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The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to spread scriptural holiness across the globe. Anchored in our belief in Jesus Christ, the Northeast Annual Conference will come alongside local congregations to equip and strengthen our combined witness. To this end you will find a streamlined Charge Conference Report form requesting the minimal information required at charge conference.

Within the pastoral charge the basic unit in the connectional system in the Global Methodist Church is the Charge Conference. The Charge Conference shall therefore be organized by the church(es) in every pastoral charge and shall meet at least annually.

The Charge Conference shall be the connecting link between the local church, the Annual Conference, and the General Church, and shall have general oversight of the church council's overall ministry of the local church. **(**¶ 206, 438-439 (2024 BoDD)

Below you will find the forms, information, and material you will need for your congregation's annual Charge Conference. We request that all Charge Conferences be completed no later than December 15th, 2025. Your Presiding Elder will be in contact with you regarding scheduling the Charge Conference and assigning an Elder to preside. Please complete and submit the Charge Conference packet within one week of your called Church Conference. Your packet should be submitted to the Elder presiding over your Charge Conference.

Questions about or assistance on completing these forms and reports can be directed to your Presiding Elder or our Annual Conference Secretary, Matthew Sichel <u>secretary@northeastgmc.org</u>

Note: The business of the Charge Conference shall be prepared by the local church council (or equivalent group). Notice of time and place of a regular or special session of the charge conference shall be given at least ten days in advance by three or more of the following: from the pulpit of the church, in its weekly bulletin, in a local church publication, by email, or by mail.

The Presiding Elder shall fix the time and place of the meetings of the charge conference and shall preside at the meetings of the charge conference or may designate an elder to preside. The Elder presiding over the charge conference shall not be the appointed clergy of that charge.

Where "church council" appears an equivalent body of leadership is intended as well, if applicable.