

Official communication of the Global Methodist Church Convening General Conference



General Conference Final Recap

Our Communications Team captured and compiled highlights of Conference activities and important outcomes to share with you this week. We hope you enjoyed this series of written reports on the previous day's activities. Please share these if they have served you well during General Conference.

Final Day of Convening General Conference Charts Path for 2026 in Africa and Adopts Updated Mission

On the seventh and final day of the convening General Conference, delegates began winding down with a morning of legislative deliberations and the election of key roles.



Africa Approved for 2026

A significant decision was made as delegates approved a plan proposed by the Transitional Commission on the Convening General Conference (TCCGC) to hold the 2026 General Conference at a central African location with a low visa threshold. The plan also includes conducting legislative work virtually in advance, capping the conference length at a maximum of five days, and adopting a revised Plan of Organization and Covenant to accommodate these changes. The specific location will be announced once plans are finalized.

Delegates also elected members to the General Conference Commission, responsible for planning the 2026 General Conference.

Clergy: Sterling Allen (Trinity), Beth Ann Cook (Great Lakes), Michael Grant (Allegheny West), Anthony McPhail (South Georgia), and Cesar Gaza (Central African Republic)

Laity: Norma Morrison (Upper Midwest), Stacy Taylor (Northeast), Mack Parker (North Carolina), Nicolas Munongo Sukiska (DR Congo), Carol Loeb (Mid-Texas)



Global Episcopacy Committee

Leaders were also elected to serve on the Global Episcopacy Committee, including the names below.

Clergy: Chris Ritter (Great Lakes), Heather Sims (Trinity), Matt O'Reilly (North Alabama), Lindol Loyd (West Plains), Joanne Valenzuela (Mega Manila Philippines), Jason Burnham (Trinity)

Laity: Don Bourland (Mississippi-West Tennessee), Christine Hargrove (North Georgia), Tyson Heins (Heartland), Ernest Benefiel (Mid-South), William Floyd (South Carolina), Sarah Walters Maher (Allegheny West)

Additional leaders were elected to various other commissions, with names to be released later.



New Mission & Vision Statements

In a final legislative act, delegates voted to change the Global Methodist Church's mission statement and introduce a vision statement. The new mission statement reads: *"The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and*

spread scriptural holiness across the globe.” The newly adopted vision statement declares: “Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Global Methodist Church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.”



Bishops Consecrated in Worship

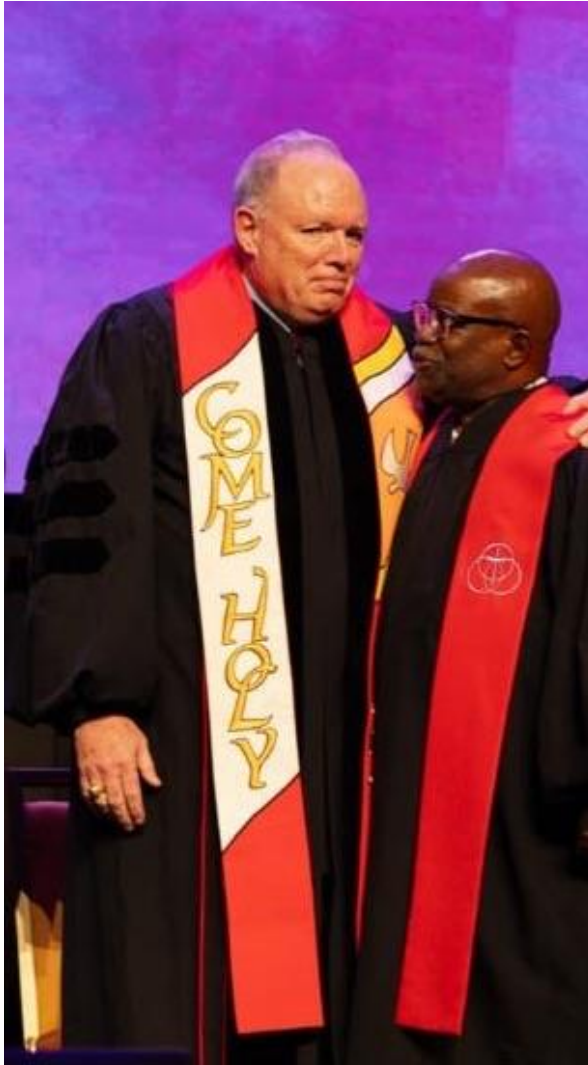
The conference concluded with a service of consecration for the GM Church’s newly elected interim episcopal leaders, affirming their roles in guiding the church forward. Those consecrated included Bishop Kimba Evariste, Bishop John Pena Auta, Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory, Bishop Kenneth Levingston, Bishop Carolyn Moore, and Bishop Jeff Greenway.



Bishop Mark J. Webb ended the conference with a powerful charge: “Church, you will receive power. You have received power. Go be God’s witnesses so that the world will know.”

With the Holy Spirit empowering and renewing all those in attendance and beyond, the Global Methodist Church looks ahead to a new chapter of mission and ministry.





Closing Conference Video

Step into the sacred moments of the Global Methodist Church Convening Conference 2024 in Costa Rica with this uplifting recap video. Journey through powerful sermons, heartfelt worship, and Spirit-led fellowship as Methodists from around the world unite to seek God's guidance and strengthen their faith. Set amidst Costa Rica's natural beauty, this video captures the Holy Spirit's presence in every prayer, every hymn, and every conversation, as we embrace our mission to spread the love of Christ.



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