



2026 General Conference Clergy Delegate Nominees



Emily Allen, Bemus Point Methodist Church

I would be honored to represent the Northeastern Conference to General Conference 2026. I am excited by the work that is ahead of addressing the Book of Doctrines and Disciplines in full, and welcoming many new countries into our denomination! The Spirit is moving!

I am a deacon, graduating from Asbury Seminary this May, and soon to be appointed to Trinity Church in Danville, PA.

As a clergy delegate to General Conference in 2024, I served on the Agenda Committee and the Constitution Committee and gained valuable experience in planning the daily events of the conference, and in the polity matters that affected the Constitution of the GMC. I would love to use this experience and also my gifts of collaboration, asking good questions and listening, and attention to detail to play a small part in the work that the General Conference will do. Most importantly, I want to be attentive to listen to God and to celebrate and partner in the work he is already doing!



Todd Christine, Grace Church of Hanover, PA

I am humbled to offer myself for service as a clergy delegate to the General Conference with a heart deeply committed to historic Methodism and a passion for Christ's mission through the local church.

God has blessed my ministry abundantly. Over the years, I have served congregations where discipleship ourishes, and by God's grace, seven individuals have responded to the call to full-time ordained ministry under my leadership. With God's help I have guided a successful church merger, balancing



2026 General Conference Clergy Delegate Nominees

practical governance with spiritual renewal. I am blessed to currently serve as Chair of the Committee on the Superintendency and as a Conference Trustee.

I hold a B.S. in Criminal Justice with a focus in constitutional law and legal writing, as well as an MDiv. These academic foundations have equipped me to serve well in areas of church structure, leadership, and discernment. Discipleship has been engrained in my bones by the Holy Spirit, and I have a strong desire to see leaders called, equipped, and released for vibrant ministry. I also carry a heart for evangelism and long to see our church boldly proclaiming the Gospel in every community. If elected, I hope to serve on the Ministry and Local Church Legislative Committee, where I can contribute to the formation of healthy systems for identifying, equipping, and supporting clergy and lay leaders alike. I believe Jesus is calling me to help shape a church that is faithful to Scripture, Spirit-led in decision-making, and centered on making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.



Joshua Davinsizer, Baughman Church

I feel called to take a step of faith and serve our Annual Conference as a delegate for General Conference. I believe the Holy Spirit is calling me to serve in this capacity because I have a passion to see a Holy Spirit revival breakout all over our connectional system. I want to partner with the Holy Spirit and the Global Methodist Church to consciously vision our denomination as the agent that helps in-break God's Kingdom into every aspect of our world. Through this calling, I have consistently helped my local congregation vision forward to build God's Kingdom—through disaffiliation, a regrowth and revitalization plan forward in my local setting, and empowering local congregational leaders. I have transposed this passion in the local congregation into the various roles and responsibilities that I serve on at the Annual Conference level. I have partnered with fellow colleagues to establish a new camping ministry for the Northeast Conference, served on the Board of Ministry, and provided leadership on various sub-teams for the Board of



2026 General Conference Clergy Delegate Nominees

Ministry. Through each of these responsibilities, my calling is to use my spiritual gifts effectively for the overall glory of Jesus Christ. I bring to the table the gifts of discernment, prophet truth, teaching, and exhortation. In every situation, I believe we need to worship Christ in all that we do, shifting any conversation from the temporal to Christ.



Rita Fry, Connection Community Church

Born in Smyrna, DE, I've lived here all my life. I went to school for chemistry, then physics and then doctorate in leadership. At my dissertation, God grabbed my attention. I was definitely on the wrong path. I never used my doctorate. I left education at that point. I was climbing the corporate ladder to be a superintendent of a local school district.

At my dissertation, right after being approved, I felt so empty. After a discussion with my husband, I realized God, in his infinite grace, had allowed me to come to my end, on my own.

I prayed and sought God's direction. I entered seminary the following fall. What a blessing for me to feel that I was finally at peace and home.

I served the United Methodist Church for seven years. My father became very ill and my mother was caring for him at home. I "retired" from ministry to help my mother care for my father. Shortly after my father passing, my mother fell and broke her hip. Since that time, my husband and I sold our home and have been living and caring for my mother.

Wanting to serve the pastor at a local Global Methodist Church, I inquired about steps to bring the message in the pastor's absence. I spoke with Kari Jones and she suggested I apply for clergy. God has blessed me with an opportunity to be ordained in May.

My Spiritual gifts of leadership, teaching, faith and evangelism would benefit the delegation.

Throughout my secular career, I served as department chairmen, taught at both Delaware Community College and Wilmington University. Within the United Methodist Church, I served in many leadership committees.



2026 General Conference Clergy Delegate Nominees



Charles Harrell, Community with a Cause, California, MD

Our GMC is still early in its history, as God continues to do amazing things. Yet we are also at a point where there's a need to organize a little more carefully, to plan for an expanding global mission strategically, and to embrace with focused intention Christ's unique call and blessing for this expression of His body. We are also being thoughtfully creative about how we call and equip leadership, especially clergy, for congregations today and tomorrow.

It is my hope, humbly, that my gifts of discernment, administration, and teaching might be a support and blessing both to our delegation and to the general church. As a good writer, I can offer to help give expression to what we are called by God and calling the body to be about. Good teamwork is a must and that also is a strength for me, and I can work well with people who approach the same concerns from very different angles and perspectives. I have been blessed with extensive experience both in parish ministry and institutional chaplaincy (senior living), and also work in theological education as a adjunct seminary faculty. In my previous connection, I served on the Board of Pensions, the Council on Finance & Administration, and ministry boards. I also have strong relationships internationally, especially with Eurasian Methodism, which is preparing to move into the GMC. These things add some knowledge and even more, some perspective, which could be of service.

I am prepared, as necessary, to budget the time and the costs for my participation on the NEC delegation. May the Lord be served in all things, as we pursue His will for holiness and transformation, together.



Edwin Jaqua, Webb's Crossing Bible Church

I'm interested in global politics and am an ardent supporter of black folks worldwide. I directly support a Nigerian pastor. I've



2026 General Conference Clergy Delegate Nominees

been to Africa in the past. As a deacon, I have no church that will be without leadership if I go on a trip. My gifts are prophetic and translating between parties in discussions.



Kari Jones, Connection Community Church

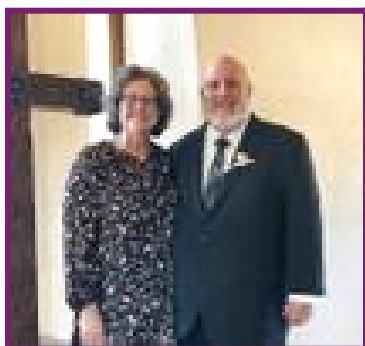
Being part of the Northeast Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church has been a dening experience in my life. From serving on the Transitional Conference Advisory Team (TCAT) to my roles as a Presiding Elder in the Delaware District and chair of the Board of Ministry, I have witnessed God transform a vision into a Christ-centered movement rooted in scriptural holiness.

Serving as a Clergy delegate in Costa Rica was an honor. Attending my first General Conference was both humbling and inspiring, as I experienced a profound outpouring of the Spirit in worship, prayer, and fellowship. At times, I was stretched beyond my comfort zone, yet I gained invaluable wisdom. With another year of leadership—on the Board of Ministry, as a Presiding Elder, and on the Conference Connectional Council—I feel even more prepared to navigate the petitions and decisions ahead.

As a local church pastor, my deepest desire is for our church and community to thrive within a denomination firmly rooted in Truth and holiness. Beyond ministry, I cherish time with my husband, family, and friends, as well as reading, music, and traveling—especially to the ocean.

Each day, I strive to trust more, surrender fully, and embrace God's purpose. Every divine interruption in my life has been good and right, and for that, I am profoundly grateful.

If elected as a Clergy Delegate, I will give it my all.



Mike Kerzee, Kidder Memorial GMC

I have put this to prayer over the last few years. I'm not sure why, but I feel called to this leadership opportunity in our



2026 General Conference Clergy Delegate Nominees

annual conference and the wider Global Methodist Church. I am a team player. I have good communication and listening skills. I have had leadership opportunities on the formation team for the MidTex Annual conference, served as dean of the cabinet, and I now serve on the nominations committee for the Northeast Annual Conference. I serve as pastor at Kidder Memorial Global Methodist Church in Jamestown, NY.



Rick LaDue, Webster Methodist Church

It was an honor to represent our conference as a reserve delegate at the convening General Conference in Costa Rica last year. I participated to the greatest extent allowed and feel experienced and qualified to represent more fully in 2026.

I continue to serve as Lead Pastor at Webster Methodist Church and as Presiding Elder of the Rochester District where I am committed to following Jesus' model of grace and truth. In our former denomination, I served several district and conference roles including co-chair of the Board of Ordained Ministry, DCOM secretary and District Youth Coordinator. I recently completed my term on the Asbury Theological Seminary Alumni Council and I serve as dean of the annual Family Bible Camp in Findley Lake, NY. As a former teacher, youth pastor and Christian music festival director (Ichthus), I bring a variety of skills to any task I undertake.



Allyce Logue, Hicks Memorial Methodist Church

Grace and peace, Northeast Conference!

My name is Rev. Allyce Logue and I serve as an Elder in our conference and an Associate Pastor at Hicks Memorial Methodist Church in Duncansville, PA. I had the joy of being part of the first ordination class of our Northeast Conference!



2026 General Conference Clergy Delegate Nominees

I seek to be a presence at our General Conference because of my passion and care for the denomination and the pastors and lay people in it. My spiritual gifts revolve around discipleship, teaching, and spiritual formation —and with that caring for the well-being and spiritual health of the church. Attending General Conference creates an exciting intersection for me between the denomination's emphasis in Scriptural holiness coupled with practical legislature. As a young clergy member, I would hope to contribute to ideas that bear witness to a multiplying discipleship movement that would impact generations to come.

Previous leadership experiences include serving as pastoral staff at Life.Church and YouVersion Bible App with emphasis in spiritual formation. I have also published writings with The Future Church Company and Firebrand Magazine. At a conference level, I have the privilege of serving on the Board of Ordained Ministry and this year's Annual Conference worship team with many talented colleagues!



Leo Park, Mariner's Bethel GMC

I am a Korean-American and an ordained Elder in the Global Methodist Church, currently serving at Mariner's Bethel Global Methodist Church in Delaware. With a deep passion for prayer and ministry, I have the honor of leading as the Chairperson of the Conference Prayer and Intercession Team. Additionally, I serve on the Conference Connectional Council, Board of Ministry, and Sessions Committee. Through these roles, I help shape ministerial leadership, foster spiritual renewal, and support the mission of the GMC at the conference level.

Since the launch of the Global Methodist Church on May 1, 2022, I have been blessed to serve the denomination on a global level. For the past three years, I have been one of five members of the GMC Prayer Steering Committee, dedicated to fostering a culture of prayer within our church.



2026 General Conference Clergy Delegate Nominees

My spiritual gifts of intercession, discernment, and leadership have been instrumental in equipping the GMC to remain faithful to its mission of “making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness across the globe.”

The 2026 General Conference is historic because it will be the first held in Africa. I am committed to ensuring that every decision made is rooted in prayer, biblical integrity, and the movement of the Holy Spirit. I am deeply committed to serving as a delegate, proudly

representing the Northeast Conference with both voice and vote, as we embrace this momentous occasion and shape the future of the Global Methodist Church.



Thadius Sales, Calvary Methodist Church of Dillsburg, PA

While serving at the Convening General Conference, I quickly realized that this sort of work is not just a passion of mine but is right in line with my spiritual giftings, such as administration, leadership, and discernment. In every decision we made, my prayer of discernment was, "Will this better the lives of our churches and pastors?" I felt a sense of excitement each day as we prepared to do our work, and I would be honored to serve our Annual Conference again as a delegate to the 2026

General Conference. The work that we did at the Convening General Conference was just the start, and I pray to see it through.

I am currently working with the Committee on Approval through the Ministry and Higher Education Commission, with the Board of Ministry Cohort which brings leaders of each Board of Ministry together monthly, and am working in a variety of teams on pieces of legislation for General Conference. I say this to express my continuing passion to serve the Global Methodist Church and to help mold this movement into something that will last for many generations to come, praying that we will see a spreading of scriptural holiness throughout the land.



2026 General Conference Clergy Delegate Nominees

I currently live in Dillsburg, PA, and serve full-time at Calvary Methodist Church, a church that has given me many liberties to serve in a variety of ways throughout our Annual Conference and the Global Methodist Church. My wife, Larissa, and I have two amazing children, Wesley and Eden, and I look forward to nurturing this movement for many years to come, so that they may grow in a denomination that seeks to serve Christ alone.



2026 General Conference Clergy Delegate Nominees



Cheryl Snyder, Leeds Church and Union Community Church

I answered God's call to ministry by entering UMC's Licensed Local Pastor program in 2004. I was appointed to serve Union UMC in July 2006. I graduated from the Course of Study at Wesley Theological Seminary in 2013. I was appointed to a second church, Leeds UMC, in July 2016. Both churches and I disaffiliated from the UMC and joined the GMC in 2023. In April 2024, I was ordained in full connection as an Elder in the Northeast Annual Conference of the GMC.

I sat on the Fellowship of Associate Members and Local Pastors Committee under Bishop Peggy Johnson in the Pen-Del and the EPA Conference and the EPA Conference. I helped organize yearly retreats that fed others in Christ for over eight years. I also held the positions of treasurer, secretary, and registrar.

In the Great Commission, Jesus said, "Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28) We must teach and train others to follow and obey Jesus in making disciples... to be ambassadors of Christ. We are to embrace all people all around the world... to encourage, support, serve, teach, and love them in and through Jesus Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Before entering ministry, I had a rich career in healthcare, working as a CNA/CMA at Divine Haven Nursing Home in Elkton, MD, and as a phlebotomist at Christiana Hospital in Newark, DE, and Jennersville Hospital in PA.

My life experiences and gifts would help me serve as a delegate in the GMC and accomplish the task Jesus calls us to. I have the gifts of administration, service, mercy, giving, shepherding, and teaching.



2026 General Conference Clergy Delegate Nominees



Steven Taylor, Northeast Conference

I feel called to serve and lead as a delegate to the 2026 General Conference because I believe the Global Methodist movement is still taking shape, and I want to continue to be part of that journey. Having been involved in the formation of the Global Methodist Church since 2020, I'm eager to use my spiritual gifts—especially in administration, leadership, and discernment—to serve our delegation well. I also had the privilege of serving as a delegate to the 2024 Convening General Conference, where I worked on the Connectional Organization Legislative Committee.

I currently live in Syracuse, NY, and have been serving as the Conference Superintendent of the Northeast Conference since January 2024. My faith journey has been lifelong, but I especially felt God's call at age 12 and again at 28. I've been a Methodist pastor for over 21 years, ordained as an elder in 2011, and have had the joy of serving two congregations during that time. My faith was shaped through the Church and Christian camping, where I was baptized, confirmed, and first sensed my call to ministry.

Before entering full-time pastoral ministry, I spent 10 years as a professional environmental engineer, after earning a Bachelor's Degree in environmental engineering from SUNY ESF. I hold a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. My greatest passions in ministry are leadership, worship, preaching, Wesleyan discipleship, and helping people discover their spiritual gifts.



Rob Townsend, Moore's Chapel, Elkton, MD

I have been blessed to have had leadership positions in our former UMC denomination such as Board of Ordained Ministry Chair, District Superintendent, Director of Connectional Ministries for the Annual Conference, and a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Serving



2026 General Conference Clergy Delegate Nominees

on a UMC cabinet prepared me for service at the Annual Conference level as we built the Northeast Annual Conference of the GMC. I served on the Transitional Conference Advisory Team and as a delegate to the General Conference in Costa Rica. I was honored to be one of nine people worldwide nominated for Bishop by the Transitional Leadership Council. I am the Presiding Elder of the Maryland-North District and serve as the Dean of the Cabinet. I feel my background and current involvement in conference leadership will allow me to represent our Northeast Annual Conference well.