



2026 General Conference Lay Delegate Nominees



Diana Briselli, Mariner's Bethel GMC

Diana Briselli has served in various capacities within the Northeast Annual Conference, beginning as a member of the Transitional Conference Advisory Team (TCAT). Utilizing her Spiritual Gifts of administration and leadership, she currently serves on the Sessions, Superintendency, Prayer, and Investigations Committees, while also assisting with communications for the Conference.

Diana felt called to serve at the 2024 Convening General Conference in Costa Rica and was elected to be a delegate. She served as the head delegate for the Northeast Annual Conference as well as the vice-chair of the Episcopacy and Superintendency Committee. The experience was life changing and she truly encountered the presence of the Holy Spirit while there. She would be honored and feel very blessed to be elected to serve the Northeast Conference at the 2026 General Conference. Diana is a member of Mariner's Bethel Global Methodist Church in Ocean View, DE.



Autumn Christine, Grace Church of Hanover, PA

It has been my joy to serve the Northeast Annual Conference in a variety of ways. I have served on the Transitional Conference Advisory Team and currently serve on the Connectional Council. As your current Sessions Chair, I've worked tirelessly with an incredible team to plan and execute our Annual Conference gatherings, seeking to foster unity, clarity, and Spirit-filled fellowship.

My background includes a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, which has equipped me with strong interpretive skills and the ability to communicate complex ideas clearly and



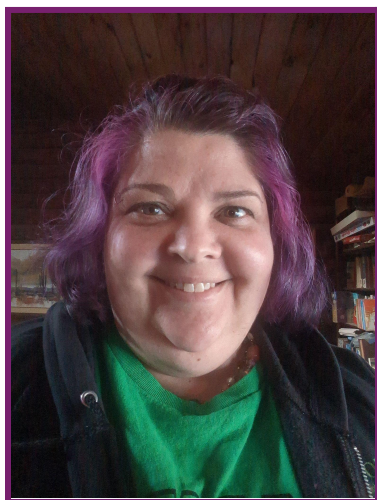
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with grace. I am especially gifted in administration and bring experience from my years as a District Office Administrative Assistant.

God has called me beyond the familiar role of being a pastor's wife and into places of meaningful service I never expected—but now fully embrace. My current responsibilities require consistent prioritization, communication, and adaptability, all of which I offer joyfully and prayerfully to the life of our church.

I believe God is raising up leaders across our connection who are both grounded in faith and equipped for the practical work of shaping a growing denomination. I'm still finding my place in the life of our conference, but I offer myself with a servant's heart, a willing spirit, and deep love for the people of God.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to continue serving the Northeast in this season of exciting growth and transformation.



Carolina Cross, Center Point Church

I have been an active member of Center Point Church throughout the transition from UMC to GMC. Knowing God is not the author of confusion but of peace has helped set the course for Center Point Church. Working alongside Pastor Wayne Clemens is a true honor. Yet we can see how God has placed us in leadership to sharpen one another. The power of the Holy Spirit is great! I have been learning to yield faithfully to His call of prayers, laying of hands and speaking. I'm blessed to give all glory and honor to God for healing and greater understanding of who God is to all of us.



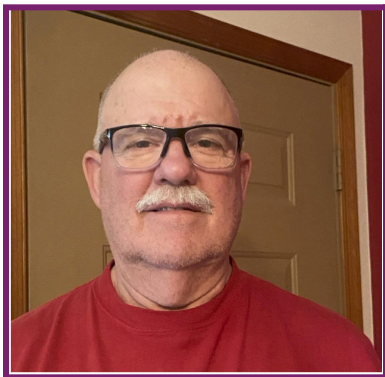
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Cora Doram, Westchester Methodist Church

Many prayers brought me to the decision to seek nomination as a delegate for the 2026 Global General Conference. After having served in 2024, I feel compelled to add my name for a second time to represent the people of the NE Annual Conference. I believe there is still more to learn and more areas where I can grow adding my spiritual gifts of Administration, leadership, servanthood, giving, compassion and shepherding to the basket. Coming from the former UMC

I served on both District and Conference levels. Currently I serve my church as the Lay Leader and Lay member to Annual Conference. I also serve on BoM, LET in the Northeast. I know God delights in second chances, put together with one of the famous quotes from John Wesley (Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can) as I respond to God's call on my life.



Murray Drummond, Connection Community Church

It was an honor and a privilege to represent the Northeast Annual Conference as a Lay delegate in Costa Rica. What an amazing spiritual and holy experience. One that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. It was a culmination of more than forty years of service and dedication to my God and Savior.

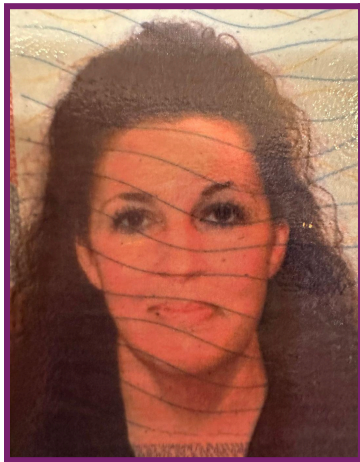
In my previous denomination, I was on the Board of Church and Location and now in the Northeast Annual Conference, I'm on the Board of Ministry and also the Hospitality Team.



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At my local church, Connection Community Church, my wife and I were part of the team that planted the church in rented space. I was instrumental in overseeing three major renovations there, then overseeing the construction of the building we now call home. I serve on the Nominations and Leadership Development Team and on the Fall Festival Team. In the past, I've served on and lead many committees and teams. Now after twenty three years we are getting ready for a pastoral change and I'm on the Transition Team for this as well. I serve on the Tech Team and do several other "duties" around the church, as needed.

My retirement career, working full time on a large farm, started about three years ago and I couldn't be happier. God has allowed my wife and I to be in a really sweet spot at this point in our lives so I want to keep serving in whatever capacity He sees fit.



Audra Emerson, Connection Community Church

Over the past 3 years the Lord has laid on my heart to deepen my relationship with him through prayer. It's been a process of breaking down and building up. Through obedience and consistent faith filled prayer, the Lord has spoken through the Holy Spirit, scripture that leads me, he's given me words to speak that are not mine. He leads me to intercede in prayer for others. I have served as Prayer Chair for InPrison and Beyond with CBS and am part of Prayer Band team with BGEA. I've served on SPRT, children's ministry, logistics, prayer team, trustees and missions with my church. I attended Missions to

India in 2017 with my church.



Beth Evanko, New Life GMC

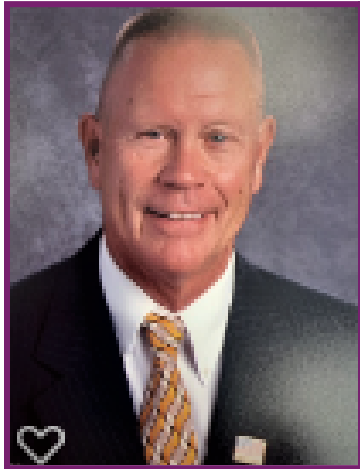
My calling as a delegate to General Conference was a prompting of the Holy Spirit to serve in the Global Methodist Church. My spiritual gifts of leadership, mercy, and wisdom



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would benefit the delegation not only during the General Conference but in the days and weeks of preparation for it. Through the gift of leadership, I have been able to lead groups in various ministries. In my employment as a hospital chaplain, I have shown mercy and compassion to those who are hurting and broken. I have had many opportunities to use the gift of wisdom whether in a ministry group, a meeting, or visiting a patient as I help someone to live Biblically and walk with the Lord. These gifts have helped others in the church and hospital while giving glory to God.

I have served in positions of leadership in the United Methodist Church as Prayer Coordinator, SPRC Chairman, Worship Committee Chairman, Vice Chairman of Administrative Council, and Liturgist. I am actively involved in planting the New Life GMC which includes serving as Secretary in the Leadership Team and the Lay Delegate to the Northeast Annual Conference this year. I also am employed as a chaplain for the Altoona UPMC Hospital.



Arnie Fritzius, Chapel Church, Red Lion, PA

I feel a deep calling to serve as a delegate to the Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church because of my passion for advancing the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ and fostering a vibrant, Christ-centered community. Having been shaped by a lifelong journey in the Methodist tradition, I am drawn to this opportunity to contribute to a movement rooted in orthodox Wesleyan theology, where I can help strengthen connections among churches and support their growth in faith and outreach.

I believe my spiritual gifts of discernment, encouragement, and administration uniquely equip me to benefit the delegation. With discernment, I can prayerfully consider the needs and direction of our conference, ensuring decisions align with God's will. My gift of encouragement allows me to uplift and inspire fellow delegates, fostering unity and enthusiasm as we navigate challenges and opportunities together. Finally, my administrative abilities enable me to organize efforts effectively, ensuring our collective work is purposeful and impactful. I am eager to serve, bringing these gifts to the



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table to support the Northeast Conference in its mission to spread scriptural holiness and build up the body of Christ.



Margaret Perry, St. John's Lewisville Church

God has called me to servant leadership. He has equipped me with spiritual gifts in encouragement, administration, prayer and discernment. I feel God is calling me to use these gifts to further His kingdom mission through the GMC.

As a delegate for conference, I will pray for, encourage and support those involved in the general conference. I serve on the conference prayer team and I am a certified lay minister.



Dennis Rader, Mariner's Bethel GMC

As a lifelong Methodist and now a Global Methodist I have served the church in a variety of roles. Over the past twenty-ve years I have held nearly every position of leadership in the church to include chairing the church council, Trustees, Finance, and Sta Parish Relations Committees within the Baltimore Washington and PenDel Conferences of the UMC and continuing as a board member and full-time staff at Mariner's Bethel Global Methodist Church as the Operations Manager. I also led the disaffiliation process for my church.

In my professional career, I spent 36 years as a federal Special Agent investigating violations of federal law and was promoted to Deputy Director of a U.S. defense agency and worked throughout the U.S., Europe, the middle and far East Asia, and Central America. I also served as Director of Investigative Operations for oversight of the U.S. rebuilding of Iraq from 2007-2013. I am also the president of the



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Board for the ARC of Southern Maryland, a non-profit organization which serves intellectually and physically disadvantaged individuals.

I currently serve on the Northeast Annual Conference Interim Nominations Committee, the Investigations Committee, and served as lay delegate to the Global Methodist Church Convening General Conference in Costa Rica in 2024. I feel that the work at the General Conference was rewarding but needs to be completed and God is calling me to use my spiritual gifts of leadership, administration and wisdom to help in completing this work as we continue to grow and make disciples for Jesus Christ.



Brenda Roof, Webster Methodist Church

After much prayer and consideration I am feeling a call to serve as a delegate to our 2026 General Conference. While getting to the place of being a part of the Global Methodist movement has not been easy, it has been rewarding, even in the struggle that sometimes was a part of the process. One of my favorite verses comes from Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". This is a humbling scripture verse for me as it reminds me that I can't

do anything alone or on my own, I need Christ and if I am chosen to represent you I can assure you it will be through the leading of Christ. One of my strongest spiritual gifts is discernment and knowing that God will move mountains especially when we least expect it. I will bring these gifts to serve our needs to this conference. I have been the Lay Leader at my local church for several years and head up our Small Group Ministry. I also have my Certified Lay Ministry credential and I am a part of the Laity Equipping Team of the Northeast GMC, where I serve as one of the Registrars and I am also a member of the Conference Superintendency Committee.



Walter Warriner, East Randolph Methodist Church



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I believe I am called to be a delegate to General Conference because God has given me a vision. I am not the right person for this, but I am supposed to do it anyway. Each paragraph of the Social Witness should be revised to show that our witness is based on scripture then organized according to which ones refer to related scriptures. The paragraph on abortion should offer compassion and grace to those who are grieving having had abortions. There should be paragraphs on homosexuality and transgenderism that are biblical and offer understanding and compassion. My spiritual gifts are moderation, compassion, welcome and inclusiveness. I was a delegate to the 2024 General Conference, and I am a member of the Connectional Commission on Discipleship, Doctrine, and Just Ministry. I am a psychiatric nurse practitioner who in the past served as a licensed local pastor.