC churches and pastors in that region.
- We also pray for new church plants and reassess after a 13-week cycle.

### 3. Annual Regional Prayer Events

- In partnership with Aldersgate Renewal Ministries, four regional prayer events are being held this year.
- These events provide opportunities for personal and corporate prayer, including:
  - Individual prayer and listening.
  - Soaking prayer and a concert of prayer.
  - Praying in the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - Learning about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and their role in prayer.
  - Equipping attendees for altar prayer ministry.
- Participants will also have opportunities to receive personal prayer throughout the event.



## The Vital Role of Prayer in Our Future

Biblical and historical evidence show that when prayer ceases, spiritual power fades, and movements become mere institutions. If we cease to pray, our movement will stagnate. Our commitment is to ensure that prayer remains the driving force behind all we do, laying the foundation for ongoing revival and transformation within the Northeast Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

The strength and future of our conference do not rest solely on our ministries or organizational structures. Without prayer, even the most well-designed programs will ultimately falter. Prayer is the fuel that sustains and propels us forward in God's purpose and plan.

### A Call to Prayer

We invite you to join us in interceding for the Northeast Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church. May we remain faithful in prayer so that our vision of a prayer-driven church becomes a reality.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dr. Leo Park, Chairperson

On behalf of the Conference Prayer and Intercession Team

**2025 Annual Report of the Lay Conference Leader and Laity Equipping Team for the  
Northeast Conference of the GMC  
2025 Annual Conference**

**An Introduction by the NE Conference Lay Leader**

It is with great honor and a deep sense of responsibility that I present this annual report as the NE Conference Lay Leader. These past seven months have been one of transition, growth, and commitment to the mission of our conference and its people. As lay leaders, we serve as a vital bridge between the clergy and the laity, ensuring our congregation's voices, concerns, and aspirations are heard and represented.

The role of the Conference Lay Leader is to listen intently, empower, equip, and walk alongside lay members in their spiritual and leadership journey while fostering collaboration across the conference. We are called to strengthen lay leadership at the local level, support alignment between the local church and the conference, and provide opportunities for education and engagement that deepen our faith and service. Through this work, we strive to cultivate an environment where every member can fully engage in the life of the church and fulfill our call by Christ to spread the good news and to teach others about Him.

This report reflects the efforts undertaken in the past six months to build connections, enhance communication, and provide opportunities and resources to engage our community. It also describes our goals for the coming year. As we move forward together, I hope to create a spirit of unity and shared purpose, where all voices matter, and all hands contribute to the work of God's kingdom.

**A Retrospective of the Last 6 Months...**

Our conference has achieved significant progress across two key areas: establishing education ministry through the Laity Equipping Team (LET) and leadership framework development. These two areas foster greater collaboration and ensure more effective, responsive engagement with laity and clergy members.

We have had the exciting but challenging task of developing a Laity Equipping Team and education ministry from the ground up, which means the development of processes, communications, standards, and delivery of courses. This effort includes the infrastructure for the Laity Equipping Team and finding people called to teach, communicate with potential participants, and provide guidance and answer questions for those discerning their path.

The LET has taught four CLM classes since our start in 2024. We have been and continue to actively interview and onboard new instructors to expand our online courses and workshop delivery to reach a

wider audience across our entire conference. We have also developed processes to improve our intake of new Certified Lay Ministers (CLMs) and those seeking to become CLMs at the conference.

We also offer and support those becoming CLMs with continued contact, guidance, and information they need to help them in their journey. Our goal is to provide that much-needed connection and mentorship to support those in the field, fulfilling our call to stay connected and give encouragement.

## **Focus on Laity Communication, Enablement, and Spiritual Development in 2025**

As we look forward to 2025, the Global Methodist Church strongly emphasizes laity enablement and spiritual development. We believe empowering lay members is crucial for the growth and vitality of our church. To achieve this, we are implementing several key initiatives:

### **It Starts Here: Listening To You!**

The 2025 Annual Conference will be the kick-off event that will start two crucial goals:

1. To host a listening session that will begin at the Laity Session at the annual conference and continue. These "Listening Circles" sessions will allow laity members to gather to share their experiences, thoughts, and concerns, which will begin to establish necessary communication channels.
2. Feedback Mechanisms – We need to check in as we grow and get honest, two-way feedback from and to our laity, which will help us understand trends to better connect with our laity and provide visibility to them. Feedback gives more transparency and an opportunity to share timely and relevant communication between all of us.

## **Training and Workshops**

We will continue to improve and accelerate comprehensive training programs and workshops designed to equip lay members with the knowledge and skills needed to lead effectively. These sessions will cover Biblical Studies, Wesleyan theology, Spiritual Life Development, Transformational Discipleship, and Evangelism. The goal is to expand the education ministry beyond the CLM Certification. By investing in the education of our laity, we aim to create a more informed and capable body of spiritually mature leaders.

## **Mentorship and Support**

We are looking to establish a mentorship program that will provide ongoing support and guidance to lay leaders. Experienced mentors will work closely with newer leaders, offering advice and encouragement as they discern and navigate their roles within the church and into the world.



In conclusion, focusing on laity connection, enablement, and spiritual development in 2025, we confidently pray that our laity and clergy will continue to thrive and make a meaningful impact in the local church, their community, and the world.

In Faith and Service,

*Jacqueline Kim, CLM*

Northeast Conference Lay Leader

Laity Equipping Team: Ministry Education Team Leader



## Report of the Board of Ministry to the 2025 Northeast Annual Conference of The Global Methodist Church

Grace and peace in the mighty name of Jesus!

The Board of Ministry has just completed its first full year, and we praise God for assembling a dedicated team with vision and perseverance. Before the 2024 Convening Conference, our primary focus was preparing for Ordination. Since then, we have formed teams and laid a strong foundation for the future.

As of January 1, 2025, the Board of Ministry now oversees clergy approvals for the Global Methodist Church, a responsibility previously held by the Transitional Leadership Council. Special thanks to Rev. Thad Sales, our Registrar and Reviewer, for forwarding applications for review, maintaining records of all clergy and their status, reviewing transcripts of students in various learning institutions, and assisting students and clergy with their next steps in coursework.

Here's a snapshot of our teams and their work:

- **Candidacy** – A structured process guides individuals from their call to ministry through church approvals, background checks, and a six-month Group Mentoring Process. By the end of June, four candidates will be certified and ready for their next steps in ministry! Rev. Mark Farnell and Erin Mueller lead the Candidacy Process.
- **Psychological Assessments** – ¶810.2a in the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline* requires that candidates for ministry undergo a psychological assessment. Dr. Laura Cooney-Koss serves as the Psychologist for the Northeast, working with the Board to provide professional evaluations of clergy fitness. The first set of assessments is now underway.
- **Interviews** – Candidates for Deacon or Elder go through an in-depth interview process, developed by Rev. Josh Wargo and team, where they are approved for ordination or deferred to work on areas that will help them be more effective pastors. Interviews were conducted in-person in Hanover, PA, and Binghamton, NY. These interviews were covered in prayer and led by the Spirit.
- **Beyond the Local Church** – Rev. Jerry Sieg provides guidance for clergy serving in chaplaincy and other ministries outside the traditional church setting.
- **Vetting** – Two teams handle clergy transfers: one for candidates from other denominations and another for those transferring from the UMC. Led by Rev. Matt Sichel and Rev. Josh Davinsizer, interviews are held to discern whether these clergy are aligned with the GMC.
- **Conference Relations** – Led by Rev. Joshua Davinsizer, this team oversees clergy leaves of absence (voluntary and involuntary) and will play an increasingly vital role in the years ahead.
- **Laity Equipping** – This team develops courses and credentials laity as Certified Lay Ministers. Previously under the leadership of Neil Cleveland, it is now led by our Conference Lay Leader, Jacqueline Kim. Cora Doram is the BoM Liaison.
- **Sacraments Course** – This new course, currently in process, ensures Supply Pastors are prepared to administer sacraments in their local church. Thanks to Rev. Charles Harrell and his team for developing this course.



- Meet & Greet – Ordinands (Deacon and Elder) received practical information to prepare them for Ordination. Five different sessions were available to make it convenient for the ordinand to attend. Thanks to Rev. Allyce Logue for taking the lead!
- Mentoring – Guidelines are being developed for Transitional Local Pastors and Deacons as they work with mentors on their ordination journey. Thanks to Rev. Logan Garth Swanger for working on this process.

The Board of Ministry is an incredible team, meeting monthly on Zoom with subteams working in between. We look forward to our first-ever in-person retreat this fall, facilitated by Rev. SunAe Lee-Koo.

Serving on the Board of Ministry is truly humbling. I could not lead without Vice-Chair Mark Farnell and Registrar Rev. Thadius Sales, who help keep me on track. To God be the glory for all He has done, is doing, and will do in the Northeast Annual Conference!

Rev. Kari Jones, Chair, Board of Ministry


## Report of the Cabinet to the 2025 Northeast Annual Conference of The Global Methodist Church

This past Annual Conference year 2024-2025, the appointive cabinet of the Northeast Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church met weekly via zoom for devotions, prayer, appointment discussions and general decision making. We met in person at Annual Conference in April 2024 and for the International Leadership Institute (Module 1-History Makers) Training in October 2024. The cabinet consists of our Conference Superintendent and the 25 Presiding Elders in the Annual Conference.

According to the 2024 Book of Doctrines and Disciplines (§ 609) The Presiding Elders have the following responsibilities.

*As an extension of the office of bishop and conference superintendent, the presiding elder shall oversee the ministry of the clergy and churches in the communities of the district to which they are appointed. The presiding elder is the acting administrator of any pastoral charge in which a pastoral vacancy may develop, or where no pastor is appointed. The presiding elder has the following specific responsibilities:*

- 1. Offer support, care, and counsel to churches and clergy concerning matters affecting their ministry.*
- 2. Together with the bishop and conference superintendent, guard, transmit, and proclaim the apostolic faith as it is expressed in Scripture and Tradition from a Wesleyan perspective, communicating and defending the doctrines and discipline of the church as provided for in The Book of Doctrines and Discipline.*
- 3. Be the district's chief missional resource providing missional accountability, collaborating with congregations and communities within the district to assess and understand their context and develop their leadership needs to support the ministry of the local church. 2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline 86*
- 4. Collaborate with the bishop, conference superintendent, and cabinet in the process of appointing clergy and assigning qualified and trained lay ministers, as defined by the conference board of ministry.*
- 5. Develop an effective system for recruitment of candidates for ministry.*



6. Establish working relationships with lay leadership, to develop faithful and effective systems of ministry within the district.

7. Encourage covenant groups, class meetings, and band meetings among both the clergy and the laity of the district.

*8. Maintain regular contact with the clergy for counsel and supervision, and receive written or electronic evaluations that include each appointed clergy or assigned layperson's continuing education, spiritual practices, current ministry work, and goals for future ministry.*

*9. As directed by the conference superintendent, the presiding elder shall facilitate the proper maintenance of the appropriate records of all persons appointed to the charges, including clergy in extension ministry.*

*10. As directed by the conference superintendent, the presiding elder shall facilitate the proper maintenance of the appropriate records dealing with property, endowments, and other tangible assets of the district.*

*11. In consultation with the bishop, conference superintendent, and cabinet, work to develop the best strategic deployment of clergy possible in the district, including realignment of pastoral charges, larger parishes, cooperative parishes, multiple staff configurations, new church starts, and ecumenical shared ministries.*

*12. Assume other leadership responsibilities as determined by the conference superintendent and/or bishop supporting the health and effectiveness of the local churches in the district or annual conference.*

During our Annual Conference's Transitional period in 2023 up through April 15, 2025, either Bishop Mark Webb or Bishop Leah Gregory fixed the following 55 appointments upon the recommendation of the Conference Superintendent and the cabinet:



## · Baltimore-Washington Area

- Butler's Chapel, Martinsburg, W.V. Sharon Lowans (8/1/23)
- Faith and Friends GMC, Harpers Ferry, WV William (Bill) Rowley
- New Covenant, Cumberland, MD (¾ time) Michael Coats (6/1/24)
- Mt. Zion - Orleans Community, Great Cacapon, WV Dick Voorhaar, CLM
- Parkhead Union, Big Pool, MD Glenn Capachione (5/1-9/1/24)
- Community with a Cause (¾ time) Don Geller (5/1/24)
- Lighthouse Fellowship (¼ time) Don Geller (5/1/24)
- Davis Memorial, Cumberland, MD Glenn Cappachione (9/1/24)
- Parkhead Union, Big Pool, MD Randy Bivens, Pulpit Supply (11/1/24)
- Prosperity Methodist (GMC) Flintstone, MD Jerry Bolyard, Pulpit Supply

## New England Area

- Exeter, Exeter, N.H. Phil Michaels (12/1/23)
- Bakerville, New Hartford, CT. John Marshall, Jr. (7/10/24)
- Hillsboro, New Hampshire Eric Feustal (9/1/24)
- Lyndonville, VT Karen McLain (3/1/25)

## · Susquehanna Area

- North Jackson, Near Scranton, PA Eric Watkins (7/15/23)
- Bethlehem Stonepile, Red Lion, PA Bryant Holtzapple (Supply-9/1/23)
- New Jerusalem & Saginaw Community, Mt. Wolf Eugene Liddick (11/1/23)
- Bethany, Berwick, PA John Wesley Leek (2/1/24)
- Mt. Victory, Gardners, PA Eric Snyder (11/1/23)
- Highmount, York, PA Jeremy Phipps (2/1/24)
- Emmanuel, Windsor, PA Jeremy Phipps (2/1/24)
- Mt. Nebo, Delta, PA Jean McLeary (CLM) (3/1/24)
- Brown's, McAlisterville, PA (3/4 time) William McNeal (7/1/24)
- Middle Ridge, Wellsboro, PA Frank Billman & Scott Ogden (9/25/24)
- Wingate Faith, Bellefonte, PA Samantha McElwee (1/1/25)
- New Life, St. College, PA Dave McElwee (1/1/25)
- Oval Dave Brennaman (4/1/25)
- Trinity, Danville Emily Allen, Lead; Tony Mendoza, Supply (8/1/25)

## Peninsula-Delaware

- Mariner's Bethel, Ocean View, DE (Assoc) Leo Park (12/1/23)
- Elkton: Ebenezer, St. John's & Wesley Tim Beardsley (1/1/24)
- Bethesda, Preston, MD Nate Weaver (6/17/24)
- Harbeson, Harbeson, DE (½ time) - A.J. Kelly (Laity 7/1/25)
- Ebenezer, Rising Sun, MD Hyang Ahn (3/1/25)
- Connection Community, Middletown, DE David Layser (7/1/25)

## Upper New York

- McKendree & Germany Hill, Candor, N.Y. Matt Rowe (12/1/23)
- Whittemore Hill, Owego, N.Y. (¼ time) Diane Prentice (5/18/24)
- Malta Ridge (1/2 time) Patti Molik (4/1/24)
- Jamestown-Kidder Mike Kerzee (4/1/24)
- Darien Team of 3 CLMs: Celinay McQuestion, Eric Phelps, Rodney Stringham with supervision from Rev. Karen McCaffery (4/1/24)
- Panama, Panama, N.Y. Paul Winkelman (5/1/24)
- Following Jesus at Harris Hill (¼ time) Jeffrey Cooke (4/1/24)
- East Randolph Tim Middleton (4/1/24)
- Indian Falls Karen McCaffrey (3/13/24)
- Bemus Point Thomas Holland (5/1/24)
- Amsterdam Jacqueline Kim (CLM) (9/1/24)
- Christ's Church in the Valley, Truxton, N.Y. Thomas Mott (7/1/24)
- Clarence (Assoc.) Unappointed Local Hire Stephen Mannion
- Genesee & Ulysses Eric Lutz, Lay Speaker
- Kendrew & DeKalb Terry Covey (CLM) (8/11/24)
- Dewittville (¼) & Laona (¾) Mike Spell (9/1/24)
- Hamlin Mike Vercant (4/17/24)

## Extension

- Beth Caulfield Beth Caulfield Ministries, LLC (3/1/24)
- Cheryl Hudson, Chaplain, Deacon Penn State Health-Lancaster (4/1/24)
- Adam L. Barborich PA State Correctional (Rockview 6/1/24)
- Eric Weaver WellSpan Hospital, York, PA (6/1/24)

It has been a pleasure serving our Annual Conference as a Presiding Elder and Dean of the Cabinet. Our cabinet is comprised of highly qualified and deeply spiritual leaders. We are indebted to our Conference Superintendent, Rev. Steve Taylor for his guidance.

Rev. Dr. Rob Townsend



## REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE CONNECTIONAL COUNCIL

Greetings in Jesus' Name!

The Conference Connectional Council's mission and task is communication and coordination of ministry among the boards and committees of the Annual Conference, according to the 2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline. Even more than that, however, the Connectional Council's vision is to connect and equip churches, pastors, conference teams, and conference leaders with each other and with the mission and vision of the Global Methodist Church around the globe. Grounded in prayer and moving in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Connectional Council serves the Conference by discerning and implementing the mission of the Conference between sessions of Annual Conference. We do this through development of Conference-wide guidelines and ministry policies, care for our financial well-being, connect the Northeast Conference with the church around the globe through international partnerships, approve and track churches and clergy aligned with the Conference, and align the current and future ministry teams of the conference with the overall vision for our shared life together for the Kingdom.

Over the past year, the Connectional Council has been busy discerning and praying about the development of our financial structure through spending plans, connectional funding organization, and spending approval processes. The Council has also been working to define our organizational structure through defining and creating our ministry teams, leadership identification and development, and delineating districts, data reporting pathways, and how our leaders relate to one another. We have been excited to explore our international partnerships and missions emphases, while caring for the church planting, training, and connections within our Conference. We are still a new conference in many ways, and we look forward to all that God has in store for us as we grow in our shared mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

Part of the work of the Connectional Council to approve the alignment, disaffiliation, and transfer of local churches with, from, and between Annual Conferences. The following charts contain the list of churches that have disaffiliated from the Northeast Conference for any reason the congregation chose, a list of churches that have transferred from the Northeast to another Conference, and the list of churches that have joined the Northeast Conference within the past year. In some cases, additional churches have aligned with the Northeast Conference but are not listed here due to an approval in a prior year, that was finalized in the past year. The churches listed below are presented for your ratification during our annual conference session.

Respectfully and hopefully submitted,

Rev. Steven Taylor  
Conference Superintendent and  
Current Chair of the Northeast Connectional Council

### Churches DISAFFILIATED Since Annual Conference 2024

Disaffiliating Church	Reference	Charge Conf. Approval Date	TLC/CCC Approval Date	Effective Date
Galilee Methodist Church	D-TBoDD ¶1903	05.14.24	05.28.24	05.18.24
Foundation Fellowship of Rochester	D-TBoDD ¶1903	08.26.24	08.28.24	08.26.24
Heavenly Vision Community Church	D-TBoDD ¶1903	04.03.24	12.12.24	04.03.24
Prosperity Methodist Church	D-BoDD ¶11003	01.11.25	02.13.25	01.11.25

### Churches TRANSFERRED Since Annual Conference 2024

Church Name	Reference	Approval Date	Eff. Date
Boston New Hope	T-BoDD ¶451	04.10.25	05.10.25

## Churches ALIGNED Since Annual Conference 2024

<u>Church Name</u>	<u>Approval Date</u>	<u>Eff. Date</u>
Asbury Methodist Church Mount Vernon	04.15.24	04.08.24
Caton Church	01.09.25	01.10.25
Christ Global Methodist Church	07.29.24	07.18.24
Christ Methodist Church	08.26.24	08.15.24
Church of the Great Redeemer	09.19.24	09.11.24
East Schuyler United Methodist Church	06.24.24	05.24.24
Grace Gathering Church	09.09.24	09.01.24
Grace St Pauls	09.02.24	08.28.24
Hamlin Methodist Church	05.28.24	07.01.24
Meshoppen Community Church	04.15.24	04.10.24
Milton Grove	05.06.24	01.01.25
Mitchellsville Methodist Church	04.22.24	03.19.24
New Life Global Methodist Church	01.09.25	12.18.24
Oval Church	09.19.24	08.25.24
Ruhl's United Methodist Church	01.09.25	06.30.25
Snethen Church	12.23.24	10.14.24
Washington Boro United Methodist Church	04.15.24	01.01.99

## Proposal for Support of Two Emerging International Partnerships

To: The Northeast Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church

From: Conference Connectional Council

Date: May 8, 2025

Dear Members of the Northeast Annual Conference,

We write to seek your prayerful consideration and support for two exciting international partnerships currently in formation within the Global Methodist Church: one with the Global Methodist Church in Spain and the other with the Global Methodist Church in Malawi.

These emerging relationships are rooted in our shared commitment to the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe. Both Spain and Malawi are seeing encouraging developments in church planting, discipleship, and evangelism through the faithful work of their leaders and congregations. Our partnership would provide mutual encouragement, practical support, and greater opportunities to participate in the global Methodist movement and the Gospel.

In Spain, the church is growing in an increasingly secular environment through house churches. Our collaboration would focus on leadership development, church planting, and shared ministry opportunities, particularly in support of new congregations forming across the country.

In Malawi, the Global Methodist Church is just beginning and is experiencing significant momentum, with growing congregations and a hunger for discipleship resources and pastoral training. A partnership would help provide theological education, pastoral support, and potential short-term mission exchanges to strengthen the work already underway.

We believe these partnerships embody the spirit of connectionalism that defines our Methodist heritage and offer a powerful witness to the unity and mission of the global church. We respectfully request that the Northeast Annual Conference endorse and actively support the formal development of these partnerships through prayer, relationship-building, and, where possible, financial and logistical support.

There is much work to be done to formalize these two international partnerships. Thank you for considering this invitation to stand with our sisters and brothers in Spain and Malawi as together we seek to advance the Kingdom of God.

## **Report of the 2024 Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church**

The Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church took place from September 20-26, 2024 in San Jose, Costa Rica. This first gathering of the people called Global Methodists brought together nearly 1000 delegates, alternates and observers from 33 countries. Delegates from several African nations who could not obtain visas in time participated virtually. We utilized AI software for real-time language translation for those in-person and online, in addition to in-person translators for the few languages that the software could not accommodate.

The independent Methodist Church of Costa Rica was our host for the event. Though there are no plans for them to affiliate with our movement, one of our first official acts of business was to sign a cooperative agreement with the Iglesia Evangélica Metodista de Costa Rica, recognizing our shared Wesleyan theology and heritage. Two highlights of our time in Costa Rica were worshipping with Members of the Methodist Church of Costa Rica at the International Convention Center and visiting, sharing a meal and worshipping at the Methodist School of Costa Rica.

Our times of worship were plentiful, powerful and Spirit-filled in ways that cannot be shared in mere words, but rather have to be experienced to fully appreciate. Prayer was an essential part of our time together, not only in worship, but also while we conducted the business that was an important part of the Conference. Many significant topics were discussed in the Committees - and the members often had differing opinions; however, the Spirit was present in those legislative bodies as well. Holy Conferencing was a reality and allowed us to seek God's Will as we made decisions.

Our Constitution passed on September 24th with a vote of 323 - 2, marking the official birth of the Global Methodist Church. We created our mission and vision statements; wrestled with the role, term, and process of selecting bishops; determined the elements and education essential to a Biblically-centered clergy...and so much more. The election of our eight bishops highlighted the unified and Spirit-led community that is the Global Methodist Church.

Special thanks is due to the Delegation that represented the Northeast so faithfully, not only during the Conference but in the months of meetings and preparations leading up to it:

### **Clergy Delegates:**

Emily Allen  
Kari Jones  
Thadius Sales  
Matthew Sichel  
Steven Taylor

### **Clergy Alternate Delegate:**

Rob Townsend

### **Clergy Reserve Delegates:**

Rick LaDue  
Faith Wilkerson

### **Lay Delegates**

Diana Briselli  
Cora Doram  
Murray Drummond  
Dennis Rader  
Walter Warriner

### **Lay Alternate Delegate:**

Carl Samans

### **Lay Reserve Delegate:**

David Molik

Please pray for the 2026 General Conference and our soon-to-be elected Delegates.

Respectfully submitted,

***Diana M. Briselli, head of delegation***

***On behalf of the Northeast Conference Delegates to the 2024 Convening General Conference***



The Commission on General Conference will allocate the number of delegates and alternates, and the Connectional Council of the Global Methodist Church will approve these allocations. The Northeast Annual Conference will elect a certain number of delegates, alternates, and reserves (equal in number to laity and clergy) as recommended by the Northeast Conference Connectional Council and approved by the annual conference before the election of delegates, alternates, and reserves.

The initial allocation of delegates and alternates for the Northeast Conference (on March 1, 2025) is as follows:

- Delegates (10): 5 laity and 5 clergy
- Alternates (2): 1 laity and 1 clergy

In January 2026, the Commission on General Conference and the GMC Connectional Council will approved the final allocation of delegates and alternates for each Annual Conference, based on updated churches and full-time equivalent clergy appointments in each Annual Conference. At that time, the number of delegates and alternates may be adjusted upward. In order to be prepared for that possibility, and to cover any potential attrition within the delegation, we recommend electing the 10 delegates and 2 alternates at our Conference Session in May 2025, but that **we also strongly recommend electing 8 reserve delegates (4 laity and 4 clergy)**. The delegates and alternates will travel to General Conference 2026, while the reserves will not, unless one or more of the delegates and alternates cannot travel or serve on the delegation.

**Therefore, the total number of elected delegates, alternates, and reserves will be 10 laity and 10 clergy, and will be assigned as delegates, alternates, and reserves in the order which they are elected.**

*You are invited...*

*Please join us for the Class of 2025  
Clergy Ordination Service!*

*Saturday, May 10, 2025,  
at 9.00 AM.*



## Our Thanks to...

### A HUGE Thank You to Grace Christian Fellowship!



One of the first things the Sessions Team does to prepare for Annual Conference is find a place in which to meet. GCF offered us the use of its location last year before our Convening Annual Conference had even taken place! We extend our sincere appreciation to Pastor Dan Nichols, the staff, and the people of GCF for the space, the welcome, and the hosting! We pray God's blessings on you as you work for the Kingdom of God! Visit [www.gcfcortland.org](http://www.gcfcortland.org).

### We Also Thank the Sessions Tech Team, Led by Carl Samans, and assisted by A2B Media!



One of the biggest behind-the-scenes but essential for the Conference teams is the A/V - Tech Team, led by Carl Samans. We thank you so much for facilitate the conference in all sorts of technological ways. This year, Carl and his team are being assisted by A2B Media. We appreciate you!!

### Thank You So Much to Aldersgate Renewal Ministries!



Aldersgate Renewal Ministries has partnered with us both at last year's and this year's conferences to bring prayer support to the Conference Prayer Team, which is led by Rev. Leo Park. THANK YOU to our Prayer Team and to Aldersgate! If you are seeking prayer support during the Annual Conference Session, please reach out to Leo, his team, and Aldersgate Renewal Ministries for intercession. See ARM's ad on page 57.

## Special Thanks Also to...

The work of our Annual Conference gatherings could not be completed properly without the help of many, many people moving in the Spirit. First, we would like to thank Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory for leading our Annual Conference! Your presence here is so important. Thank you.

We would also like to thank Rev. Steve Taylor, our Conference Superintendent; Rev. Guillem Correa, the Conference Superintendent of Spain; Ms. Cara Nicklas; and Rev. Terry Teykl for helping fan the Spirit's flame within the Conference as leaders and/or speakers this year.

## ***Our Special Thanks Continued...***

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New for this year are our Breakout Sessions - we'd like to give a "shout out" to those who are leading our Breakout Sessions! They are:

Rev. Les Towsey, Rev. Steve Taylor, Rev. Kari Jones, Rev. Rob Townsend,  
Rev. Thadius Sales, and Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory.

We offer our thanks to the Worship Team, led by David Layser and the Worship Sub-Committee, who have donated all of their time, energy, and praise to lead us in Worship. The Worship Team for the Conference consists of the following individuals indeed working as a team:

David Layser, Hudson Ahart, Tristyn Ahart, Ryan Boughton,  
Todd Christine, Wayne Clemens, Lisa Ireland, Alan Jones, Allyce Logue,  
Jeremy Phipps, Benjamin Samans, Ron Whitney, and Faith Wilkerson.

Both on the forefront of and behind the scenes of the Conference are many dedicated and sacrificial volunteers who have given their time, talents, gifts, and service to the planning, hosting, and business of the Conference. While not named, please know that you are appreciated! May God continue to bless your efforts and lead you down the narrow path.

And, last but certainly not least, we offer our thanks to the many clergy, laity, vendors, and observers who have come from far and near to join together in Holy Conferencing. May what we offer be pleasing to the Lord our God, without whom we would not have salvation, purpose, or life at all. All praise and glory be to God our King!

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***"Lead on, O King eternal;  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er your face appears.***

***"Your cross is lifted o'er us,  
we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might."***

# LET US HEAR FROM YOU!

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*The Conference Sessions Team would like to know what went well during the 2025 session and in what areas we could improve. Add your (kind!) two cents!*

*Please take a few moments to leave your considerate and respectful thoughts for the Sessions Committee to review in the coming weeks. Use the QR code below or email your comments to [info@northeastgmc.org](mailto:info@northeastgmc.org).*

*Thank you!*

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