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Northeast Conference Enters Partnership Agreement with Malawi Global Methodist Church

The journey toward a formal partnership between the Northeast Conference and the Malawi Global Methodist Church has grown out of prayerful discernment and a shared vision for faithful discipleship and sustainability.

In 2024, prayerful conversations began with Methodist clergy in Malawi who were discerning a call for their churches to become part of the Global Methodist Church. That prayer developed further in January 2025 when the GMC TCAT (Transitional Conference Advisory Team) application was completed and submitted from Malawi. At the same time, the Northeast Conference was prayerfully discerning a partnership with an African area.



God brought these prayers together, and what began as simple communication through WhatsApp grew into a Conference-level ministry.



In August 2025, a team of ten leaders from the Northeast Conference traveled to Malawi to participate in the Convening Conference of the Global Methodist Church in Malawi. The purpose of the visit was to build relationships with Global Methodist believers in Malawi and to discern how God might shape this partnership as all seek the Kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33).

During this season, several churches in the United States contributed to an emergency food fund to support clergy in Malawi. All funding is administered through the Conferences to ensure accountability and to support long-term community development.

In January 2026, the Northeast Conference and the Malawi Global Methodist Church signed a transitional eight-month International Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), marking an important milestone in the relationship.

That same month, an additional sign of God's provision emerged. The Global Methodist Church in Spain, a long-standing prayer partner with the Northeast Conference, received an offering designated specifically for the sustainability and mission development of the Malawi Annual Conference. This support reflects a shared commitment to helping Malawi become a fully self-sustaining conference. The Northeast Conference gives thanks to God for the leadership and churches of the Global Methodist Church in Spain for their generosity and partnership.



Further updates will be shared as the Northeast Conference and the Malawi Global Methodist Church continue praying, working, and walking together in the name of Jesus Christ.

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About the Northeast Annual Conference: *As a regional body of the Global Methodist Church, the Northeast Annual Conference is a vibrant movement encompassing over 195 congregations across 12 states—from Maine to Maryland—and Washington, D.C. Committed to orthodox Wesleyan doctrine, we value the authority of Scripture, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the call to be people of prayer, disciple multiplication, and bold Gospel proclamation. The Conference serves a diverse mission field of over 60 million people, stretching across more than 160,000 square miles. Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe. For more information, visit northeastgmc.org.*