



Updated Pre-Conference Petitions Report

The Global Methodist Church has revised and refined its Pre-Conference Petitions Report as preparations continue for the convening General Conference. This report, which will be used throughout the conference, underwent several updates to improve its usability and accessibility for delegates. The new report will be available on the conference website soon, but in the meantime, here are the key highlights.

Notable Updates to the Petitions Report:

- **Petition Committee Designation Index Moved:** The Petition Committee Designation Index has been relocated to the front of the report to help delegates find the relevant petitions more efficiently.
- **Standardized Formatting Across Languages:** All petitions have been standardized in font and style across all languages to ensure consistency and ease of use.
- **Streamlined Content:** Edits have been made to the petitions, focusing on the removal of extraneous and duplicate information, such as rationale, to keep the document concise and focused on the core business of each petition.
- **Consistent Pagination Across Languages:** With few exceptions, the report has been arranged to provide consistent pagination across all languages, simplifying cross-referencing.

- **Special Formatting for Petition 110:** Petition 110 has its own pagination and formatting due to specific content requirements.
- **Reduced Document Length:** The report is approximately 200 pages shorter than the previous Pre-Conference Update, mainly due to the removal of unnecessary blank pages and detailed submission pages that preceded each petition.
- **Numerical Index of Petitions Relocated:** The numerical index of petitions, which includes the rationale for each petition's disposition, is now located at the back of the report with its own pagination.
- **Translation and Editing Efforts:** Despite efforts to ensure accuracy, there may still be errors in translation or editing. Delegates are encouraged to report any such issues to Petitions Secretary Lamar Oliver for correction.
- **Document Revisions and Updates:** While major revisions are not expected, minor corrections related to translation or editorial matters may result in document updates, which will be documented for delegates.
- **Supplemental Contact Information:** A supplement providing contact information for petition submitters will be released within the next week to assist delegates with any questions.
- **Korean Translation Update:** The full report in Korean is expected to be released by the end of next week. Once received, it will be added to the website with the others.

Petitions Secretary Lamar Oliver commented on the report's preparation, stating, "Over the past few months, people have often asked me, 'What do the petitions look like this year?' As I reviewed each page in every translation, it became clear that these petitions reflect the devotion of many faithful people earnestly seeking to do God's will in this new work within the Wesleyan tradition. While some may see pages and pages of minutiae, I hear the heartfelt cries of people who love their God and their church. I am deeply grateful for everyone's patience as we worked through the substantiation, translation, and formatting processes. It has been a joy to connect with so many across the denomination, and their understanding, encouragement, and support have made this work truly life-giving."

As the Global Methodist Church approaches the convening General Conference, the Pre-Conference Petitions Report serves as a key document in the proceedings, reflecting the work and input of its members.

A Message from Rev. Beth Ann Cook

I'm eagerly looking forward to seeing you in Costa Rica very soon! The Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church is almost upon us, and we have been praying, working, and dreaming about this event for over a year. Now, the time is nearly here. As we finalize the preparations, I want to share some important logistical details with you:



- **Hotel Block Closing:** Please be aware that the hotel block for the conference is closes this weekend. If you haven't secured your accommodation within the designated block, now is the time to do so.
- **Transportation Notice:** If you are not staying in one of the seven designated conference hotels, please note that transportation will not be provided. This is particularly important for the two off-site worship services. The buses will go directly from the Methodist School and CIC Ande to the seven conference hotels; they will not return to the Convention Center.

Please plan accordingly to ensure you can attend these important events.

- **Medical Precautions:** Some of you have asked about medical precautions for your trip. We strongly encourage you to consult your own doctor for any medical advice, as we are not providing specific recommendations. If you choose to receive any immunizations, please remember that they generally take about two weeks to become effective.
- **Health Insurance:** It's important to note that the Global Methodist Church does not provide travel insurance for anyone whose expenses are not covered by the GMC. We strongly recommend that you check your health coverage, as it generally does not extend outside the USA. Purchasing travel insurance with adequate health benefits is highly advisable to ensure you are covered during your time in Costa Rica.

The members of the Transitional Commission, our staff, and many volunteers are working tirelessly to ensure that all the details are in place for a smooth and meaningful conference. In the upcoming weeks, you will receive more detailed directions regarding travel logistics and other preparations.

Thank you for your dedication and prayers as we approach this historic gathering. Together, we are making history, and I can't wait to share this incredible experience with you.

Warm regards,

Rev. Beth Ann Cook

*Chair, The Commission on Convening
General Conference*

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