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LETTERS OF *Welcome*



Transitional Connectional Officer & Connectional Operations Officer

September 2024

We bring greetings and our fervent prayers for all who will gather as part of the convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church. Much has been accomplished since May 1, 2022, when the GM Church commenced operations. From faithful local church members to bishops who traveled around the world, and on to countless others who have served on councils, commissions, and in annual conferences, people have devoted countless hours to the labor of launching a Holy Spirit empowered church. We have witnessed a miraculous movement of God as thirty-six annual conferences and counting, and more than 4,700 churches from around the world have become part of fulfilling our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Prior to the convening General Conference, we characterized our lives together as transitional. God led us and watched over us as we journeyed together as faithful followers of his Son, Jesus, our Lord and our Redeemer. And as we walked and ran along the way, we have rejoiced as many more people have gladly joined us.

Now, we arrive here in Costa Rica, representing a great multitude of diverse people who long to see where God will lead us beyond our transitional season. We will shed the word “transitional” in the coming days, but we pray God will lead us onward, making us a mighty movement empowered by the Holy Spirit!

Often through great sacrifice, and always with hope, the people of the Global Methodist Church have trusted God, and stepped out in faith to be part of this movement. They have planted new churches and revitalized dying ones. They have joined together to form connections in new conferences. And they have partnered with brothers and sisters around the world to create a Church rooted in Scripture, and fired by the life-giving confessions handed down to them by our ancestors in the faith.

Now, they are entrusting you to bring your hearts, minds, and souls to the corporate task of discerning God’s will for this new movement called the Global Methodist Church.

With humility and thankfulness, take what has been done thus far, and then fervently seek God's will for the people called Methodists! Lay aside any pride in being elected a delegate to this convening General Conference. Instead, tremble in fear that you, a sinner in need of God's redeeming, have been called to this task. And then remember, God always finds a way to work through his fallible and fallen people. Rejoice in knowing he will use you, and your brothers and sisters, to grow his Church if we all humble ourselves and listen carefully in this holy time of discernment.

Many faithful friends in the faith have worked hard and long hours and days to make the convening General Conference possible. May everything we do and say in our time here honor their service and sacrifice. Above all, as many people have been doing in advance of your gathering, we pray for a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we seek the heart and will of God for the Global Methodist Church. Our prayer is that this historic gathering would shape a church to be used of God to share the Gospel with the whole world, serve as a light of salvation to many, and offer God's power that we might be transformed to be more like Jesus by the grace of God!



Rev. Keith D. Boyette

Transitional Connectional Officer

May 2022–September 2024



Rev. Michael W. Schafer

Connectional Operations Officer

October 2024 Forward

GMC Bishops

Sisters and Brothers,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We welcome you to the Global Methodist Church convening General Conference. Romans 8:19 tells us “the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.” Ever since the very first Pentecost the Holy Spirit has been shaping the people of God, and our gathering in Costa Rica is one more chapter in that powerful and significant story.

Our mission as a new expression of the Methodist movement is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly and witness boldly. Led by the Holy Spirit, we expect all three aspects of disciple-making to take place in our gathering.

We have been praying for a powerful anointing of the Holy Spirit as we confer. We trust God will answer our prayer and this conference will be a means of grace. With Charles Wesley we encourage each other:

*Come, let us use the grace divine,
And all, with one accord,
In a perpetual covenant join
Ourselves to Christ the Lord.
Give up ourselves, through Jesu's power
His name to glorify;
And promise in this sacred hour
For God to live and die.*



Bishop Scott J. Jones



Bishop Johnwesley Johanna



Bishop Mark J. Webb

Commission on the General Conference Chair

Dear GMC Brothers and Sisters,

February 24, 2022, was a low point for me. I spent the day on a UMC General Conference Commission Zoom. At the end of that meeting a very political vote was taken to postpone General Conference once again. I knew it was the last straw and I wept.

I can hardly believe how far God has brought us since that day. On May 1st the Global Methodist Church was born. The church that I serve, St. Paul's GMC in Poseyville, Indiana, has emerged from the pain of disaffiliation and is growing. We have new families and a vibrant ministry to youth and children.

When the TLC asked me to chair the Transitional Commission on the Convening General Conference and find a way to hold our first GC in 2024, I sucked air. (In the UMC General Conferences were planned 8 years in advance with a budget of over 10 million dollars. So, this was an incredibly daunting task.) The good news is that our team was full of faith-filled, dedicated, creative leaders. Those leaders recruited task teams with more amazing disciples.

We all leaned into Philippians 1:6: "And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

Planning this gathering has not been a smooth or perfect ride. We have faced some challenges and things will be imperfect. Yet I know that God is going to move in San Jose, Costa Rica!

The one who has brought us this far will complete His good work in us. I'm excited to be with you September 20-26th.

Blessings and peace,



Rev. Beth Ann Cook

Costa Rica Methodist Bishop



The Evangelical Methodist Church of Costa Rica

Welcomes the Global Methodist Church

San José – Costa Rica

September 1, 2024

Dear and Esteemed:

Bishops
Presidents Pro tempore
Members of the TLC
Members of the TCCGC
Clergy and Lay Delegates/Alternates
Special Guests and Friends

Blessings to you from the Lord our God,

United together in our confession of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, the Evangelical Methodist Church of Costa Rica greets and welcomes you as representatives of the Global Methodist Church. We join you in celebrating this historic General Conference taking place September 20-26, 2024.

We count it a privilege and joy to receive you in our nation and pray a special blessing over your entire time in Costa Rica. To each delegate and visitor alike, we extend to you our love in Jesus the Christ, who is our Lord and head of the Church.

We pray with our whole heart that the Holy Spirit will guide you in this inaugural process of weaving together the mission and the vision of this new Methodist body. Additionally, our prayer is that the powerful reformation which you have proposed will fortify every local church and the entire organization as it seeks to fulfill the Church's mission.

Reaffirming our confession that Jesus Christ is Lord and directed by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit, we pray that this first General Conference may be both a powerful and blessed event whose fruits will reach the world to which we have all been sent out as witnesses of Jesus Christ!

With Love in Christ

Dr. Luis Fernando Paloma

Bishop - Evangelical Methodist Church of Costa Rica

Costa Rican Dignitaries Letter



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San José – Costa Rica

September 20, 2024

Subject: Welcome to the Global Methodist Church

Dear and Esteemed:

Bishops
Pastors
Delegates and Officials
Special Visitors

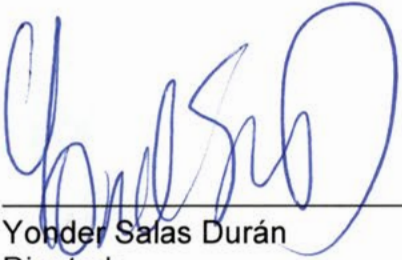
We, the congressmen of the Legislative Assembly, extend a cordial and affectionate welcome to all members and visitors of the Global Methodist Church in their celebration of the first world general conference, taking place in our country. It is a great blessing that you have chosen Costa Rica as the headquarters for the beginning of what is and will be a great denomination to continue making disciples of Christ throughout the world, teaching them to keep his ordinances and the doctrine of Holiness taught by John Wesley, which emphasizes a decisive change in the human heart under the encouragement, grace, and direction of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings to you from the Lord our God.

Congressmen

Fabricio Alvarado Muñoz
Diputado

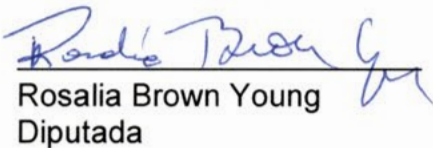
Pablo Sibaja Jiménez
Diputado



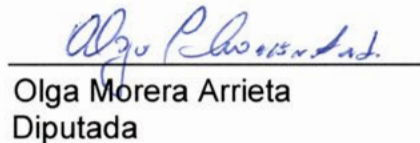
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David Segura Gamboa
Diputado



Rosalía Brown Young
Diputada



Olga Morera Arrieta
Diputada



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CC: Bishop Dr. Luis F Palomo
Evangelical Methodist Church of Costa Rica

Reports



Transitional Leadership Council

TRANSITIONAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEMBERS



Keith Boyette
*Member, March 2020 –
December 2024; Chairman,
March 2020 – June 2022*



Arturo Cadar
*Member, January 2023 –
December 2024*



Bishop Lindsey Davis
*Member, March 2020 –
March 2021*



Kimba Evariste
*Member, May 2022 –
December 2024*



Krystl Gauld
*Member, May 2022 –
December 2024*



Jeff Greenway
*Member, March 2020 –
December 2024*



Jay Hanson
*Member, March 2020 –
December 2024*



Bishop Robert Hayes
*Member, March 2020 –
April 2022*



Leah Hidde-Gregory
*Member, March 2020 –
December 2024; Chairwoman,
June 2022 – October 2022*



Bishop John Innis
*Member, March 2020 –
March 2021*



Scott Jones
*Member, January 2023 –
December 2024*



Andrei Kim
*Member, March 2020 –
December 2024*



Jessica LaGrone
*Member, May 2022 –
December 2024*



Bishop Mike Lowry
*Member, January 2022 –
August 2022*



Patricia Miller
*Member, March 2020 –
December 2024*



Martin Nicholas
*Member, March 2020 –
December 2024*



Cara Nicklas
*Member, March 2020 –
December 2024; Chairwoman,
October 2022 – December 2024*



Keihwan Kevin Ryoo
*Member, March 2020 –
December 2024*



Gideon Salatan
*Member, March 2020 –
December 2024*



B.D. Sapalo
*Member, January 2023 –
December 2024*



Steven Taylor
*Member, March 2020 –
December 2024*



Daniel Topalski
*Member, May 2022 –
December 2024*



David Watson
*Member, January 2023 –
December 2024*



Mark Webb
*Member, January 2023 –
December 2024*



Bazel Yoila Yayuba
*Member, January 2023 –
December 2024*



Walter Fenton
*Secretary, March 2020 –
December 2024*

NOT PICTURED

Philippe Adjobi — *Member, March 2020 – June 2023*

Joe Connelly — *Member, March 2020 – March 2022*

Adrian Garcia — *Member, March 2020 – March 2022*

REPORT OF THE TRANSITIONAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL TO THE CONVENING GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Transitional Leadership Council (TLC) was formed in March of 2020 in anticipation of the Protocol of Reconciliation & Grace Through Separation (the “Protocol”) being adopted at the 2020 General Conference of The United Methodist Church (UM Church). The TLC was originally chaired by Rev. Keith D. Boyette and was composed of 18 persons from around the world. The initial membership of the TLC was the result of input from leaders of the Confessing Movement, Good News, the Wesleyan Covenant Association, and UM Action, as well as nominations from evangelical, orthodox leaders not aligned with those organizations. Additionally, the TLC was structured so that its members were drawn from every geographical region of Methodism. The assignment of the TLC was to stand up a theologically conservative church committed to the orthodox confession of the Christian faith in the Wesleyan tradition.

The 2020 General Conference of the UM Church was ultimately postponed three times because of the Covid pandemic. When the last postponement was announced, the TLC made the decision to launch the Global Methodist Church effective May 1, 2022, rather than endure the continuing uncertainty associated with the holding of the UM Church General Conference and the widespread disobedience to the order and discipline of the UM Church.

During the period from March of 2020 to April of 2022, the TLC adopted the provisions of a *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline* to govern the GM Church from May 1, 2022, until a convening General Conference was held. The TLC established a general church leadership structure for the transitional period and developed policies and procedures to govern the church in its early days. The TLC appointed the Rev. Keith Boyette as the Transitional Connectional Officer, its chief executive and administrative officer, the Rev. Walter Fenton as the Deputy Connectional Officer, and the Rev. Angela Pleasants as the director of clergy and church relations. Rev. Leah Hidde-Gregory became the chair of the TLC in June of 2022. As it began operations, the GM Church received a gift of \$1,000,000 from the Next Methodism Fund of the Wesleyan Covenant Association.

The TLC authorized a website, www.globalmethodist.org, and a weekly e-newsletter, Crossroads. Beginning on May 1, 2022, the TLC began to receive churches and clergy into membership in the GM Church. Consistent with the *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline*, the general church staff was kept to the minimum necessary for the operation of the general church. The TLC established that general church operations would be funded by connectional funding set at 1% of each member church’s prior year operating income. The TLC provided oversight for the churches as they joined, credentialed clergy, and appointed them to serve specific local churches. The TLC authorized pension and benefit plans to be offered through Wespath.

Under the direction of the TLC, processes were developed to form provisional annual conferences in defined geographical regions globally. The TLC authorized the formation of Transitional Conference Advisory Teams (TCATs) and, through the general church staff, guided such teams in forming provisional annual conferences. In each instance, the TLC determined when a provisional annual conference was authorized to begin operations. By the fall of 2022, the first provisional annual conferences began operations, being led by presidents *pro tempore*.

The TLC provided oversight to and accountability for the general church staff and approved all expenditures of general church funds. The TLC also supervised and approved efforts of the general church staff to respond to requests to form provisional annual conferences outside the United States.

Additionally, in the fall of 2022, the TLC began to form four transitional commissions – Evangelism, Missions, and Church Planting; Discipleship, Doctrine, and Just Ministry; Ministry and Higher Education; and Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits. The TLC provided oversight for these commissions and encouraged the development of ministries to support and resource local churches through them. In addition, the TLC received applications from and approved a list of recommended educational institutions for the GM Church.

The TLC authorized and ultimately approved a Catechism for the Global Methodist Church. The TLC has also approved relationships with MinistrySafe for services to protect children, youth, and vulnerable adults, which is offered to local churches at no additional cost. The TLC also approved a contractual relationship with Mission Insight, which offers demographic analysis at no cost to local churches.

In October 2022, Cara Nicklas became the chair of the TLC. Mark James Webb and Scott Jameson Jones were received as active bishops of the GM Church in January 2023. Additionally, the TLC approved receiving Young Jin Cho, Robert Hayes, Mike Lowry, and Edward Williamson as Bishop Emeriti of the GM Church.

In the spring of 2023, the TLC directed that the GM Church would hold its convening General Conference in the fall of 2024, and appointed a Transitional Commission on the Convening General Conference. Thereafter, the TLC provided direction and supervised the work of the Commission.

In the fall of 2023, in cooperation with the International Leadership Institute, the TLC received training and introduced the HistoryMakers Leadership Training to the provisional annual conferences. Many of the conferences are now offering this training to leadership groups.

From the fall of 2023 through May of 2024, the TLC developed and finalized legislative proposals to be submitted to the convening General Conference. The TLC has served as the body to which appeals are taken with respect to matters related to the convening

General Conference. Additionally, the TLC terminated the relationship with Wespath and authorized the offering of pension and benefit plans for clergy and lay employees administered by GuideStone.

As of September 1, 2024, the GM Church consists of 36 operating provisional annual conferences globally with three more soon to begin operations. The church's membership consists of 4800 local churches and 5500 clergy, with a significant number of churches and clergy in Africa currently filing applications to be received.

The TLC has established a goal of ending decades of financial dependency of some geographic areas of the church on other areas. The TLC has developed systems which will move every region of the church to self-sustainability, and that is developing a system of partnerships among annual conferences with financial resources with annual conferences that historically have been dependent on others for financial resources.

The fiscal year of the GM Church runs from July 1 to June 30. The financial status of the church at June 30, 2023, and June 30, 2024 is set forth on the attached unaudited financial statements which are currently being audited. While the GM Church currently has significant undesignated reserves at the general church level, a significant portion of these reserves will be necessary to pay expenses of the convening General Conference. Nevertheless, the GM Church is well positioned financially as it moves from its transitional phase into a more established season of its life.

The members of the TLC never thought they would be responsible for stewarding the GM Church in its formational and transitional period that has lasted more than four years. The members of the TLC have served sacrificially without remuneration throughout this period faithfully meeting virtually weekly for 60 to 120 minutes. They are eager to turn the responsibilities of leadership over to those entities approved for formation by the convening General Conference and to the persons who are then elected to leadership.

Presently, the legislation which will form the new general church leadership bodies specifies that it is not effective until January 1, 2025. This is necessary because of the time it will take to stand up these new connectional bodies with full membership assigned to them. During the period from the adjournment of the convening General Conference on September 26, 2024, through December 31, 2024, the TLC will continue to provide leadership for the GM Church under the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline* adopted during the opening plenary session of the convening General Conference. As they have to date, they will be careful stewards of this new church, ensuring that the decisions of the convening General Conference are implemented effective January 1, 2025. At that point, the members of the TLC will end their service, and the TLC will become part of the history of the GM Church.

We append to this report a list of the persons who have served or currently serve on the TLC.

Each of the members of the TLC would declare that serving in the birth and development of the GM Church has been one of the greatest honors of lifetimes of ministry. They are grateful for the opportunity. They praise God for His faithfulness and the miracles He has wrought in the creation of the GM Church. They joyfully join in the work with thousands of others that will help the GM Church fulfill its mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Respectfully submitted,

Cara Nicklas

Chair
Transitional Leadership Council

Rev. Keith D. Boyette

Transitional Connectional Officer

Global Methodist Church Profit and Loss

	Jul 2023 - Jun 2024	Jul 2022 - Jun 2023
Income		
3000 Income		
3010 Direct Contributions	640,574.78	415,330.52
3020 Connectional Funding - General Church	5,624,623.01	652,991.83
3030 Multipliers Learning Cohort		11,000.00
Total 3000 Income	\$ 6,265,197.79	\$ 1,079,322.35
3100 Miscellaneous Income	0.94	-0.01
3900 Interest Income	127,335.95	34,863.23
3910 Benefits Interest Income	35,874.05	5,241.25
Total Income	\$ 6,428,408.73	\$ 1,119,426.82
Gross Profit	\$ 6,428,408.73	\$ 1,119,426.82
Expenses		
1 Program Expenses		
4000 Professional Fees		
4010 Accounting Consulting	68,362.20	59,242.88
4015 Benefits Billing Support Services	133,489.67	0.00
4020 Database Development	131,662.50	44,372.50
4025 Audit Fees	500.00	
4030 Registration Internationally Expense	89,436.07	23,924.00
4040 Legal Fees-General	203.26	16,151.55
4050 Interpreter Services	19,651.28	
4400 Marketing		
4410 Marketing	12,160.22	27,208.49
4415 Public Relations	325.00	5,000.00
4420 Website	10,475.00	8,202.22
Total 4400 Marketing	\$ 22,960.22	\$ 40,410.71
Total 4000 Professional Fees	\$ 466,265.20	\$ 184,101.64
4200 Meetings Account		463.75
4300 General Office		
4305 Office Supplies	12,848.06	4,598.46
4310 Shipping	7,816.01	6,431.36
4330 Credit Card Processing Fees	12,339.72	6,282.67
4335 Bank Charges & Fees	3,317.27	794.99
4336 Benefits - Bank Charges & Fees	15.00	120.00
4340 Dues & Subscriptions	8,950.35	
4350 Printing	1,283.84	7,864.69
4370 Furnishings & Equipment	5,732.49	2,178.15
4650 Software & Web Services	32,933.08	109,492.09
Total 4300 General Office	\$ 85,235.82	\$ 137,762.41
4500 Travel		635.35
4510 Airfare	168,931.59	27,691.33

4520 Parking	2,510.03	2,231.31
4530 Ground Transportation	18,347.79	11,201.28
4540 Meals	6,932.53	3,654.28
4550 Lodging	27,363.24	27,243.19
4560 Event Registration	102.50	
4565 Other Travel Related Costs	290.43	
4570 Travel Insurance	1,857.68	226.32
4580 TLC Meeting	8,873.74	30,049.27
4590 Per Diem	400.00	
Total 4500 Travel	\$ 235,609.53	\$ 102,932.33
4610 DRC		
4612 DRC Office Rental	1,500.00	6,000.00
4615 Congo - Solar Power	23,833.90	
4622 DRC Conference Support	22,513.00	7,154.00
Total 4610 DRC	\$ 47,846.90	\$ 13,154.00
4700 Denominational Ministries		
4710 Church Planting	34,500.00	10,500.00
4725 Entrusting Others	9,500.00	
4730 Global Missions		25,000.00
4735 Missionary Support Expense	20,250.00	13,500.00
4745 Non-US Conferences	172,571.52	0.00
4750 Mission Insite	90,000.00	40,000.00
4760 Multipliers Learning Cohort	16,510.00	25,375.00
4770 Child Safety Services	91,344.13	25,000.00
4780 Young Clergy Events	72,000.00	
4785 Nigerian Awareness Campaign	10,000.00	
4790 Africa Initiative	17,802.27	
Total 4700 Denominational Ministries	\$ 534,477.92	\$ 139,375.00
4800 Missions		
4810 Missions BTW Conference		24,500.00
Total 4800 Missions	\$ 0.00	\$ 24,500.00
4900 Convening Conference		
4905 Transfer from Designated Fund	-470,888.77	
4910 Commission Expenses	4,602.02	
4915 Technology (Voting System)	18,785.00	
4917 Interpretation Services	54,983.41	
4920 Convention Center Rental	220,158.83	
4930 Hotels and Lodging	170,765.29	
4940 Worship	1,594.22	
Total 4900 Convening Conference	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total 1 Program Expenses	\$ 1,369,435.37	\$ 602,289.13
2 Facility Expenses		
5000 Office Rental	13,606.00	9,619.80
5010 Insurance	6,918.34	7,070.87
5020 Utilities	70.00	110.00
Total 2 Facility Expenses	\$ 20,594.34	\$ 16,800.67
3 Salaries & Benefits		
6000 Executive Staff	676,305.71	366,126.59

6004 Bishops	210,914.46	93,786.48
6010 Administrative Staff	263,840.30	125,372.79
6015 Housing Allowance	239,277.03	148,713.48
6017 Employer Pension Expense	64,997.64	19,007.74
6018 Health Insurance Expense	69,479.54	18,847.05
6019 Life & Disability Insurance Expense	4,401.46	433.12
6020 Payroll Tax Expenses	40,447.00	9,023.83
6030 Payroll Processing Fees	10,667.50	570.00
Total 3 Salaries & Benefits	\$ 1,580,330.64	\$ 781,881.08
7999 Other Expenses	100.00	
Total Expenses	\$ 2,970,460.35	\$ 1,400,970.88
Net Operating Income	\$ 3,457,948.38	-\$ 281,544.06
Other Income		
Billable Expense Income		
7000 Benefits		2,081.09
7020 Disability Payments	1,437,908.21	148,533.81
7030 Health Insurance payments	22,299,393.39	4,035,901.36
7040 Church Pensions	16,329,109.67	2,049,571.38
7050 Pastor's Pensions	3,420,874.71	1,456,809.30
7060 Pastor's HSA		2,100.00
7070 Pastor's Medical FSA		2,310.00
Total 7000 Benefits	\$ 43,487,285.98	\$ 7,697,306.94
Total Billable Expense Income	\$ 43,487,285.98	\$ 7,697,306.94
Designated Funds Income		
3015 Missions Contribution	1,061.97	700.00
3050 Connectional Fund - Annual Conference Contribution	519,319.08	226,761.74
3060 Endorsement Fund Contribution		5,000.00
3070 Church Planting Contribution	16,758.91	277,108.17
3071 ATS-GMC Partnership Contribution	500,000.00	
3080 Chaplaincy Contribution	23,897.41	3,706.02
3090 Missionary Support Contribution	247.00	13,500.00
3110 Disaster Relief Contributions	342,032.68	58,527.70
3120 Ministerial Training	2,947.75	1,080.91
3125 Kenya Contributions	19,519.00	
3126 Congo Conference Contributions	85,801.50	
3127 Eurasia Conference Contributions	751.50	
3128 Nigeria Conference Contributions	2,332.00	
3130 Ethiopia Emerging Conference Income	145,474.49	
3135 North Africa Emerging Conference Contributions	27,300.00	
3140 Convening Conference Contributions	1,049,491.14	
3145 Angola Contributions	20,975.00	
3150 iCRED Conference Contributions	2,000.00	
3155 Young Clergy Event Contributions	89,000.00	
Funds Income Transfer Account	-2,848,909.43	-586,384.54
Total Designated Funds Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Other Income	\$ 43,487,285.98	\$ 7,697,306.94
Other Expenses		
Billable Expense		

7900 Benefits Expense		
7920 Disability Premiums	1,451,475.44	82,067.24
7930 Health Insurance Premiums	22,209,102.39	4,166,881.75
7940 Pension Contributions	20,017,867.66	2,594,493.59
Total 7900 Benefits Expense	\$ 43,678,445.49	\$ 6,843,442.58
Total Billable Expense Income	\$ 43,678,445.49	\$ 6,843,442.58
Designated Funds Expense		
8000 Chaplaincy Fund Expense	3,657.92	850.00
8010 Church Planting Expense	250,000.00	
8011 ATS-GMC Partnership Distribution	139,500.00	
8015 Kenya Expenses	10,119.00	
8020 Connectional Funding - Annual Conference Expense	707,497.78	142,087.89
8025 North Africa Emerging Conference Expenses	25,000.00	
8026 Congo Expenses	81,001.50	
8030 Disaster Relief Expense	269,061.10	55,618.66
8035 Angola Expenses	9,475.00	
8045 ICRED Conference Expense	2,000.00	
8050 Ministerial Training Fund	46,337.73	
8055 Young Clergy Event Expense	74,484.05	
8060 Missions Fund Expense	1,000.00	596.00
8070 Ethiopia Emerging Conference Expense	78,880.00	
8080 Convening Conference Expense	470,888.77	
Fund Expense Transfer Account	-2,168,902.85	-199,152.55
Total Designated Funds Expense	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Other Expenses	\$ 43,678,445.49	\$ 6,843,442.58
Net Other Income	-\$ 191,159.51	\$ 853,864.36
Net Income	\$ 3,266,788.87	\$ 572,320.30

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Global Methodist Church

Balance Sheet

As of Jun 30, 2024

	As of Jun 30, 2024	Total As of Jun 30, 2023 (PY)	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
1000 Merrill Lynch Endowment XX02B73	6,477,798.62	2,069,630.53	4,408,168.09
1010 Bank of America-xx9415	355,623.60	339,395.60	16,228.00
1020 Bank of America xx 0823	57,571.07	15,141.79	42,429.28
1050 Merrill Lynch Benefits XX02C09	1,951,010.94	620,058.78	1,330,952.16
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 8,842,004.23	\$ 3,044,226.70	\$ 5,797,777.53
Short-Term Investments			
1080 Wespath - Pension	9,664.18	510,832.10	-501,167.92
1080 Wespath - HealthFlex	116,582.36	252.66	116,329.70
1080 Wespath - Death/Disability	3,757.85	359.96	3,397.89
Total Short-Term Investments	\$ 130,004.39	\$ 511,444.72	-\$ 381,440.33
Accounts Receivable			
1100 Accounts Receivable (A/R)	1,674,968.28	3,846,025.59	-2,171,057.31
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,674,968.28	\$ 3,846,025.59	-\$ 2,171,057.31
Other Current Assets			
1200 Undeposited Funds-in-Transit	3,069.82	59,451.70	-56,381.88
1300 Prepaid expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 3,069.82	\$ 59,451.70	-\$ 56,381.88
Total Current Assets	\$ 10,650,046.72	\$ 7,461,148.71	\$ 3,188,898.01
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 10,650,046.72	\$ 7,461,148.71	\$ 3,188,898.01
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable			
2000 Accounts Payable (A/P)	49,882.50	11,619.00	38,263.50
Total Accounts Payable	\$ 49,882.50	\$ 11,619.00	\$ 38,263.50
Other Current Liabilities			
2200 Accrued Expenses	200.00	200.00	0.00
2210 Federal Income Tax Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00
2230 State Income Tax Payable	0.00	4.75	-4.75
2240 Retirement Liability - Wespath	0.00	0.00	0.00
2240 Wespath Benefits	4,214,295.33	3,473,115.87	741,179.46
2600 Deferred Revenue	550,257.77	219,018.31	331,239.46
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 4,764,753.10	\$ 3,692,338.93	\$ 1,072,414.17
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 4,814,635.60	\$ 3,703,957.93	\$ 1,110,677.67
Total Liabilities	\$ 4,814,635.60	\$ 3,703,957.93	\$ 1,110,677.67
Equity			
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets			
2700 Designated Funds			
2710 Chaplaincy Fund	23,410.70	2,753.03	20,657.67
2711 Eurasia Conference	751.50		751.50

2712 Nigeria Conference Fund	2,332.00		
2715 Ethiopia Emerging Conference Fund	65,564.62		65,564.62
2720 Church Planting Fund	29,404.08	265,668.93	-236,264.85
2725 Convening Conference Fund	652,370.78		652,370.78
2730 Disaster Relief Fund	70,416.53	2,780.30	67,636.23
2735 Kenya Fund	9,400.00		9,400.00
2740 Endorsement Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
2745 North Africa Emerging Conference Fund	2,300.00		2,300.00
2750 Missions Fund	0.00	104.00	-104.00
2755 Angola Fund	11,500.00		11,500.00
2760 Ministerial Training Fund	2,010.74	1,080.91	929.83
2765 iCRED Conference Fund	0.00		0.00
2770 Congo Conference Fund	4,800.00		4,800.00
2775 Young Clergy Event Fund	14,515.95		14,515.95
2780 Connectional Fund - Annual Conference	19,336.98	84,673.85	-65,336.87
2785 ATS-GMC Partnership Fund	360,500.00		360,500.00
2790 Missionary Support Fund	0.00	13,500.00	-13,500.00
Total 2700 Designated Funds	\$ 1,273,613.88	\$ 375,561.02	\$ 895,720.86
Total Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ 1,273,613.88	\$ 375,561.02	\$ 898,052.86
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,295,008.37	2,809,309.46	-1,514,301.09
Net Income	3,266,788.87	572,320.30	2,694,468.57
Total Equity	\$ 5,835,411.12	\$ 3,757,190.78	\$ 2,078,220.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 10,650,046.72	\$ 7,461,148.71	\$ 3,188,898.01

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THE CONVENING GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMUNITY:

Plan of Organization and Covenant for Our Life Together

PREFACE

Following the biblical admonition in Hebrews 12:15 and elsewhere, John Wesley early on encouraged his followers to “watch over one another in love,” first meeting with his brother Charles and a few other clergy in 1744 to consider “how we should proceed to save our own souls and those that heard us.” (Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline (TBDD), ¶601). As the spiritual heirs of that tradition, our goal is still to peacefully work together for the common good of all in fulfilling the mission of the church. As members of the church of Jesus Christ, we also aspire to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in our conferencing (Acts 15:28) and conform to God’s will by experiencing God’s transforming grace (Romans 12:2). Within the community of the General Conference, thus, the following are established to spell out how we can best respond in obedience to God’s will and go about our mission, while still caring for all and making a bold witness for Christ to the world.

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

I. OPENING SESSION

The Global Methodist Church will hold its Convening Conference in the place and time recommended by the Commission on General Conference and set by the Transitional Leadership Council (TLC), beginning with a time of worship. The Conference will then be called to order by a bishop designated by the TLC, with the following order of business:

1. Recognition of delegations and delegates by the Transitional Connectional Operating Officer. The official roll call will be completed by the registration process.
2. Establishment of the voting bar of the Conference.
3. Report of the Commission on the General Conference.

4. Adoption of the Plan of Organization and Covenant for our community life as a Conference by a two-thirds vote. Prior to adoption, the Plan and Covenant may be amended from the floor by a majority vote.
5. Election of the General Conference Secretary upon nomination of the TLC (¶605.2, Plan IV).
6. Adoption of the Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline (TBDD) as the starting document outlining the governing principles and systems of the Global Methodist Church, subject to all amendments and additions as approved by the convening General Conference. At the end of the conference, the Book of Doctrines and Discipline will be adopted as amended by majority vote and will no longer be considered “transitional.”
7. Adoption of the proposed limited agenda of the Convening Conference including worship services, special presentations, and specific paragraphs in the TBDD which are open to amendment or change as spelled out below. Additional paragraphs or topics may be considered by a two-thirds vote of the General Conference delegates.
8. Miscellaneous business

II. PRESIDING OFFICERS

All plenary sessions of the General Conference will be guided by the active and bishops emeritus of the Global Methodist Church, as assigned by the Committee on Agenda (¶ 605.1). Legislative Committees will be convened by one of the bishops in order to elect a chair, vice-chair, and secretary, who will then preside over committee meetings (see below).

III. COMMISSION ON THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Prior to the convening conference, the TLC will have appointed a commission to oversee the preparations and recommend the optimal time and place for the conference. The Commission will also recommend to the TLC the total number of delegates, as well as recommend the formula for the equitable allocation of delegates to the entire global church and coordinate logistical arrangements for the successful operation of the Conference.

IV. THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Prior to the General Conference, the TLC will appoint an acting Secretary. At the opening session of the General Conference, the TLC will nominate and the delegates will elect the Secretary of the General Conference. The Secretary will be accountable to the Commission on the General Conference, working closely with the presiding bishops and the TLC. The Secretary, assisted by volunteer or paid staff, will be

responsible for implementing the daily agenda and for coordinating the work of the legislative committees in dealing with petitions and resolutions. Working with the Commission on the General Conference, the Secretary will initiate procedures to prepare all delegates for full participation in the General Conference by providing information concerning both the operation of the General Conference and materials it will consider. In addition, the Secretary will oversee the work of the administrative committees of the General Conference, serving as an *ex officio* member as indicated below. This position may be a paid staff position. If the position of Secretary becomes vacant in between General Conference sessions, the Connectional Council will elect a successor to serve until the next session.

V. COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

A. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

1. An **Agenda Committee** will be composed of eight delegates, half clergy and half lay from across the global church, as well as the chairs of each legislative committee and the Secretary of the General Conference who will be an *ex officio* member. The Committee will prepare the daily order of the plenary sessions, including the consideration of those petitions identified by each legislative committee as having the highest priority for conference action. They will also select the presiding officer for each plenary session. The agenda will be set in such a way as to rotate through each committee one such priority item at a time, with the allowance that related petitions within one area may be considered at the same time. The Committee will announce at the close of each plenary session a tentative agenda for the subsequent session.
2. A **Credentials Committee** will be composed of eight delegates, half clergy and half lay from across the global church who will consult with the Secretary of the General Conference and decide on all matters dealing with the approval of credentials and the seating of delegates.
3. A **Reference Committee** will be composed of eight delegates, half clergy and half lay from across the global church, who will refer all petitions and resolutions received to the appropriate legislative committees.
4. A **Courtesies Committee** will be composed of eight delegates, half clergy and half lay from across the global church, who will consider resolutions of commendation, courtesy, or appreciation submitted by delegates for presentation to the plenary session, as well as special guests who may be invited to address the conference.
5. A **Journal Committee** will be composed of three delegates, plus the Secretary of the General Conference, who will approve the daily proceedings, as well as reconcile all petitions which are passed by the Conference with other provisions within the TBDD.

6. A **Nominations Committee** will be composed of eight delegates, half clergy and half lay from across the global church, who will nominate a slate of persons to serve as members of the various general church commissions and councils.

B. MEMBERSHIP OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

Members of Administrative Committees will be nominated by each delegation at least 60 days prior to the conference and elected by the TLC out of the pool of nominees for the convening General Conference, taking care to ensure representation across the geographical areas of the church. For subsequent General Conferences, nominations will be made to the Connectional Council for their election. Membership on an Administrative Committee does not prevent the person from serving on a Legislative Committee.

C. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

Seven legislative committees will be established for the Convening General Conference, each composed of no more than sixty-five persons, as nearly as possible half lay and half clergy from across the global church, with a minimum of thirty persons for each committee. The convening General Conference will have a limited agenda in order to allow time for the most significant decisions to be made affecting the development of the Global Methodist Church and to allow more input at the subsequent General Conference from congregations and areas across the world that may not yet be an official part of the GMC. Petitions related to paragraphs not listed in the limited agenda below will be referred to the next General Conference for consideration, unless by a two-thirds vote the conference agrees to take them up. Such petitions will not be translated before the convening General Conference. The petitions secretary appointed by the Transitional Leadership Council will publicly report the disposition of each submitted petition, along with the rationale for its disposition (accepted, not accepted, referred).

In addition to the agenda listed under each legislative committee, the General Conference agenda will include the ability of any legislative committee to recommend forming working groups or task forces to develop proposals for a future General Conference. The agenda will also include the ability to pass petitions that make editorial changes to parts of the *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline* that are not otherwise considered part of the agenda. Such editorial petitions do not open those non-agenda paragraphs to other amendments without the two-thirds vote of the General Conference.

1. The **Conferences Legislative Committee** will establish or approve the boundaries and names of annual conferences, as well as the formula allocating delegates to the General Conference and the possibility of the creation of regional conferences. It will review petitions relating to the following paragraphs within the *TBDD*: 522, 523, 604, 609, 612, 613, and Part 6 editorial.
2. The **Connectional Organization Legislative Committee** will consider the process for nominating officers for the General Conference, as well as the establishment and work of ongoing commissions. It will review petitions relating to the following paragraphs within the *TBDD*: 605, 607, and all of Part 7 (including editorial).

3. The **Constitution Legislative Committee** will oversee the writing of a constitution for the Global Methodist Church for presentation and adoption by the General Conference. It will review petitions relating to the following paragraph within the *TBDD*: 301 and Parts 1 and 2 editorial.
4. The **Episcopacy and Superintendency Legislative Committee** will consider matters such as the question of a general or residential superintendency, episcopal compensation, the process for the election and assignment of bishops, including term limits, episcopal area boundaries, and the establishment of a Global Episcopacy Committee. It will review petitions relating to the following paragraphs within the *TBDD*: 502, 503, 504, 505, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 521, and Part 5 editorial.
5. The **Financial Administration Legislative Committee** will give oversight to connectional funding matters and caps, delegation of budgeting to the Connectional Council, as well as implementing the Ministerial Training Fund. It will review petitions relating to the following paragraphs within the *TBDD*: 349, 411, and Part 9 editorial.
6. The **Judicial Administration Legislative Committee** will revise paragraphs relating to complaints against clergy and bishops, assigning responsibility to conference boards of ministry and a Global Episcopacy Committee, as well as revise the *Judicial Practices and Procedures* referred to in ¶802. It will review petitions relating to the following paragraphs within the *TBDD*: 520 and all of Part 8 (including editorial).
7. The **Ministry and Local Church Legislative Committee** will consider the educational requirements for ordination, create a mechanism to ensure that ministry candidates can be voted upon individually rather than in a block, revise procedures for the approval of chaplains and evangelists, define the membership standards, and designate the body responsible for upholding congregational fidelity. It will review petitions relating to the following paragraphs within the *TBDD*: 322, 354, 355, 407, 409, 410, 413, 414, 419, and Parts 3 and 4 editorial.

D. MEMBERSHIP ON LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

Within each annual conference delegation, each delegate may indicate their first, second, and third preferences for which legislative committee on which to serve. Membership of each legislative committee will be determined by the Transitional Commission on the Convening General Conference or its designee, based on the preferences of the delegates, the minimum and maximum number of committee members, and the need for geographical diversity.

E. PROCEDURES FOR LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

1. **Pre-Conference Meetings**—Legislative committees may meet virtually during the 90 days prior to the Convening General Conference to begin work on petitions and topics assigned to them. The work of legislative committees meeting prior to the convening of the General Conference must be completed seven days before

the opening session. The first virtual meeting of a legislative committee will elect officers, introduce members to one another, and set the agenda for their pre-conference meetings.

- 2. Committee Officers—**The initial meeting will be presided over by an active bishop or bishop emeritus. Subsequent meetings will be presided over by the elected committee officers. Each committee will elect from within its membership a chair, vice-chair, and secretary, as well as any subcommittee officers if such are needed. Election is by simple majority, and it is hoped that leadership will be reflective of the global and diverse nature of the church. The Transitional Commission on the Convening General Conference will provide training to the legislative committee officers once they are elected and prior to the committees beginning any subsequent virtual meetings.
- 3. Parliamentarians—**To the extent possible, each legislative committee will have a volunteer parliamentarian who will not be a General Conference delegate. The parliamentarians will attend all committee meetings, including virtual meetings in advance of the convening of General Conference, and advise the committee on the implementation of the Covenant for Our Life Together and parliamentary procedure. Additionally, this person may train the committee members on basic committee procedures.
- 4. Initial Meeting Introductions—**Each member of the legislative committee must submit his/her written introduction to the General Conference secretary's office not later than 72 hours before the initial scheduled committee meeting. This written introduction should include a picture, a brief summary of their history with the church, and areas of interest, experience, and expertise. The introduction should also indicate the person's interest in standing for election as a legislative committee officer. The secretary's office will then send the written introductions of all the members to the committee prior to its initial meeting. At the start of the initial meeting of the committee, each committee member will introduce themselves by giving their name, place of residence, lay or clergy status, and provisional annual conference or district.
- 5. Quorum—**A quorum is required for any legislative committee discussion or action on any item of business. One-half (1/2) of the membership of the committee constitutes a quorum in order to conduct business. A calling of the committee roll will occur before each committee may begin their business. A record of those present and absent is announced for the committee record at the start of each meeting by the chairperson or his/her designee. Proxy voting is not allowed.
- 6. Setting Meeting Days—**The date and time of any initial meeting of each legislative committee will be established by the Transitional Commission on the Convening General Conference or its designee based on polling of members' availability. Subsequent to such an initial meeting, legislative committee officers will set the dates and times of any subsequent virtual meetings. Every effort will be made to ensure global participation in virtual legislative committee meetings.

Members will be notified of such committee meetings at least 72 hours in advance. If circumstances dictate, a special virtual meeting may be called by the chair or by a majority of the members, in which case the 72-hour notice must be waived by a two-thirds electronic vote of members prior to the meeting. Notification of meeting times and dates will be conducted via electronic means. If a delegate is unable to attend a legislative committee meeting, the head of the delegation should ensure that an alternate ~~delegate~~ attends in their place. Once the General Conference has convened, the agenda committee will determine committee meeting dates and times.

- 7. Agenda**—The virtual meeting notification will include a written agenda together with any materials prepared by the staff or others relating to that agenda. After the agenda for a committee meeting is published and distributed, no non-germane items (as determined by the chair) may be brought up during that meeting unless at least two-thirds of the members present agree to consider those items.
- 8. Effect of Pre-Conference Actions**—All actions of a legislative committee during virtual meetings prior to the General Conference are to be considered provisional, with the exception of the officers elected by the committee. When the legislative committees meet at the site of the General Conference, their first act of business should be to ratify the actions taken during pre-conference meetings. Each petition that is modified or proposed by the legislative committee should be ratified individually as finally modified or proposed. Such ratification does not preclude additional subsequent changes to the petition during the conference. Any modified petition that is not ratified will revert to its original form.
- 9. Bringing a Matter to a Vote**—If the chair determines that a motion, petition, or amendment has been adequately debated, he/she may call for a vote on such petition, motion or amendment, and the vote will then be taken, unless the committee votes to continue debate. The vote on a motion to continue debate on any petition, motion, or amendment will be taken without debate. This motion to continue debate must occur prior to the vote on such petition, motion, or amendment, if presented in a timely manner. A majority affirmative vote is required to continue debate. Members on their own initiative may by a two-thirds vote end debate and proceed to act on a motion, petition, or amendment (call the question).
- 10. Public Announcement of Votes**—The results and vote totals of votes taken by the committee on any non-procedural measure, petition, or motion (or amendment thereto) must be announced publicly at the time of the vote and reported to the secretary of the General Conference for presentation to the plenary body.
- 11. Open Committee Meetings**—To the extent possible both in-person and virtual meetings of the legislative committees will be open to the public.
- 12. Minutes of Committee Meetings**
 - a. An accurate record must be kept of the committee's actions, in the form of minutes. These minutes, and where applicable, a minority report, should be submitted to the secretary of the General Conference within 24 hours of a

virtual meeting and by 10 PM on the day of the meeting at the site of General Conference. In addition to written minutes, the committee must make available a video or audio recording of any virtual meeting and copies of any materials offered during debate in the committee. The committee written documents will remain available on the denominational website, and electronic versions of any documents, petitions, or motions made or used throughout the General Conference will remain on the denominational website as archived for historical value and their legislative history value.

- b. The work of the legislative committees meeting prior to the convening of the General Conference should be posted on the denominational website as the work progresses. That work should end seven days before the convening of the General Conference. All work done by legislative committees prior to the General Conference will be compiled into a printed Pre-Conference Workbook available to delegates electronically and in print the day before the opening session.
- c. During the convening General Conference, any further changes made to petitions or topics assigned to legislative committees will be updated to the website and printed in the daily Conference Journal given to delegates each morning at the start of business.
- d. All versions will remain in the archives of the denominational website to preserve their historical and legislative historical value.

VI. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

The Convening General Conference will elect members to serve on the following committees and commissions individually by majority vote, upon nomination by the Nominations Committee. Membership on a commission or council is not limited to General Conference delegates.

- 1. Nomination Process.** Provisional Annual Conferences (acting in session or through their primary legislative body) will be encouraged to submit nominations and resumes to the Committee at least 45 days prior to the General Conference. In addition, individuals interested in serving on one of these bodies may directly submit their names and resumes to the Committee at least 45 days prior to the General Conference. The Nominations Committee will funnel the names of potential individual nominees to the relevant Provisional Annual Conference or District Nominations Committee for vetting before being considered (if those names were not submitted by a PAC or PD). Each nominee may submit a brief biography of up to 100 words, which will be printed along with the nominee's name in any published slate of nominees.

- 2. Representation.** The Nominations Committee will take care to consider geographical, racial/ethnic, gender, and age diversity in the makeup of the committees and councils, while also prioritizing members' gifts and experience. In casting their ballots, General Conference delegates should be mindful of these same values.
- 3. Nominations Committee Process.** The Nominations Committee will publish a slate of nominees for each commission or council at least 20 days prior to the General Conference on the GC website.
- 4. Additional Nominees.** Once the Nominations Committee slate is published, additional persons may be nominated or may nominate themselves at least 10 days prior to the General Conference, including a 100-word biography. The Nominations Committee will vet these additional nominees with the appropriate PAC or PD if needed. The full slate of Nominations Committee nominees and additional nominees will be published in the Preconference Workbook available the day before the conference. Those nominated by the Nominations Committee will be indicated by an asterisk.
- 5. Additional Members.** Within ninety days following the election of the councils or commissions, the Connectional Council is empowered to add additional members to any of the councils or commissions, including itself, in order to ensure both diversity and expertise if needed. The number of additional members may not exceed twenty percent of the membership of the council or commission. Respecting the need to preserve the balance between the seven lay and clergy members who rotate majorities each six years, the Connectional Council on Appeals shall not be subject to this provision for additional members.
- 6. Council and Commission Officers.** Each committee, commission, or council will elect its own chairperson and such other officers as it deems necessary from among the members of the body.
- 7. Councils and Commissions to Be Elected.**
 - a. Connectional Council
 - b. Connectional Commission on Discipleship, Doctrine, and Just Ministry
 - c. Connectional Commission on Evangelism, Church Multiplication, Missional Mobilization, and Disaster Response
 - d. Connectional Commission on Ministry and Higher Education
 - e. Connectional Commission on Communications
 - f. Connectional Commission on Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits
 - g. Connectional Commission on Ecumenical Relationships
 - h. Connectional Commission on Conferences
 - i. Commission on the General Conference
 - j. General Committee on Episcopacy Committee
 - k. Connectional Council on Appeals (and alternates)

VII. DELEGATE EXPENSES

Full travel, lodging, and *per diem* expenses for delegates who need it will be the responsibility of each provisional annual conference or district (through connectional funding, special fundraising, or other creative means), provided that the expenses of delegates from outside of the United States may be covered through the general church or by partnership arrangements with other conferences. Air travel will be arranged through the travel agency designated by the Transitional Commission on the Convening General Conference to allow for the most economical round-trip coach airfare directly to and from the site of the General Conference. Additional expenses may be allowed for delegates from conferences outside of the country where the General Conference meets for arrival and departure not to exceed two days before or after the General Conference is scheduled to meet. Delegates may pay their own expenses for food and lodging to extend their stay before or after the conference. When one or more delegates travel to the site of the General Conference in the same automobile, the owner will be reimbursed for the actual cost of travel, including parking, tolls, and mileage according to a standard amount announced by the Commission on the General Conference.

VIII. DELEGATION ORGANIZATION

- A. Each delegation will identify its own delegation head by the means determined by the delegation or by its annual conference.
- B. The delegation head's responsibilities will include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - 1. Organize and orient the delegation, including alternates, to their responsibilities leading up to and during the General Conference
 - 2. Serve as the primary contact person between the general church and the delegates, including facilitating two-way communication
 - 3. Review with delegates the Plan of Organization and Covenant for Ordering Our Life Together of the General Conference
 - 4. Create a process to review and discuss legislative proposals coming before the General Conference
 - 5. Submit as requested delegate preferences for serving on legislative committees
 - 6. Facilitate the process for the delegation and the annual conference to submit nominations for general church councils and commissions
 - 7. Authorize the substitution of alternates in legislative and plenary sessions when appropriate, using the processes developed by the Credentialing team

IX. MARSHALS, PAGES, AND PARLIAMENTARIANS

- A. The Transitional Commission on the General Conference or its designee will be responsible for recruiting and overseeing marshals, pages, and parliamentarians to serve at the conference site. Marshals and pages will serve as volunteers without compensation, except that a freewill offering of the delegates and visitors may be accepted to help defray their expenses.
- B. Marshals are responsible to provide order and security by ensuring that only authorized persons are present within the bar of the plenary or committee sessions of the conference. They may also assist in providing directions and otherwise safeguarding the orderly function of the conference.
- C. Pages are to be available to serve the delegates by distributing materials, serving as vote tellers (if needed), carrying communications, and running brief errands.
- D. Parliamentarians will be provided for both the plenary and legislative committee sessions. Such parliamentarians will not be General Conference delegates and will be volunteers. The budget for the General Conference will include providing for the expenses of the parliamentarians to attend and participate.

COVENANT FOR ORDERING OUR LIFE TOGETHER

I. DAILY SCHEDULE

The Agenda Committee will set the daily schedule and agenda, with all plenary and legislative committee meetings between the hours of 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM. A particular legislative committee or the plenary body may vote by two-thirds to hold an evening session in consultation with interpretation services.

II. RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF DELEGATES

- 1. Definitions:
 - a. Delegate is a person elected by their annual conference to serve and be seated as a representative of that conference at the General Conference.
 - b. Alternate is a person elected by their annual conference to serve in the event that a delegate cannot attend or participate at the General Conference (including virtual meetings of legislative and administrative committees). The number of alternates is determined by the Commission on the Convening General Conference through a formula. Alternates are permitted to travel to the site of the General Conference and are credentialed to be seated at the discretion of the delegation head (see II.2).

- c. Reserve is a person next in order of election who will not be credentialed to travel to the site of the General Conference as an alternate but who could move up to alternate if needed. Reserves become alternates in order of election if a delegate or alternate resigns or is removed from the delegation or is otherwise incapable of serving for a significant period of time (determined at the discretion of the delegation head, with an appeal possible to the delegation). If a reserve is elevated to alternate due to a delegate or alternate's incapacity, that elevation will last only as long as the incapacity lasts.
2. Delegates and alternates will be seated in order of their election, except in the case of special need as determined by the delegation chair in consultation with the affected delegates. Alternates will occupy the seat of the delegate for whom the substitution is made. Alternates will not be seated for delegates presenting on the platform. Alternates chosen to be seated will be of the same order (lay or clergy) as the absent delegate.

III. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this Covenant and *Robert's Rules of Order* is to provide a fair and orderly way for the General Conference to make decisions under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Accordingly, neither this Covenant nor *Robert's Rules* should be used to block the body's ability to make decisions, to silence a minority perspective, or to disadvantage any person or group. Presiding officers should work toward consensus and seek to provide fair opportunities for all views to be heard. They should assist members of the body in understanding and applying the processes outlined in this Covenant for communal decision making and using them in that spirit.
2. **Consensus.** Wherever possible, the Conference will strive for consensus decisions that embody the unity of the whole Church. Beyond such, as per ¶606, the convening General Conference will operate under *Robert's Rules of Order* and such supplemental rules as adopted by the Conference.
3. **Quorum.** The convening General Conference requires the presence of a majority of the whole number of delegates to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may take a recess or adjourn from day to day in order to secure a quorum, and at the final session may approve the journal, order the record of the roll call, and adjourn *sine die* (¶606.2)
4. **Consent Agenda.** Petitions receiving the vote of 90 percent or more of a legislative committee may be placed upon a consent agenda for approval, disapproval, or referral at the beginning of each day, provided that an item may be removed from the consent agenda upon the motion of ten delegates.

- 5. Agenda.** The Agenda Committee will recommend an agenda at the beginning of each day's business, which would then be adopted by majority vote of the body, with or without amendment. The Secretary of the General Conference will maintain and guide the agenda, which includes the orders of the day and the reports of committees. Business placed on the agenda will be considered in the order of the adopted agenda unless by two-thirds vote of the Conference an item is taken up out of order.
- 6. Presenters.** Proposals supported by the vote of the legislative committee will be presented to the plenary body by the chair of the committee or his or her designee. If there is a minority report from the committee, that will be presented after the committee's report is presented but prior to action on the committee's motion (see Covenant III.14).
- 7. Speaking.** Delegates wishing to speak must first be recognized by the presiding officer and unless raising a point of order or parliamentary inquiry, delegates may not speak unless given the floor. Delegates so recognized must begin by sharing their name, conference membership, and the reason for speaking, before beginning their speech. Delegates recognized by the presiding officer may not yield the floor to others to speak.
- 7.1. The presiding officer should operate in a transparent way, taking care to consider the various sections of the meeting room, as well as the breadth of the global church, in calling upon speakers.
- 7.2. Unless debate is extended by vote of the delegates, discussion on motions will be limited to three speeches for and three against the proposal, with each speech no longer than three minutes.
- 7.3. No delegate may speak more than once on the same subject under the same motion unless responding to a question or misrepresentation. However, the chair or delegate presenting the petition or minority report is entitled to make closing remarks before the vote is taken for up to three minutes.
- 7.4. The number limit and length of speeches may be modified by the body by majority vote at any time and for any duration.
- 8. Ending Debate.** The motion to call the previous question is not debatable but it is likewise not in order without an opportunity having been given for at least two speeches for and two against a proposal. The motion requires a two-thirds vote of those present and voting for its adoption.
- 9. Point of Order.** A delegate wishing to raise a point of order may do so when recognized by the presiding officer and must first cite the rule involved and then state the point as briefly and concisely as possible. A point of order is decided by the presiding officer without debate unless submitted to the body for advice or decision. The ruling by the presiding officer may be appealed to the body, in which

case only the presiding officer and the appellant may speak to the appeal before the vote is taken, with each speech no longer than three minutes.

10. Motions. The right to make or second motions is restricted to voting delegates. Motions coming from a committee or commission do not require a second. All motions and amendments should be presented in writing to the secretary to ensure accurate wording.

11. Elections. A valid election occurs when the number of valid ballots cast for a nominee meets or exceeds the required percentage of the total valid votes cast. To be valid, ballots must contain votes for the same number of nominees as there are vacancies to fill, and no more than one vote may be cast for the same nominee, nor for individuals who have already been elected.

12. Voting. Voting may be done by electronic ballot or show of hands.

12.1. Delegates must be within the bar of the Conference in order to vote, and proxy voting for others is not allowed.

12.2. If circumstances require that a vote be taken by show of hands, before or immediately after such a vote is taken, any delegate has the right to call for a count vote on any question. If electronic balloting is not available, a count vote would consist of a standing vote, with the pages acting as tellers. If electronic balloting is not available, a call for a secret ballot vote using paper ballots must be approved by majority vote, with the pages acting as tellers of the secret ballot vote.

12.3. A simple majority of those delegates who are present and voting suffices to pass all motions with the following exceptions:

- a. A non-delegate may be invited to address a legislative committee by invitation of the chair or a one-third vote.
- b. A tie vote sustains the presiding officer.
- c. A two-thirds vote is required:
 - i. To adopt, suspend, or amend the rules after initial adoption
 - ii. To adopt or amend the Constitution
 - iii. To set aside a special order of the day
 - iv. To sustain a call for the previous question
 - v. To consider business out of the order of the adopted agenda
 - vi. To consider business originally ruled as not within the parameters of the limited legislative agenda
 - vii. To hold a session outside the hours specified in this Covenant

13. Non-debatable Motions. The following motions will be acted upon without debate:

- a. To adjourn, when unqualified, except for final adjournment
- b. To suspend the rules.
- c. To lay or remove a motion from the table.
- d. To call for the previous question when in order.
- e. To reconsider a non-debatable motion.
- f. To limit or extend the limits of a debate.
- g. To pause for prayerful discernment.

14. Substitutions and Minority Reports. Resolutions or petitions may be amended by substitution provided that the substitute is germane to the topic and an alternative to what is before the body and not simply a negation of the main motion. Substitute motions coming from a legislative committee minority would be in the form of a minority report, which is presented at the same time as the majority action of the legislative committee.

14.1. The main motion or majority action of the legislative committee is presented first, followed by the presentation of the substitute. The main motion is perfected first by entertaining any proposed amendments. Then the substitute is perfected by entertaining any proposed amendments. Finally, the question is whether to adopt the substitute in place of the main motion.

14.2. If the motion to substitute prevails by majority vote, the substitute motion becomes the main motion. If the motion to substitute fails to receive a majority vote, the original main motion remains pending until acted upon.

14.3. Motions for the previous question are not in order on a motion to substitute until opportunity has been given for at least two speakers on each side of the question.

14.4. Delegates wishing to offer a minority report must notify the chair of the legislative committee in writing within one hour (excluding breaks) of final committee action on the relevant petition. The notification of a minority report must be signed by five persons or ten percent of the legislative committee membership (whichever is less) who voted against the proposal, whose names and email addresses must be attached to the written request.

14.5. Following notification (14.4), the delegates must submit the actual proposed wording of the minority report (see also Par. 14 introduction above) accompanied by a rationale up to 100 words. The minority report must be submitted by the printing deadline of the day following notification, unless that day is the last

day of the General Conference. If the following day is the last day of the General Conference, the minority report must be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than 10 PM on the day of notification, with the expectation that the report will be printed and distributed separately from the Daily Conference Journal, if necessary.

15. *Reconsideration.* A motion to reconsider an action of the body is in order at any time if offered by a delegate who voted with the prevailing side. If the motion proposed for reconsideration was non-debatable, the motion to reconsider is likewise non-debatable.

16. *Adjournment.* A motion to adjourn is in order when made by a duly recognized delegate and is not debatable. It is not in order when another delegate has the floor, when a question is pending or a vote is being conducted, when the previous question has been ordered and action is pending, when a motion to adjourn has been defeated and no business or debate has intervened, or when the motion to fix the time for the Conference to adjourn is pending.

17. *Unfinished Business.* All valid petitions submitted to the General Conference must be acted upon by a legislative committee (approve, disapprove, refer). All petitions approved by a legislative committee must be acted upon by the plenary session (approve, disapprove, refer).

IV. DECORUM AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

- A. Delegates and guests of the General Conference are expected to conduct themselves at all times in accordance with the biblical virtues of kindness, compassion, charitable conversation, and respect for all individuals as those who bear the image of God. Non-delegates are not allowed within the bar of the General Conference except by the approval of the voting delegates. Delegates are also expected not to distract others with cell phone usage during proceedings of the body or committee. Likewise, the use of social media to denigrate others is neither in keeping with the spirit of Christ or the spirit of the General Conference.
- B. Demonstrations designed to disrupt or delay the work of the Conference will not be allowed within the spaces where plenary sessions or committee meetings are being held, including virtual electronic meetings. The presiding officer of the affected meeting may use his or her discretion to have any who violate the decorum of the Conference, including those within the gallery, immediately removed from the assembly room or virtual meeting. Such removal covers only the current session unless there are repeated violations. The presiding officer's decision to expel a person may be overturned by a majority vote of the body. Marshalls may be asked to assist in the removal of such violator(s).

- C. Should there be undue tensions or anxieties affecting the work of the delegates, the presiding officer may also pause the proceedings of the Conference at any moment in order to have a time of prayer. For security reasons, sessions of the General Conference may be closed to non-delegates upon a two-thirds vote of the body. In such cases, the sessions should continue to be live-streamed, unless security reasons warrant otherwise.
- D. Distribution of materials that are relevant to the issues under consideration may be made outside of the bar of the Conference or a legislative committee provided that such distribution is done in a way that is respectful and non-invasive of the delegates' personal space or privacy. Distributors are responsible for the disposal of any unused or unclaimed materials.
- E. Distribution of non-legislative materials to the delegates within the bar will be allowed only upon the permission of the Agenda Committee. Distribution within the bar of legislative materials not part of the limited agenda, as determined by the petitions secretary and the Reference Committee, will be allowed only upon approval of a two-thirds vote of the delegates.

V. AMENDING THE PLAN AND COVENANT

Adoption of the Plan of Organization and the Covenant for Ordering Our Life Together at the beginning of the conference is by two-thirds vote, but amendments at that time only require a majority vote for approval. Subsequent to the initial adoption, the Plan and Covenant may be amended, changed, or suspended by a two-thirds vote of the General Conference. In any parliamentary situation not covered under this Plan or Covenant, the General Conference will be governed in its action by the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order*.

2024 Legislative Process

Petitions are submitted by church bodies, annual conferences, churches, or individual members.



Petitions Secretary and Petitions Committee determines if the petition is validly submitted and if it fits the limited agenda of the 2024 General Conference. Petitions are assigned to the appropriate legislative committee.



Valid petitions are published digitally online in all the official languages of the Church in the Pre-Conference Workbook. Petitions not fitting the limited agenda are named, but not published.



Legislative Committees meet virtually and act on petitions. They may affirm the petition (with or without amendments), reject the petition, or refer it to another body.



Results of virtual Legislative Committee meetings are compiled and printed in the Pre-Conference Workbook for the first in-person session of the General Conference.



First in-person Legislative Committee meeting affirms or changes the work of the virtual meetings.



Plenary session (the whole assembly) acts upon affirmed petitions. They are incorporated in an updated *Book of Doctrines and Discipline*.

Parliamentary Procedure Chart

TO DO THIS:	YOU SAY THIS:	NEED SECOND?	DEBATABLE?	AMENDABLE?	VOTE
Introduce New Business	"I move that ... [OR] I move to..."	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj
Add or Delete Words	"I move to amend the motion by ..."	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj
Request for Information	[without gaining recognition from chair] "I rise to a point of information" (must be in form of a question)	No	No	No	None
Parliamentary Inquiry [ask advice]	[without gaining recognition from chair] "I rise to a parliamentary inquiry"	No	No	No	None
Correct an error in parliamentary procedure [Point of Order]	[without gaining recognition from chair] "I rise to a point of order", [OR], Point of Order" Must cite the rule involved	No	No	No	Chair rules
Question the ruling of the chair [Further rules apply]	[without gaining recognition from chair] "I appeal from the decision of the chair" Both make their case and the body votes	Yes	Yes	No	Maj
End debate, call for a vote	"I move the previous question"	Yes	No	No	2/3
End debate, end further amendments	"I move the previous question on all that is before us"	Yes	No	No	2/3
Limit or extend the limits of debate	"I move the debate be limited to (or extended to) ..."	Yes	No	Yes	2/3

TO DO THIS:	YOU SAY THIS:	NEED SECOND?	DEBATABLE?	AMENDABLE?	VOTE
Postpone indefinitely (kills the motion)	"I move to postpone the motion indefinitely"	Yes	Yes	No	Maj
Postpone debate to a specific time	"I move to postpone this matter until ..." (specify a time or a condition)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj
Suspend further consideration	"I move we table the motion"	Yes	No	No	Maj
Take up a matter previously tabled	"I move that we take from the table the motion ..."	Yes	No	No	Maj
Have the matter studied further (Commit or Refer to a Committee)	"I move that this matter be referred to ..." (must specify what body it is being referred)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Maj
Reconsider a previous action	"I move to reconsider the vote on the motion to ..." (must be made by a person voting on the prevailing side)	Yes	Yes	No (see RONR)	Maj
Suspend the rules temporarily	"I move that the rules be suspended which interfere with ..."	Yes	No	No	2/3
Call for a break	"I move we recess until (or for X minutes) ..."	Yes	No	Yes	Maj
Adjourn the meeting	"I move to adjourn"	Yes	No	No	Maj

OTHER *Tasks*



General Conference Schedule

**PRE-CONFERENCE DAYS ARE SEPT. 18 AND SEPT. 19.
CONVENTION CENTER IS OPEN FOR PREPARATIONS.**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- 8:00–10:00PM Band Rehearsal (Hilton)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- Band Rehearsal (Methodist school)
- Registration Team Meeting (3:00PM at CCCR)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- Registration begins (at hotels)
- Commission on the General Conference (8 AM at CCCR)
- Transitional Leadership Council (8 AM at the Marriott)
- Marshalls Training (9 AM at CCCR)
- Worship rehearsal (10 AM at CCCR)
- Pages Training (1 PM at CCCR)
- Concert of Prayer rehearsal (2 PM at CCCR)
- Presidents Pro Tempore (2 PM at the Marriott)
- Prayer team orientation (3 PM at CCCR)
- Choir & Band rehearsal (3:30 PM at the School)
- Heads of Delegation (5 PM at Marriott)
- Agenda Committee (6 PM at CCCR)

DAY 1: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:15 AM	Registration desk opens
Early morning:	Courtesies Committee (CCCR)
7:00–8:00AM	Choir & Orchestra Warm-Up (CCCR)
7:30 AM	Consecration Prayer (Prayer Room)
8:00 AM	Band Warm-up
9:00 AM	Greetings and Introductions Safety Video AI Translation Training
9:30 AM	Opening Worship and Episcopal Address Bishops Jones, Webb, and Yohanna
10:30 AM	Break
10:55 AM	Opening Plenary Session Voting System Training Parliamentary Procedure training Setting the Bar of Conference Election of Conference Secretary and Assistant Secretary(s)
11:30 AM	Concert of Prayer
12:00 PM	Lunch Break
12:00–12:30 PM	Consecration Prayer (Prayer Room)
1:15 PM	Continuation of Items from the morning plenary <i>Adoption of Plan of Organization and Covenant for Our Life Together</i> (including the Limited Agenda) Resolution Electing Bishops Webb & Jones Report of Agenda Committee Referral of Episcopal Elections Process Resolution Motions to include petitions outside the Limited Agenda <i>Adoption of Book of Doctrines and Discipline and the Judicial Process and Procedures – Petition 110</i> Costa Rica Covenant Resolution (<i>include signing of the covenant</i>)
3:30 PM	Adjourn for buses and dinner
5:00 PM	Band Warm-up (Methodist School)
5:00–6:00 PM	Choir & orchestra Warm-Up (Methodist School)
6:15 PM	Consecration Prayer (Methodist School)
6:45 PM	Consecration Prayer of Worship Team (Methodist School, on the platform)
7:00 PM	Worship Service, Methodist School — Rev. Dr. Carolyn Moore, preaching

DAY 2: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

6:45 AM	Agenda/Calendar Committee
7:15 AM	Registration desk opens Courtesies Committee (CCCR)
7:30 AM	Consecration Prayer (Prayer Room)
8:00 AM	Safety Video & Opening Devotion (video) (in Legislative Committee)
8:30 AM	Legislative Committees Bus departs for mission and evangelism opportunities
10:15 AM	Break
10:35 AM	Legislative Committees Honored Guests meeting in Explananda
12:00 PM	Lunch Break Communion Service
12:00-12:30 PM	Consecration Prayer (Prayer Room)
1:15 PM	Legislative Committees
3:15 PM	Break
3:35 PM	Legislative Committees
6:00 PM	Dinner Deadline for Submitting Committee Actions
6:45 PM	Consecration Prayer (Prayer Room)
7:00 PM	Journal Committee
7:30-9:30 PM	Legislative Committees (optional)

DAY 3: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

6:45 AM	Agenda/Calendar Committee
7:00–8:00 AM	Choir & orchestra Warm-Up (CCCR)
7:15 AM	Registration desk opens Courtesies Committee (CCCR)
7:30 AM	Consecration Prayer (Prayer Room)
8:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Bishop Scott Jones, Preaching
9:00 AM	Plenary Session Safety Video Announcements Report of Agenda Committee Report of the Commission on the General Conference Legislative Committee Reports
10:15 AM	Break
10:35 AM	Legislative Committees OR Plenary
12:00 PM	Lunch Break
12:00–12:30 PM	Consecration Prayer (Prayer Room)
1:15 PM	Legislative Committees OR Plenary
3:15	Break
3:35 PM	Legislative Committees OR Plenary
6:00 PM	Dinner or Adjournment Deadline for Submitting Committee Actions
6:45 PM	Consecration Prayer (if needed, Prayer Room)
7:00 PM	Journal Committee
7:30–9:30 PM	Legislative Committees (if needed)

DAY 4: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:45 AM	Agenda/Calendar Committee
7:15 AM	Registration desk opens Courtesies Committee (CCCR)
Time, place TBD:	Journal Committee
7:30AM	Consecration Prayer (Prayer Room)
8:00 AM	Legislative Committees OR Plenary Opening Devotion (video) Safety Video
8:30 AM	Bus departs for mission and evangelism opportunities
10:15 AM	Break
10:35 AM	Legislative Committees OR Plenary
12:00 PM	Lunch Break Communion Service
12-12:30 PM	Consecration Prayer (Prayer Room)
1:15 PM	Legislative Committees OR Plenary
3:15 PM	Break
3:35 PM	Legislative Committees/Plenary
6:00 PM	Dinner or Adjournment Deadline for Submitting Committee Actions
6:45 PM	Consecration Prayer (if needed, Prayer Room)
7:00 PM	Journal Committee
7:30-9:30	Legislative Committees OR Plenary (if needed)

DAY 5: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:45 AM	Agenda/Calendar Committee
7:15 AM	Registration desk opens Courtesies Committee (CCCR) Time, place TBD: Journal Committee
7:30 AM	Consecration Prayer (Prayer Room)
8:00 AM	Plenary Session Safety Video Opening Devotion Report of Agenda Committee Elections Legislative Committee reports Conference Business
8:30 AM	Bus departs for mission and evangelism opportunities
10:15 AM	Break
10:35 AM	Plenary Session Chaplain Report Legislative Committee reports Elections Conference Business
12:00 PM	Lunch Break Communion Service
12:00–12:30 PM	Consecration Prayer (Prayer Room)
1:15 PM	Plenary Session Legislative Committee Elections Conference Business
4:30 PM	Adjourn for dinner
5:30–6:15 PM	Buses depart for International Convention Center (CIC Ande) Deadline for Submitting Committee Actions
6:15–6:40 PM	Consecration Prayer (Backstage, CIC Ande)
6:45 PM	Consecration of Worship Team (on the Platform)
7:00 PM	Worship at International Convention Center (CIC Ande)

DAY 6: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

6:45 AM	Agenda/Calendar Committee
7:15 AM	Registration desk opens Courtesies Committee (CCCR) Time, place TBD: Journal Committee Consecration Prayer (Prayer Room)
8:00 AM	Plenary Session Safety Video Opening Devotion (live or video) Report of Agenda Committee Elections (if needed) Legislative Committee reports Conference Business
10:15 AM	Break
10:35	Plenary Session Legislative Committee reports Elections (if needed) Conference Business
11:30 AM	Keith Boyette Retirement Celebration
12:00 PM	Lunch Break Communion Service
12:00–12:30 PM	Consecration Prayer (Prayer Room)
1:15 PM	Plenary Session Legislative Committee Elections (if needed) Conference Business
3:15–3:35	Break
6:00 PM	Dinner Break or Adjournment Deadline for Submitting Committee Actions
6:45 PM	Consecration Prayer (if needed, Prayer Room)
7:00 PM	Journal Committee
7:30–9:30 PM	Plenary Session (if needed) Choir Rehearsal (time TBA)

DAY 7: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

6:45 AM	Agenda Committee (if needed)
7:30 AM	Consecration Prayer (Prayer Room)
8:00 AM	Registration
8:30 AM	Plenary Session (if needed) Safety Video Determine 2026 General Conference <i>Location and Format</i> <i>Adopt 2026 Plan of Organization and Covenant</i> <i>Elect General Conference Secretary and Assistant Secretary(s)</i>
10:00 AM	Break/Set-up for worship Consecration Prayer (Prayer Room)
10:30 AM	Closing Worship Service — Bishop Mark Webb preaching
12:00 PM	Lunch or Adjournment
12:00–12:30 PM	Consecration Prayer (if needed, Prayer Room)
1:00–5:00 PM	Afternoon session if needed Move Closing Worship Service here if needed

Credentialing/Registration

REGISTERING WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN SAN JOSE

Our Credentialing/Registration Team looks forward to welcoming and serving you at this historic event. After you arrive in San Jose, you will need to check in with our Credentialing/Registration Team to receive your credentials for the Convening General Conference.

At check in you will receive a commemorative badge and lanyard for identification, and a colored wristband. **You must present the Credentialing/ Registration Team your passport (or Costa Rican ID) and a copy of your unique QR code that was sent to you at registration, in order to receive your ID badge and wristband.** Your ID Badge will give you access to the shuttle busses, to every General Conference session, and to all off-site worship services. The ID Badge includes: your name, position, your annual conference or sponsoring group, and QR codes with conference and delegate information. We know that many of you have multiple responsibilities, but you will only have one title listed and it will be the most relevant role for the Convening General Conference. For example, the most relevant position you can hold is that of delegate, even if you are also a President Pro Tempore or member of the Transitional Leadership Council.

At registration, a security type wristband will be attached on your wrist and should not be removed for the duration of the conference. This band will be shown to the Marshalls at the entrance to all events, and all secured areas. The color of your wrist band determines the level of your access. The access categories are: Business, Bar (Delegate, Alternate, and Administrative), Stage (Full and Daily), and Observer. It is essential that you wear your ID Badge and wrist band to all conference events. **Loss of your ID Badge or wristband will require you to re-register at the Credentialing desk.**

It is **strongly encouraged** that you check in prior to the morning of September 20th, so that there are no delays in you being able to fully participate in the Convening General Conference. Please read the following carefully, so that you know where and when to check in:

- Volunteer and Leadership Teams with pre-conference meetings/orientations scheduled for September 18th and 19th will be checked in at the CCCR Registration Area (or your designated meeting place) when your team first meets. This includes Registration, Hospitality, Marshalls, Pages, Sponsors, President Pro Tempores, Transitional Commission on the Convening General Conference, Transitional Leadership Council, Voting System Support, Prayer Team, and participants in the Worship rehearsal at CCCR.

- Check in will be available for all delegates, alternates, and other participants throughout the day on September 19th at a conference hotel. The Registration Team will have volunteers available at check in tables near the hotel registration desk, and marked with Global Methodist table runners. These are the times that volunteer teams will be available:
 - DoubleTree Convention Center, Wyndham Convention Center, Marriott, and Wyndham Garden Escazu — 10:00am–8:00pm
 - Hilton La Sabana, Hilton Garden La Sabana, and Crowne Plaza — 1:00pm–8:00pm.
 - *NOTE: Guests staying at Hilton La Sabana and Hilton Garden Inn will both check in with our team on the 1st floor of the Hilton Garden Inn by the Tour Desk.*
- Starting on September 20th, all registration will take place at CCCR in the area marked for Registration. The Registration Desk will open at 7:00am each day, and will remain open during normal conference hours with the exception of any scheduled worship services. Registration will close down 10 minutes prior to all times of worship, including Opening Worship on September 20th, which is why it is important to make sure you check in as soon as possible in order to not miss any of this historic occasion.
- Also, beginning on September 20th, there will be a Credentialing table in the main conference area, for any questions or concerns around credentialing, seating alternates, or other issues.

If you are a delegate, your ID Badge and wristband will give you access to the bar of the conference. Alternates will also have access to the bar of the conference, but will only need to be within the bar, when they are assigned to fill in for a seated delegate. When a delegate needs to be substituted for any reason, the Delegation Head will follow the process provided by the Credentialing Team to manage the seating of an alternate and the reseating of the delegate (if needed).

It has been a joy to lead such an amazing team on behalf of the TCCGC. They are incredible leaders and they have served you and the GMC with their whole hearts. I would like to thank the Credentialing Team members by name:

Rev. Jason Burnham, *Vice Chair*

Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail, *Secretary and Supervisor*

Rhonda Bourgeois, *Electronic Registration and Credentialing Formula*

Marshall Charles Carter, *Marshall Coordinator*

Rev. Vivian Kinnear, *Supervisor*

Rev. Dr. David Hobson, *Supervisor*

Steve Beard, *Press*

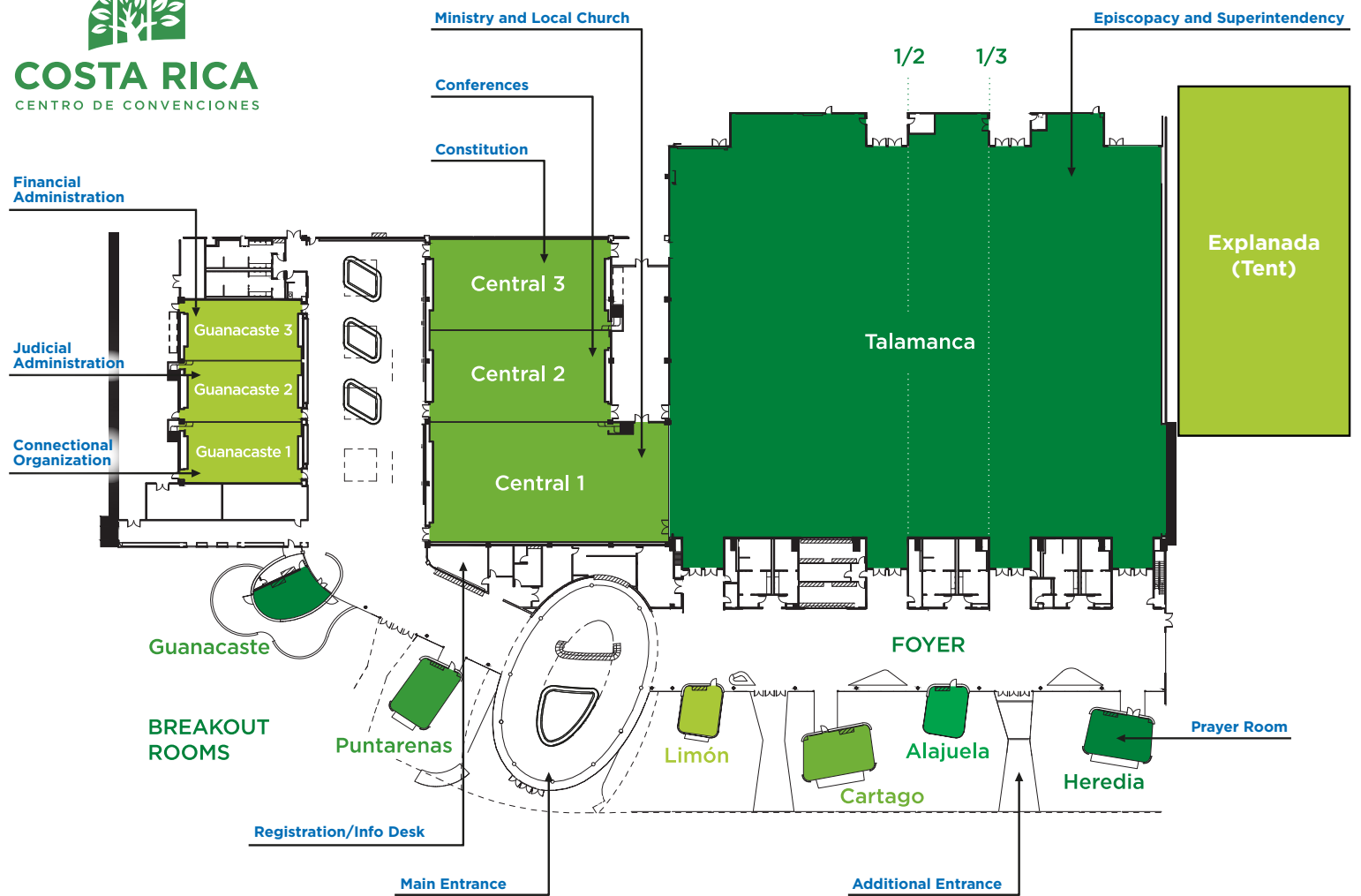
Rev. Joy Griffin, *Team Member*
Rev. Dr. Julius Nelson, *Team Member*
Rev. Simon Mafunda, *Team Member*
Rev. Janet Lord, *Team Member*
Jeffrey Moore, *Team Member*
Rev. Stephen Sparks, *Team Member*
Rev. Jim Morrow, *Team Member*

I would also like to thank the volunteers who are coming to assist you at the Credentialing/Registration tables throughout the conference. These volunteers and many of our team members are coming to Costa Rica at their own expense to serve Christ and the GMC. Thanks to Rev. Beth Ann Cook, John Lomperis, Rev. Tom Lambrecht, and the members of the TCCGC for their help and support. Please know that the Credentialing/Registration team is here to serve and support you.

Rev. Michael Grant

TCCGC Credentialing Team Chair

Maps



LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES

- Conferences – Central 2
- Connectional Organization – Guanacaste 1
- Constitution – Guanacaste 2
- Episcopacy and Superintendency – Talamanca 2
- Financial Administration – Guanacaste 3
- Judicial Administration – Central 3
- Ministry and Local Church – Central 1

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

- Agenda – Press Room
- Journal Committee – Press Room
- Courtesies Committee – Camerino VIP Room
- Reference Committee – Guanacaste 1 OR Camerino VIP Room
- Credentials Committee – Guanacaste 2 OR Camerino VIP Room

Meal Plans and Instructions

MEAL INFORMATION FOR THE CONVENING GENERAL CONFERENCE

Food trucks will be available on-site for lunch and dinner, offering a range of options priced between \$7 to \$15. Delegates, alternates, staff, and volunteers who are in session and unable to visit the food trucks will receive boxed meals. Badge verification will be required for those receiving boxed lunches, and allergy-friendly options will be provided upon request.

There is also a small café at the conference center with items available for purchase, and a snack station will be set up for added convenience. If you have specific dietary restrictions or needs beyond what is provided, please plan accordingly.

Transportation Logistics

FOR THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH DELEGATES AND GUESTS

To help ensure your travels are as smooth as possible, here are the detailed transportation arrangements for shuttles between your hotels and the conference venue, as well as airport transfers.

DAILY SHUTTLE SERVICE

MORNING SHUTTLES

- Early Bird Shuttle: Departs from each hotel at 6:00 AM for those with early shifts or meetings.
- Regular Shuttle: Departs from each hotel at 6:30 AM for most attendees.

To ensure you do not miss your shuttle, please arrive 5 minutes before the departure time. If you miss the shuttle, you will need to arrange alternate transportation via taxi or Uber, both of which work smoothly in Costa Rica.

MID-DAY SHUTTLE (FOR VOLUNTEERS/WORKERS ONLY)

- Departure from hotels: 11:00 AM
- Departure from the CCCR back to hotels: 1:30 PM
- **Note:** Mid-day shuttles will only run September 20–25, NOT on the 26th.
- There will be a third mid-day shuttle that will bring people from hotels to the CCCR about half an hour before dinner. This shuttle will not always depart at the same time on each date.

EVENING SHUTTLE (DEPARTURE TIMES)

The departure times for evening shuttles from the CCCR will vary based on the Legislative Committee's schedule, which will be announced daily (potentially with a two-hour notice). Please stay informed of updates each day:

- No evening session: Buses will depart at 7:30 PM from the CCCR to the hotels.
- Evening session scheduled: Buses will depart at 9:45 PM from the CCCR to the hotels.
- **Note:** On the nights of September 21, 22, and/or 23, due to potential differences in legislative committee decisions about evening meetings, it is possible that one part of the conference will leave the CCCR at 7:30 PM while another portion will leave at 9:45 PM. The shuttles at both times will have plenty of room for non-delegates.

AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE

ARRIVALS

- Before September 17: Attendees arriving before this date will need to arrange their own transportation to their hotel (Uber/taxi services are available).
- On September 17 and beyond: Look for GMC volunteers wearing yellow-green vests at the airport, who will be holding signs to direct you. They have access to flight manifests and your hotel information, but please confirm your hotel with them to ensure you are guided to the correct shuttle. Your shuttle will depart within two hours of your arrival to allow time for customs and baggage claim.

DEPARTURES

- Shuttles will be scheduled for departure to the airport on September 27 and 28 based on flight manifests. The goal is to have you arrive at the airport at least three hours before your scheduled flight. These departure times will be announced soon and sent via email.

SPECIAL PRE-CONFERENCE MEETINGS

- For attendees participating in any **pre-conference meetings**, please be aware that **official shuttle service will not be guaranteed** for these events. We encourage you to coordinate ridesharing with other participants at your hotel, if possible. You may be able to ride together in someone's rental car or arrange for a shared Uber or Didi ride to the location of the meeting. This is the most efficient way to ensure you arrive at your pre-conference meeting on time.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

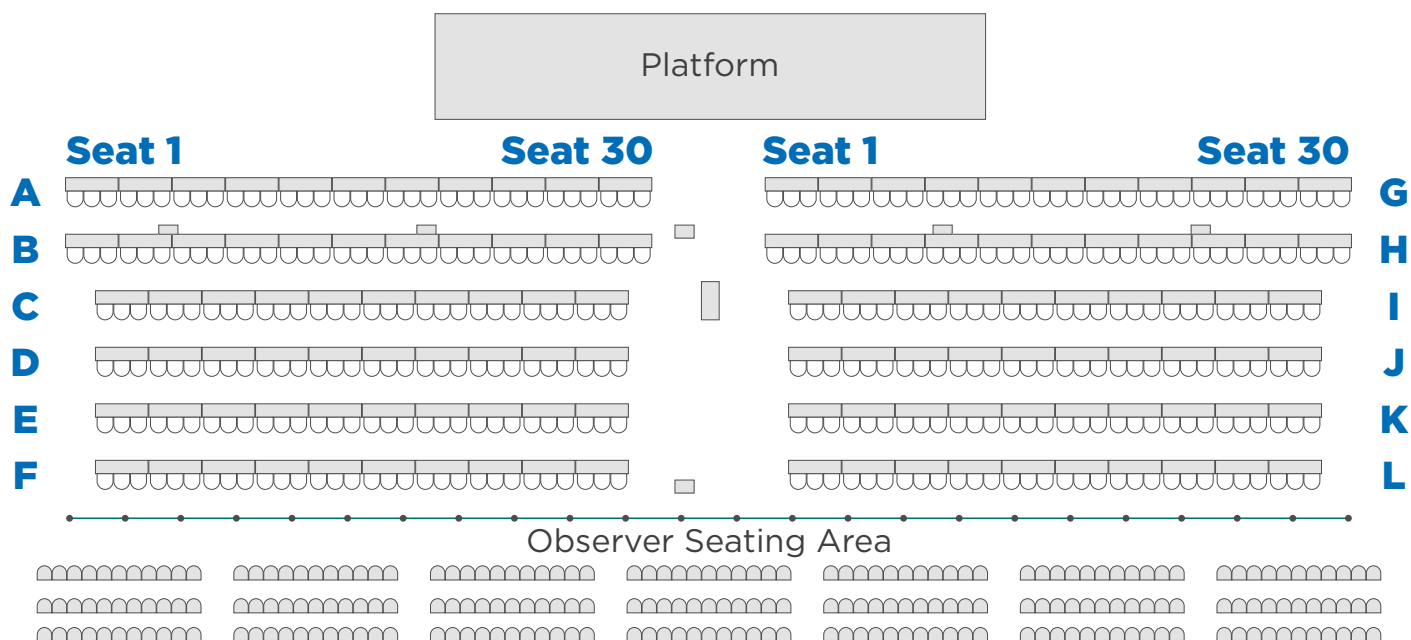
- **Shuttle Service Restrictions:** Airport shuttles are only available to those who booked through Uniglobe and are on the Uniglobe manifest. There will be no shuttle service prior to 12:00 PM on September 17.
- **Volunteers and Yellow Vests:** GMC volunteers in yellow-green vests will be stationed at the airport to help direct you. These volunteers will also be present at your hotels and the CCCR for assistance.

We hope this helps clarify the transportation logistics during your stay in Costa Rica. Please stay updated with the daily announcements, and feel free to approach any of the GMC volunteers for help. Enjoy your time at the General Conference!



Plans and Instructions for Seating

TALAMANCA SEATING



GENERAL CONFERENCE SEATING ASSIGNMENTS

ANNUAL CONFERENCE	SEAT
Alabama Emerald Coast	H13-16, I13-20
Allegheny West	C20-30, D20-30, E19-30
Bulgaria	A7-8
Central African Republic	H29-30
Costa Rica	L7-9
Covenant Philippines	J7-8
Democratic Republic of Congo	G17-30, H17-28
Florida	E9-14, F9-14
Great Lakes	C1-12, D5-12
Heartland	E15-18, F15-22
Kenya-Ethiopia	I23-30
Korean-American	D1-4
Mega Manila Philippines	J18-19
Mid-South	E1-8, F1-8
Mid-Texas	J9-17, K9-17
Mississippi-Western Tennessee	G1-14
North Alabama	C13-19, D13-19
North Carolina	J22-30, K22-30, L21-30
North Georgia	K1-6, L1-6
Northeast	A3-6, B1-6
Panama	A15, B15
Rwanda	B7-8
Slovakia	J20-21
South Africa	G15-16
South Carolina	H1-6
South Georgia	A9-14, B9-14
Spain	A1-2
Tanzania	I21-22
Trinity	A16-30, B16-30
Upper Midwest	I1-6, J1-6
Virginia	K18-19
West Plains	H7-12, I7-12
Western States	K7-8

Know Before You Go:

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR TRAVELING TO COSTA RICA

Joining us in Costa Rica for the convening General Conference? Here are some recommendations to help you prepare for your travels and your time in the beautiful country.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

- **Vaccinations:** It's recommended to be up to date on routine vaccines before traveling. Additional vaccinations may be advised. Check the latest guidelines [here](#).
- **Medications:** Bring a sufficient supply of your medications. Carry prescription medications in their original packaging and if possible, with your doctor's prescription.
- **Digestive Health:** Consider obtaining an over-the-counter antibiotic to address any potential stomach issues that may arise during your trip.
- **Drinking Water:** Water in Costa Rica is safe to drink. However, if you are concerned, bring bottled water. If you are drinking Costa Rica's water it's recommended to bring a refillable water bottle to use throughout your travels.
- **Pharmacy:**
 - [Farmacia Ciudad Cariari](#) is a 10 minute walk from CCCR.
 - [Farmacia Real Cariari](#) is a 21 minute walk from CCCR.
- **Medical Personnel:** Each of the venues will have two ambulances staffed not only to transport people to care facilities but to treat a range of issues from first aid to more serious conditions on site. Should there be a need for someone to be transported to a local hospital, we are currently working with our physician contact at the Clinica Biblica, Dr. John Longworth.
- **Urgent Care:** [Emergencias](#). Phone is 506-2290-4444. It's a 12 minute drive from CCCR.

- **Hospital:** While there are hospitals closer to the CCCR that may be available in cases of extreme emergency, the following two hospitals are known to work with foreign health insurance carriers and are therefore recommended to Conference attendees:

- **Clinica Biblica**

<http://www.clinicabiblica.com/en/>

Central Telephone Exchange: +506 2522 1000

Whatsapp: +506 8595 7000

- **Hospital Cima**

<https://hospitalcima.com/en/>

Costa Rica (506) 2208-1000

USA 1 (855) 782-6253

CONTINGENCY/EMERGENCY PLANS

There is an Info desk on site at the CCCR staffed with two workers and two roaming throughout the site with yellow vests and blue fanny packs. You can also find them at the airport and your hotel for your assistance.



- **Security:** There will be multiple security staffed every day during the conference. They will float around the convention center, making sure everything is okay. They can help offer basic assistance to attendees such as giving directions. They can also help step in if a violent situation arises, as well as contact the police as needed.
- **Police:** Police typically patrol around the outside of the convention center for big events. If needed, you can call local police and they will arrive within 10 minutes. Same for ambulances.
- **Methodist School:** We will have a CR Methodist Church/School “hospitality team” welcoming as attendees arrive at the school on the afternoon of the 20th. There will be at least one guide/bus preparing the passengers for what they can expect (including a map of the school) on the 45 minute/1 hour ride to the Methodist School. Once there, the buses will unload passengers in the lower parking lot and immediately exit, allowing additional buses to enter. Most people will either climb steps or a fairly steep sidewalk to the dining areas. However, the Methodist School will have contracted three or four smaller buses (20 passengers) to take persons up the hill should they need assistance.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- **U.S. State Department STEP Program:** We recommend enrolling in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive important safety updates from the Embassy about conditions in Costa Rica.
- **Personal Safety:** Keep your belongings secure, especially in crowded areas. Avoid displaying valuables and be cautious when using ATMs.
- **Accessibility:** For travelers with accessibility issues, it's recommended to bring your own wheelchair to ensure availability and comfort during your trip.

FINANCIAL TIPS

- **Credit Cards:** Major credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express) are widely accepted at hotels, restaurants, and larger stores. Food trucks will accept Visa, MasterCard, or AmEx. Small vendors may only accept cash.
- **ATMs:** ATMs are available in cities and towns. Look for machines connected to international networks such as Cirrus, Plus, and MasterCard.
- **Currency:** The official currency is the **Costa Rican** colón. It's a good idea to have some local currency for small purchases. [Visit the currency converter website.](#)

TRAVEL INSURANCE

- **Insurance Recommendations:** We highly recommend getting travel insurance to cover unexpected medical expenses, trip cancellations, and other potential issues. Americans should consider comprehensive travel insurance, while international travelers should consult their local providers for suitable options.

ELECTRICAL INFORMATION

- **Electrical Plugs:** Costa Rica uses the same electrical outlets as the United States (120V, 60Hz). No need for a power adapter if you're coming from the U.S.

COMMUNICATION

- **International Calling Plans:** To avoid high roaming charges, consider purchasing an international calling plan or a local SIM card for your phone. If a local SIM card is

needed, there are ways to purchase them before even departing the airport. Check with your carrier for information. Put your phone on airplane mode if you wish to avoid charges, just know you will be cut off from cell networks.

- **Language:** Spanish is the official language of Costa Rica. While many people in tourist areas speak English, there are areas where that might not be the case. We recommend learning a few basic phrases that could assist in this or if feasible, securing an app that provides a platform to assist in translation between your native language and Spanish. We recommend [Google Translate](#) either through the app or web.
- **The app:** Wordly will be used during sessions. Have [Wordly](#) downloaded on your phone and keep it running as much as possible for it to work better. You can use the app or web version, however, we recommend the app.
- **Charging:** Bring your own remote charging brick to avoid your phone dying. Wordly will drain your phone quickly.
- **Headphones:** These will need to be used when using Wordly. We will provide headphones. Still, feel free to bring your own.

TRANSPORTATION

- **Driving:** If you plan to rent a car, be aware that driving in Costa Rica can be challenging due to road conditions and local driving habits. Traffic can be heavy and should be considered in planning to prevent possible delays.
- **Ride Sharing:** Services like Uber and Didi operate in major cities and can be a convenient and safe option for getting around.
- **Bus:** The hotels to be used during the Annual Convention activity to which is assigned a number, are:
 1. Marriott Costa Rica Hacienda Belén
 2. Wyndham San Jose Herradura Hotel
 3. Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Cariari
 4. Hotel Crowne Plaza San José La Sabana
 5. Hilton San José La Sabana
 6. Hilton Garden Inn San Jose La Sabana

Be sure to print out your registration bar code and have it ready to show to the busses.

On the early-bird shuttle please be sure that those that need to be at the CCCR at a particular time have a spot. This shuttle is intended for our workers.

WEATHER IN SEPTEMBER

September is part of the rainy season in Costa Rica. Be prepared for frequent rain showers and possible thunderstorms. It's advisable to pack a waterproof jacket, an umbrella, and quick-drying clothes.

PROPER APPAREL

Business casual attire is recommended. This includes comfortable yet professional clothing, such as slacks, blouses, polo shirts, and dresses. Blazers are optional, and ties are not required. Bring comfortable walking shoes. Lightweight, breathable fabrics are recommended. Keep in mind that this time of year is the rainy season in Costa Rica, so we suggest bringing a light jacket or umbrella. Additionally, conference center temperatures can be cool, so you might want to layer your clothing for added comfort.

GROCERIES/CONVENIENCE STORE:

- [Fresh Market Ulloa](#) is a 9 minute walk from CCCR.
- [Uni Súper • Heredia](#) is a 20 minute walk from CCCR.

MAP

[Tour of the Convention Center](#)

WEBSITE

Visit <https://www.sotheworldwillknow.org/know-before-you-go> for last-minute information throughout the Convening General Conference

To stay informed and receive the latest news and updates during the conference be sure you are following the [So The World Will Know event page on Facebook](#).

We will continue to add recommendations to this page as needed. If you have questions regarding something not mentioned, feel free to email us at communications@globalmethodist.org.

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12 Day Prayer Guide

SEPTEMBER 16-27

INVITATION AND EXPLANATION OF CONSECRATION PRAYER

Dear Global Methodists Leaders:

First, we would like to acknowledge with great gratitude all your contributions of blazing the trail in the Global Methodist Church for just such a time as this. Pioneering the way to create a new denomination has been a God-sized venture requiring much faith and perseverance and we would like to thank you for saying yes to Jesus for your part in helping and participating in our Convening General Conference.

Prayer has been and continues to be a core, shared value of the Global Methodist Church.

With this in mind, the prayer committee of the Transitional Commission on the Convening General Conference (TCCGC), has scheduled consecration prayer times each day of the Convening General Conference with the goal of seeking the Lord to empower conference speakers, presenters, and leaders for works of service before conducting the business of the church and before up-front ministry on the platform. Please see the complete schedule of events for the listed times. Non-scheduled times for consecration prayer are also welcome. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity offered by the Convening General Conference prayer committee.

In addition to providing a concentrated time of prayer and requested infilling, the Convening General Conference provides Global Methodists an excellent opportunity to demonstrate our collective dependence on the Lord to continue to fuel our movement and inspire our worship – including inspiring our worship through acts of service.

We hope you, as leaders, will set the example by making every effort to receive this gift of consecrated prayer – available during both scheduled, published times as well as unscheduled times in the Heredia Sala Prayer Room. Please note The Heredia Sala Prayer Room will provide a sacred space where Conference attendees are encouraged to encounter the Presence of God in prayer during the conference. The location for consecration prayer offerings will change for the 2 off-site worship services.

Methodist Scholar Kevin Watson in writing on the early Methodist movement says, John Wesley “witnessed the beginnings of the Methodist movement, where the Holy Spirit moved in powerful, surprising and at times, even indescribable ways.”

Let's trust the Lord again together for His powerful, surprising, and even indescribable ways at Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

For more information, please email Laura Ballinger at the following address:
prayer@globalmethodist.org

By Laura Ballinger, co-chair with Gabi Kopas, on behalf of the TCCGC Prayer Committee of the Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Global Methodist Church, and Friends of the Convening General Conference,

The Methodist movement was the fruit of many prayers and intercessions from its early days. Our current denomination, the Global Methodist Church, was also birthed after decades of fervent and faithful prayers. God honored our supplication and gave us the grace and opportunity to become a Bible-honoring and Spirit-filled movement of disciples throughout the world once again.

We are “global,” but not in name only. Ever since the formation of our denomination, Methodists from different continents, regions, languages, and nations are joining the movement with one goal in their hearts: So the world will know Christ in every corner of the earth.

Our Convening General Conference will not stop this movement of prayer because we know that we cannot do anything outside of Christ. You are invited to be part of covering the Global Methodist Church and our joint mission in prayer and intercession before, during, and after the Convening General Conference. Our mission and purpose will continue to be spreading the good news of salvation in Christ until the day He returns.

It will be a great privilege to be united with you in prayer before the throne of our Father!

Rev. Gabriella Kopas

Slovakia
on behalf of the Convening General Conference Prayer Committee

Dear Global Methodist Church Family and Friends:

May I be among the first to welcome you as well as encourage you to join us over the next 12 days in this prayer and intercession journey to the Convening General Conference.

Jesus said, “apart from me you can do nothing.” We hold that as sacred truth and dare not deliberate without first calling on our Lord to discern His will for His Church. We thank Him for this extreme privilege of coming before Him to receive His wisdom, strength and enabling grace for the journey. And I trust we will not be disappointed because He has promised us His Presence as we co-labor in His Name.

Please join us in prayer and intercession using the following prayer prompts as we seek the mind of Christ for our new and beloved expression of Methodism in the Global Methodist Church. And may He bless us abundantly on this journey as we continue to discern and implement His will for the Global Methodist Church: “So the world will know.”

In Christ,

Laura Ballinger

Indiana, USA

on behalf of the Convening General Conference Prayer Committee

TWELVE DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE CONVENING GENERAL
CONFERENCE OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH:

“So the WORLD Will Know.”

SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

Declare His glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.
(1 Chronicles 16:24)

Lord God, these words of Scripture remind us of the theme of our Convening General Conference: “So the World Will Know.” As we prepare to gather, keep our eyes fixed upon that ultimate purpose. Pour out your Holy Spirit on the Global Methodist Church in order that people from every tribe and tongue and nation will cry, “Hallowed be thy name.” and will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

—Steve Seamands, Kentucky, USA

SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations. For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds. Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth. (Psalm 57:9–11, King James Version)

Heavenly Father, You are worthy of our praise. Your love is so great that we do not know where it begins and where it ends. We thank God as we prepare for the Convening General Conference. God has not forgotten our tears and our knees. We will praise God in the land of Costa Rica on the day that the Conference begins. We will lift our voices and sing our hearts out. The heavens will shake and the earth will vibrate with the sound of our singing. May the throne of God come to the land of Costa Rica; fill it with Your glory. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen

—Leo Park, Delaware, USA

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

If you say, “The LORD is my refuge,” and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. (Psalm 91:9–12)

Father, in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I thank You for your grace, love, kindness, and mercy toward us. Lord, according to Your word, I pray for all Your people in the GM Church everywhere, and specifically for those that You have chosen to be part of this very first Convening General Conference in Costa Rica. May You grant each and every one of them a divine protection as they travel to Costa Rica and back again to their homes. Lord, I pray that no one shall be a victim of any accident or demonic attack. In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen

—Narcisse Llunga Kyakutala, Dem. Rep. Congo, Africa

SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth... indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep... The LORD will keep you from all harm—... the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. (Psalm 121:1-2,4,7a, 8)

Merciful God, how many times have we looked at the mountains of effort it took to get us to this moment, our Convening General Conference, and wondered if it would ever happen? And yet Lord, by Your mighty arm, You have done it! And now Lord, we ask You again, the One who never slumbers nor sleeps, another request. Please bring every delegate and volunteer safely to Costa Rica. You are the One who watches over our comings and goings every day, now and forevermore. Our trust is in You alone, for the glory of Jesus' Name. Amen

—Allison Woods, Kansas, USA

SEPTEMBER 20, 2024

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. (Isaiah 55:1 & 2)

Lord Jesus Christ, You have promised never to forsake or leave us and that You will supply all our needs according to Your riches and glory. Thank you for the assurance that we can come to you without worries or anxieties.

O God, You are the fountain of living and refreshing water that those who have traveled and are participating in the Convening General Conference will receive supernatural strength, protection, and delight.

Lord God, You are the source of all good things and will provide our temporal needs. Almighty God, thank You for Your traveling mercies and allow Your provision to flow miraculously in our lives and ministries this day and always. In Jesus' Name, Amen

—David Sablan, Manila, Philippines

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans. (Proverbs 16:3)

Heavenly Father, we kneel before You today and worship You. We are grateful for the opportunity to hold the business of the legislative committees before You. We invite Your Holy Spirit to fill each delegate with wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and discernment. Reveal Your will to those who are the stewards over the business today. Draw them to Yourself and cause them to know and fulfill Your purpose for the Global Methodist Church. We commit every moment of this day to You. Lead us, King Jesus! Amen

—Lidia Zirkel, San José, Costa Rica

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails. (Proverbs 19:21)

Gracious Father, hear our humble prayer. Life has become more complex with a whole host of vexing problems! Yet we are grateful that it is in Your nature to bless Your people and to break forth particularly against adversaries. So the world will know that the power, grace and ability is in You to conquer any situation or circumstance that comes to test, undermine or condescend the establishment of the kingdom of God. We say this: "so that people may see and know, may consider and understand, that the hand of the Lord has done this, that the Holy One of Israel has created it." (Isaiah 41:20) In Jesus' Name all the people say, AMEN!

—Kabah Mwenze, Zimbabwe, Africa

SEPTEMBER 23, 2024

I pray that out of His glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being. (Ephesians 3:16)

Abba Father, on this day we pray for the important decisions our delegates must make on behalf of our people and churches. May the Name of Jesus be lifted high as each report and legislation is prayerfully presented. We ask Your wisdom for every person who will vote according to the leading of the Holy Spirit and not by personal agendas or desires, for the good of all. And most of all we ask that Your presence be powerfully felt among both the delegation and the intercessors. In Jesus' Name, Amen

—Vida Mei Rivera, Pampanga, Philippines

SEPTEMBER 24, 2024

*...Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.” Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near...
“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts... (Isaiah 55:5–6, 9)*

Father God, forgive us when we ask You to bless our agendas. Thank You for Your faithful mercy and grace. Pour out Your Spirit upon us that we might have a clear and unified vision of Your plans and thoughts for the future of the GM Church. We run to You and seek Your face, thankful that You have been with us all along. Make us of one heart and one mind as You breathe new life into us. Revive us, O Lord, we ask this in Jesus’ mighty Name. Amen

—Susan Innes, Kansas, USA

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. (John 17:23)

I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Jesus this is Your prayer. Now let us be the answer to it. May we secure unity by being quick to forgive. May we be patient and kind. Let us not boast or be proud. Let us not be easily angered keeping no record of wrongs. May we always protect others and trust You for the better. Let our hope and love always persevere. We welcome unity here. Amen

—Terry Teykl, Texas, USA

SEPTEMBER 26, 2024

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Lord, we are so grateful for Your Presence during this conference. Thank you for the work You did in each of our lives. We humbly ask that Your reassuring Presence accompany us as we prepare to leave this place, guiding and protecting us on our journey home. Upon our return, we desire to be Your light in our homes and communities. Help us, through the power of Your Holy Spirit, to take the gifts we receive and share them with others. In Jesus’ Name, we pray, Amen.

—Mark Barrow, Tennessee, USA

SEPTEMBER 27, 2024

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace. (Numbers 6:24-26)

Oh God, I entrust the mission of the GM Church unto Your hands. Take care of all men and women to whom You have called by name to serve You in this ministry through the Global Methodist Church.

Give to each one of us ENOUGH strength to take care of this new expression of Methodism in the world, because You know where we are coming from, and You know well where we are to go.

Almighty God, fill our hearts with Your spirit of humbleness, to understand and to do Your will. Help each one of us to DEDICATE all our efforts toward UNITY and HARMONY. Today and forevermore. AMEN

—Bartolomeu Dias Sapalo, Angola, Africa

NOTE: All Scripture verses are from the New International Version translation, unless otherwise noted or in the actual prayer.

Many thanks for the gracious help from all listed above who contributed these written prayers and serve on the Convening General Conference Prayer Team. You are all a blessing to the Body of Christ and the Global Methodist Church.



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2024 CONVENING GENERAL CONFERENCE

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Wednesday, September 4, 2024

ALABAMA EMERALD COAST

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*Our Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ
who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.*



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CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

CLERGY

Gazza Cesar	Delegate
Dockpa Ngama Née Ndenguilo	
Sophie Clarisse	Alternate

LAITY

Kondagba Emmanuel	Delegate
Gonda Yagozo Amour Alban	Alternate

COVENANT PHILIPPINES

CLERGY

Olonan Virgilio Cay An	Delegate
Saturno Adriana Mariano	Alternate

LAITY

Salatan Gideon Camangeg	Delegate
Cruz Isabelo Jr Pascual	Alternate

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

CLERGY

Kimba Kyakutala Evariste	Delegate
Kora Mwamba Mujinga	Delegate
Omba Djamba Dissashi	Delegate
Kasongo Longanga Martin	Delegate
Kukangidila Nkele Nkele Arsene	Delegate
Kasongo Wa Kubatwa Bemba Martin	Delegate
Monga Kamuyombo Richard	Delegate
Lokoto Okele Henriette	Delegate
Afumba Luhata Lucienne	Delegate
Ngoy Kalumba Rosette	Delegate

Kasongo Mwenze Kabah	Delegate
Wungu Ndjate Albert	Delegate
Mukalay Wa Kyungu Denis Leader	Delegate
Mwika Mikombe Denis	Alternate
Kawandji Bamanya Love	Alternate
Lokoto Lowa Armand Pierre	Alternate

LAITY

Ngoie Wa Kabondo Carine	Delegate
Banena Mujinga Ladice	Delegate
Mwite Mwango Christian	Delegate
Sukisa Munongo Nicolas	Delegate
Bidiaku Pangi Therese	Delegate
Kabezya Nyota Gisèle	Delegate
Abedi Tulia Dorotheé	Delegate
Kakudji Faliata Marcel	Delegate
Mbayo Ngoy Nhoris	Delegate
Kon Kand Claudette	Delegate
Alombe Ilima Marthe	Delegate
Bindanda Masapu Platiniv	Delegate
Kassi Pyodi Katumba Nadege	Delegate
Kankolongo Muela Johnson	Alternate
Mbutshu Mbokola Monique	Alternate
Otoka Tasumbu Job	Alternate

FLORIDA USA

CLERGY

James Joseph Therrell Jr	Delegate
Nakako Eguchi Kellum	Delegate
Christopher Todd Akers	Delegate
Jeremy Daniel Rebman	Delegate
Michael Frank Fordham	Delegate
Craig Andrew Blocher	Delegate
Max Allen Wilkins	Alternate
Denvil Edgar Farley II	Alternate

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LAITY

Monteen Amber Pillay	Delegate
Timothy Eric Smith	Delegate
Michael Reed Coffey	Delegate
Deborah Ella Tulp	Delegate
Louisalynn Brown Kiefer	Delegate
Stanton Lee Monroe	Delegate
<i>John B. Benson III</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
<i>George Vincent Scott</i>	<i>Alternate</i>

GREAT LAKES

USA

CLERGY

Gregory Scott Pattison	Delegate
Samuel L. Padgett	Delegate
Beth Ann Cook	Delegate
Christopher Miles Ritter	Delegate
Sarah Beth Mayfield Wanck	Delegate
Zawdie Kumuzu Abiade	Delegate
Jennifer Ann Wilson	Delegate
Stanley M. Pegram	Delegate
Christopher Stephen Gadlage	Delegate
Jeffery John Buck	Delegate
<i>Michael Thomas Sawicki</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
<i>Robert Clarence Muhlbaier III</i>	<i>Alternate</i>

LAITY

Walz Michael Womack	Delegate
Melissa A. Padgett	Delegate
Bridget Renee Douglas	Delegate
John William Cooper Jr.	Delegate
Kathleen Marie Engelman	Delegate
Jeremy Andrew Garrett	Delegate
Lily Adeline Johnson	Delegate
Karl Emery Jennings	Delegate
Steven D. Hill	Delegate
Thomas Lyle Finley	Delegate
<i>Kevin Duane Macy</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
<i>Janice Lavonne Hansen</i>	<i>Alternate</i>

HEARTLAND

USA

CLERGY

Jordan Scoby McFall	Delegate
Ricky Gene Just	Delegate
Donald Adrian Bennett	Delegate
Natalie Kay Faust	Delegate
Ray Roscoe Crawford	Delegate
Cali Depue Eck	Delegate
<i>Bradley Richard Kirk</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
<i>Harrison Bradley Dush</i>	<i>Alternate</i>

LAITY

Holly Lee Joy	Delegate
Cara Sue Nicklas	Delegate
Paul Edward Reed	Delegate
Richard Dean Croll	Delegate
Larry Roger Anderson	Delegate
William Lee Brown	Delegate
<i>Robin Ghahate Thompson</i>	<i>Alternate</i>
<i>Rhonda Jo Bear</i>	<i>Alternate</i>

KENYA - ETHIOPIA

CLERGY

Wilton Thomas Abangi Odongo	Delegate
Jillo Margaret Halako	Delegate
Davies Odwory Musigo	Delegate
Bonface Ghero Wanyama	Delegate
<i>Wilkins Onchari Ombongi</i>	<i>Alternate</i>

LAITY

Walter Khalonyere Oduke	Delegate
Chrispinus Wafula Mugwanga	Delegate
John Kizzito Dome Ouma	Delegate
Fidelis Ongayo Samwel	Delegate
<i>Florence Karambu Mwarania</i>	<i>Alternate</i>

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KOREAN - AMERICAN

CLERGY

Theddeus J. Kim	Delegate
Ilyong William Kim	Delegate
Han Seung Koh	Alternate

LAITY

Eugene Paik	Delegate
Sung Soo Kim	Delegate
Jonathane Soo Jeon	Alternate

LAITY

David Reed Duggan	Delegate
Jessica Sue Mansfield	Delegate
Benjamin Robert Bowman	Delegate
David Leon Bowden	Delegate
Elizabeth Anna Chancey	Delegate
Ernest Gregg Benefiel	Delegate
James Rex Thigpen	Delegate
Christy Lynn Green	Delegate
Pamela Robinson Cox	Alternate
Ashley Nicole Wallace	Alternate

MEGA MANILA PHILIPPINES

CLERGY

Luther Jeremiah Galvez Oconer	Delegate
Roberto Gallardo Parcasio	Alternate

LAITY

Vida Mei Pinili Rivera	Delegate
Ramon Umali Carlos	Alternate

MIDSOUTH

USA

CLERGY

James Todd Chancey	Delegate
Matthew Charles Conover	Delegate
Suzanne Beth Nicholson	Delegate
Sherri Tabaka Morrissey	Delegate
Brian Matthew Ebel	Delegate
Jerri Williams	Delegate
Charles William Griffin III	Delegate
Matthew Thomas Seel	Delegate
Bradley Keith Stapleton	Alternate
Keith Lyle Katterheinrich	Alternate

MIDTEXAS

USA

CLERGY

Leah Suzanne Hidde Gregory	Delegate
James Ryan Barnett	Delegate
Leslie Ann Smith Tomlinson	Delegate
James Robert Noble	Delegate
Jill Ann Jackson Sears	Delegate
Adam Kristopher Thornton	Delegate
San Ky Kim	Delegate
Matthew James Pennington	Delegate
Shea William Reyenga	Delegate
Forrest Macon Deviney	Alternate
Steven Dale Martinez	Alternate

LAITY

David Ray Roberson	Delegate
Della Ruth Conner	Delegate
Carol Margaret Loeb	Delegate
Jana E. Fox	Delegate
Maria Leticia Ortegon	Delegate
Jon Paul Lannom	Delegate
Kathryn Dell Kiser	Delegate
James Ervin McClain	Delegate
Katherine Renee Reiley	Delegate
Victor Mario Sassone	Alternate
Charmelle Garrett	Alternate

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MISSISSIPPI WESTERN TENNESSEE

USA

CLERGY

Cheney Paul Lawler	Delegate
Lauren James Porter	Delegate
Jill Shannon Shaw	Delegate
Michael Thomas Lindsay	Delegate
Joshua Tyler Groce	Delegate
Andrew Stewart Miller III	Delegate
David Coleman Stewart	Delegate
Guy William Wimberly	Alternate
James Peter Genesse	Alternate

LAITY

Audra Henderson Gaines	Delegate
Donald Edwin Bourland	Delegate
Linda Lang Ishee	Delegate
Billy Rich Knox	Delegate
Virginia Stevens Jones	Delegate
Robert Browning Barnard Jr	Delegate
Jimmy David Ainsworth	Delegate
Donald Lee Dalton	Alternate
Virginia Iris Holloway	Alternate

NORTH ALABAMA

USA

CLERGY

Alan Houston Beasley	Delegate
Lyle Bennett Holland	Delegate
John Galen Kearns	Delegate
Donna Marie King	Delegate
Jeremy Lee Auvil	Delegate
Kenneth Thomson Chastain	Delegate
Cooper Rudell Guess Jr	Delegate
Timmie Joe Barnes	Alternate
Matthew Patrick O'Reilly	Alternate

LAITY

Elizabeth Bowlin	Delegate
Elizabeth Ann Lee	Delegate
Laura Down Strange	Delegate
Dana Lee Gilliam	Delegate
Kimberly Ann Woodin	Delegate
Steven Jack Pemberton	Delegate
Michael Tilmon Shotts	Delegate
Glen Allen Wilson	Alternate
Joy Glorene Hand	Alternate

NORTH CAROLINA

USA

CLERGY

Kari Lewis Howard	Delegate
David Arnold Banks	Delegate
Dalma Garrell Cribb	Delegate
Robert Branson Sheets III	Delegate
Connie Marie Stutts	Delegate
Cory Brandon Oliver	Delegate
Edward Powell Osteen Jr	Delegate
Rocio Del Carmen Avila Ramirez	Delegate
John Franklin Howard Jr	Delegate
Thomas Coleman Mabry	Delegate
Elmar Karl Neuschaefer	Delegate
Earl Franklin Bradshaw	Delegate
Jerry Lewis	Delegate
Sarah Nickens Williams	Delegate
Luke Arthur Mitchell	Alternate
Terry Lynn Moore	Alternate
William Randall Foster	Alternate

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LAITY

Mack Barnette Parker	Delegate
Eston Clyde Brinkley Jr.	Delegate
Yeh Say	Delegate
David Eugene Spivey Jr.	Delegate
Beth Daniels Woods	Delegate
Harry Dale McCoy	Delegate
Herbert Lyman Ormond III	Delegate
Jeffery Lee Brotherton	Delegate
Angela Ritchie Harrison	Delegate
Gregory Michael Grabbs	Delegate
Myra Backus Houser	Delegate
Elizabeth Ann Creef Meekins	Delegate
Heather Scoles Grabbs	Delegate
Elizabeth Anne Taylor	Delegate
Jeffrey Scott Isenhour	Alternate
David Allen Hornberger	Alternate
Kenneth Wayne Waters	Alternate

NORTH GEORGIA

USA

CLERGY

Kenneth Ray Ott	Delegate
John Arthur Beyers	Delegate
Carolyn Clifford Moore	Delegate
Herzen De Vega Andone	Delegate
Robin Atkinson Parr	Delegate
Joy Smith Griffin	Delegate
Andrew Lewis Postell	Alternate
Andrew Lathem Postell	Alternate

LAITY

Daniel Loyd Parr Sr	Delegate
Jeffrey Scott Jernigan	Delegate
Tina Ayers Kirkland	Delegate
Marget Ann Sikes	Delegate
James Chesley Allred III	Delegate
Michael David McCord	Delegate
Brandy Dawn Lee	Alternate
William Neal Tam	Alternate

NORTHEAST

USA

CLERGY

Steven Matthew Taylor	Delegate
Karen Kraft Jones	Delegate
Emily Kristen Allen	Delegate
Thadius Edmund Sales	Delegate
Matthew Shenk Sichel	Delegate
Robbie Britton Townsend	Alternate

LAITY

Diana Marie Briselli	Delegate
Walter Howard Warriner	Delegate
Cora Doram	Delegate
Dennis William Rader	Delegate
Murray Enos Drummond Jr	Delegate
Carl Walter Samans	Alternate

PANAMA

CLERGY

Luciano Pereira Da Silva	Delegate
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LAITY

Jazir Ubdil Del Cid Morales	Delegate
Abel Alexis Frias Barrios	Alternate

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SLOVAKIA

CLERGY

Gabriella Kopas	Delegate
Svetlana Komíves Francisti	Alternate

LAITY

Samir Kopas	Delegate
Samuel Javornický	Alternate

SOUTH AFRICA

CLERGY

Mbingeleli Diko	Delegate
Bulelani Nontshakaza	Alternate

LAITY

Luvo Thwethwa	Delegate
Zimbini Madolo	Alternate

SOUTH CAROLINA

USA

CLERGY

Erik Kenneth Grayson	Delegate
Kelly Gallamore Snelgrove	Delegate
Anthony Griffith Carosiello	Delegate
Elizabeth Fulmer Sullivan	Alternate

LAITY

Martha Fridy Thompson	Delegate
Ava Webber Pridemore	Delegate
Steven Andrew Mason Banks	Delegate
Allison Faye Best	Alternate

SOUTH GEORGIA

USA

CLERGY

Jay David Hanson	Delegate
James Vernon Towson	Delegate
Scott Irwin Tucker	Delegate
David William Thompson	Delegate
James Arch Cowart Jr	Delegate
Jennifer Blackburn Thompson	Delegate
Richard Clayton Wardwell III	Alternate
Gary Anthony McPhail Jr	Alternate

LAITY

David Bradley Folsom	Delegate
Debbie Hudgins	Delegate
John Larry Nesbitt	Delegate
Debra Hudson Towson	Delegate
Devereaux Lee Watson	Delegate
Patricia Scanlon Tucker	Delegate
Deborah Beavers Hudgins	Alternate
Robert Daniel Shuman	Alternate

SPAIN

CLERGY

Guillem Correa Caballé	Delegate
Daniel Vergara Muñoz	Alternate

LAITY

José Fernando Caicedo Calvo	Delegate
Luis Rodriguez Llado	Alternate

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TANZANIA

CLERGY

Upendo Likondi	Delegate
Joseph Boniphaz Tanganyika	Alternate

LAITY

Albart Richard Maganga	Delegate
Shedrack Ramadhani Kilimba	Alternate

TRINITY

USA

CLERGY

Jason Andrew Burnham	Delegate
Jessica Box LaGrone	Delegate
Kenneth Ray Levingston	Delegate
Charles Chappell Temple	Delegate
Arturo Cadar	Delegate
Benjamin Nelson McGehee	Delegate
Heather Leigh Sims	Delegate
James Burton Palmer Jr	Delegate
Gary Clark Atkins Jr	Delegate
James Alan Bass	Delegate
Wendy Lee Heinemann	Delegate
Jerry Franklin House Jr	Delegate
John Wayne McMann	Delegate
Mark Jens Sorensen	Delegate
Sterling Martin Allen	Delegate
Janice Arlene Gilbert	Alternate
Susan Oza Kent	Alternate
Timothy Andrew Turner	Alternate

LAITY

Oscar Luis Garza	Delegate
Sarah Sloan Kreutziger	Delegate
Carl Wayne Brothers	Delegate
John Carl Campbell	Delegate
Anna Isabel Vargas	Delegate

Andy Lee Thornton Jr	Delegate
Debra T Davis	Delegate
John Huger Dawson III	Delegate
Frankie Fonteneaux Watson	Delegate
Vicky Sue Johnson	Delegate
Janet Sue Floro	Delegate
Mary Campbell Barron	Delegate
David Allen Eikner	Delegate
Catherine Sue Sullivan	Delegate
George Scott Johnson	Delegate
Alan Albert Schleimer	Alternate
Juanita Ryle Clark	Alternate
Norman Clark Neel	Alternate

UPPER MIDWEST

USA

CLERGY

James Edward Parks	Delegate
Michael Lowell Morgan	Delegate
Jonathan Churho Lee	Delegate
Corey Charles Jenkins	Delegate
Valerie Kay Reinhiller	Delegate
Reynaldo Colon Ortiz	Delegate
Zachery Paul Kingery	Alternate
Jeffrey Lee Kelley	Alternate

LAITY

Norma Jeanne Morrison	Delegate
Andrea Renee Schadel	Delegate
Jodi Lynn Cataldo	Delegate
David Michael Mendyk	Delegate
Jerry Lee Rozeboom	Delegate
Gabriel Quin Holien	Delegate
Darcy Lynn Rubenking	Alternate
Clarence Gilbert Mittleider	Alternate

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VIRGINIA

USA

CLERGY

Brandon Tyler Nichols	Delegate
Howe Octavius Thomas Jr	Alternate

LAITY

Diane Voegtli Hassell	Delegate
Duane Kirk Little	Alternate

WESTERN STATES

USA

CLERGY

John Charles Weston	Delegate
Frederick William Mast	Alternate

LAITY

Mary Manu Blagojevich	Delegate
Jennifer Matthews Weston	Alternate

WEST PLAINS

USA

CLERGY

Richard Evan Enns	Delegate
Richard Anthony Jones	Delegate
Lyndol Lee Loyd	Delegate
Andrew Riley Hurst	Delegate
Jeremy Lemuel Barbee	Delegate
Dustin Roy McEwen	Delegate
Matthew Scott Wolfington	Alternate
Guadalupe Acevedo Jr	Alternate

LAITY

Ronald Eugene Enns	Delegate
Angela Denise Carter	Delegate
William Walter McCuaig	Delegate
Sidney George Strebeck	Delegate
Molly Rebekah Williams	Delegate
John Ross Copeland	Delegate
Sammy Clay Gregory	Alternate
Kathlyn Hess Arthur	Alternate

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Administrative Committee APPOINTMENTS



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DATE: 08/4/2024

The Plan of Organization and Covenant of our Life Together specifies that members of Administrative Committees are to be nominated by each delegation and elected by the Transitional Leadership Council (TLC) to ensure representation across the geographic areas of the church. Below is a list of persons appointed by the TLC to the respective Administrative Committees.

AGENDA COMMITTEE

Composed of eight delegates, half clergy and half laity, as well as the chairs of each legislative committee. The Secretary of General Conference serves as an ex officio member.

1. Norma Morrison (Laity – Upper Midwest)
2. Clark Atkins (Clergy – Trinity)
3. David Duggan (Laity – MidSouth)
4. Emily Allen (Clergy – Northeast)
5. John Howard (Clergy – North Carolina)
6. Kora Mwamba Mujinga (Clergy – Democratic Republic of Congo)
7. Walter Khalonyere (Laity – Kenya-Ethiopia)
8. Carol Loeb (Laity – Mid-Texas)

COURTESIES COMMITTEE

Composed of eight delegates, half clergy and half laity.

1. Davies Oduori Musigo (Clergy – Kenya-Ethiopia)
2. Rick Just (Clergy – Heartland)
3. Chris Gadlage (Clergy – Great Lakes)
4. Heather Sims (Clergy – Trinity)
5. Tami Washington (Laity – Allegheny West)
6. Margaret Sikes (Laity – North Georgia)
7. Allison Best (Laity – South Carolina)
8. Sukisa Munongo Nicolas (Laity – Democratic Republic of Congo)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Composed of eight delegates, half clergy and half laity. Consults with the Secretary of the General Conference.

1. Mike Grant (Clergy – Allegheny West)
2. Joy Griffin (Clergy – North Georgia)
3. Jason Burnham (Clergy – Trinity)
4. Henriette Okele (Clergy – Democratic Republic of Congo)
5. Molly Williams (Laity – West Plains)
6. John Kizito Dome (Laity – Kenya-Ethiopia)
7. Jeff Brotherton (Laity – North Carolina)
8. Dennis Rader (Laity – Northeast)

JOURNAL COMMITTEE

Composed of three delegates plus the Secretary of the General Conference.

1. Chappell Temple (Clergy – Trinity)
2. Laura Saffell (Clergy – Allegheny West)
3. Larry Wells (Laity – MidSouth)

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Composed of eight delegates, half clergy and half laity.

1. Jeff Greenway (Clergy – Allegheny West)
2. Jonathan Lee (Clergy – Upper Midwest)
3. Gabriella Kopas (Clergy – Slovakia)
4. Jessica LaGrone (Clergy – Trinity)
5. Jeff Jernigan (Laity – North Georgia)
6. Martha Thompson (Laity – South Carolina)
7. Holly Joy (Laity – Heartland)
8. Chrispinus Wafula Mugwanga’a (Laity – Kenya-Ethiopia)

REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Composed of eight delegates, half clergy and half laity.

1. Margaet Harloko Jillo (Clergy – Kenya-Ethiopia)
2. Kasong Mwenze Kabah (Clergy – Democratic Republic of Congo)
3. Thadius Sales (Clergy – Northeast)
4. Byron Bufkin (Clergy – Allegheny West)
5. Mike Womack (Laity – Great Plains)
6. Steve Banks (Laity – South Carolina)
7. Bill Brown (Laity – Heartland)
8. Frankie Watson (Laity – Trinity)

List of Legislative Committees

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

CONFERENCES

Chair – John Weston

Vice-Chair – Eugene Paik

Secretary – Sarah Williams

CONNECTIONAL ORGANIZATION

Chair – Ben McGehee

Vice-Chair – Tsvetan Iliev

Secretary – Jessie Mansfield

CONSTITUTION

Chair – Ryan Barnett

Vice-Chair – Kathleen Engleman

Secretary – James Pollitt

EPISCOPACY AND SUPERINTENDENCY

Chair – Jordan McFall

Vice-Chair – Diana Brisselli

Secretary – Molly Williams

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Chair – Chris Akers

Vice-Chair – Buck Thornton

Secretary – Laura Strange

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION

Chair – Jimmy Towson

Vice-Chair – Zawdie Abiade

Secretary – Debbie Smalley

MINISTRY AND LOCAL CHURCH

Chair – Leslie Tomlinson

Vice-Chair – Bonface Wanyama

Secretary – Liz Bowlin

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS

AGENDA COMMITTEE

Chair – John Howard

Secretary – David Duggan

COURTESIES COMMITTEE

Chair – Marget Sikes

Secretary – Chris Gadlodge

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Chair – Mike Grant

Secretary – Jason Burnham

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Chair – Holly Joy

Secretary – Gabriella Kopas

REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Chair – Byron Bufkin

Secretary – Thadius Sales





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CONFERENCES COMMITTEE

Rurel Rueben Ausley	Clergy	Alabama Emerald Coast (USA)
Vicki Vines Bryars	Laity	Alabama Emerald Coast (USA)
Steven Harry Cordle	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Dale Dean Fincher	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
Susan Hersherberger Gutttag	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
Duk Hee Han	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
William Alan Patrick	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
Kondagba Emmanuel	Laity	Central African Republic
Kabeza Mulonge	Clergy	Congo
Kasongo Wa Kubatwa Bemba Martin	Clergy	Congo
Kimba Kyakutala Evariste	Clergy	Congo
Kukangidila Nkele Nkele Arsene	Clergy	Congo
Ngoy Kalumba Rosette	Clergy	Congo
Monteen Amber Pillay	Laity	Florida (USA)
Beth Ann Cook	Clergy	Great Lakes (USA)
Lily Adeline Johnson	Laity	Great Lakes (USA)
Melissa A. Padgett	Laity	Great Lakes (USA)
Stanley M. Pegram	Clergy	Great Lakes (USA)
William Lee Brown	Laity	Heartland (USA)
Natalie Faust	Clergy	Heartland (USA)
Ricky Gene Just	Clergy	Heartland (USA)
Chrispinus Wafula Mugwanga	Laity	Kenya - Ethiopia
Eugene Paik	Laity	Korean - American
Brian Matthew Ebel	Clergy	MidSouth (USA)
Jana E. Fox	Laity	MidTexas (USA)
Robert Browning Barnard Jr	Laity	Mississippi - Western Tennessee (USA)
Cheney Paul Lawler	Clergy	Mississippi - Western Tennessee (USA)
Donna Marie King	Clergy	North Alabama (USA)
Steven Jack Pemberton	Laity	North Alabama (USA)
Edward Powell Osteen Jr	Clergy	North Carolina (USA)
Gregory Michael Grabbs	Laity	North Carolina (USA)
John Franklin Howard Jr	Clergy	North Carolina (USA)
Myra Backus Houser	Laity	North Carolina (USA)
Sarah Nickens Williams	Clergy	North Carolina (USA)
Jeffrey Scott Jernigan	Laity	North Georgia (USA)
Dennis William Rader	Laity	Northeast (USA)
Walter Howard Warriner	Laity	Northeast (USA)
Deveraux Lee Watson	Laity	South Georgia (USA)
Albart Richard Maganga	Laity	Tanzania
Carl Wayne Brothers	Laity	Trinity (USA)
Frankie Fonteneaux Watson	Laity	Trinity (USA)

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CONFERENCES COMMITTEE

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Gary Clark Atkins Jr	Clergy	Trinity (USA)
Mark Jens Sorensen	Clergy	Trinity (USA)
Jodi Lynn Cataldo	Laity	Upper Midwest (USA)
Reynaldo Colon Ortiz	Clergy	Upper Midwest (USA)
Brandon Tyler Nichols	Clergy	Virginia (USA)
John Charles Weston	Clergy	Western States (USA)
Mary Manu Blagojevich	Laity	Western States (USA)

CONNECTIONAL ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Riley Allen Newton	Clergy	Alabama Emerald Coast (USA)
Byron Robert Bufkin	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Victoria Ruth Heath	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Laura Ann Saffell	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Tsvetan Todorov Iliev	Clergy	Bulgaria
Gazza Cesar	Clergy	Central Africa Republic
Kora Mwamba Mujinga	Clergy	Congo
Lokoto Okele Henriette	Clergy	Congo
Salatan Gideon Camangege	Laity	Covenant Philippines
Deborah Ella Tulp	Laity	Florida (USA)
Stanton Lee Monroe	Laity	Florida (USA)
Karl Emery Jennings	Laity	Great Lakes (USA)
Steven D. Hill	Laity	Great Lakes (USA)
Holly Lee Joy	Laity	Heartland (USA)
John Kizzito Dome Ouma	Laity	Kenya - Ethiopia
Jessica Sue Mansfield	Laity	MidSouth (USA)
Sherri Tabaka Morrissey	Clergy	MidSouth (USA)
Leah Suzanne Hidde Gregory	Clergy	MidTexas (USA)
Jill Ann Jackson Sears	Clergy	MidTexas (USA)
Jon Paul Lannom	Laity	MidTexas (USA)
Joshua Tyler Groce	Clergy	Mississippi - Western Tennessee (USA)
Linda Lang Ishee	Laity	Mississippi - Western Tennessee (USA)
Cooper Rudell Guess Jr	Clergy	North Alabama (USA)
Michael Tilmon Shotts	Laity	North Alabama (USA)
Jeffery Lee Brotherton	Laity	North Carolina (USA)
Carolyn Clifford Moore	Clergy	North Georgia (USA)
Herzen De Vega Andone	Clergy	North Georgia (USA)
James Chesley Allred III	Laity	North Georgia (USA)
Tina Ayers Kirkland	Laity	North Georgia (USA)

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Steven Matthew Taylor	Clergy	Northeast (USA)
Thadius Edmund Sales	Clergy	Northeast (USA)
Jay David Hanson	Clergy	South Georgia (USA)
Jennifer Blackburn Thompson	Clergy	South Georgia (USA)
Arturo Cadar	Clergy	Trinity (USA)
Benjamin Nelson McGehee	Clergy	Trinity (USA)
Debra T. Davis	Laity	Trinity (USA)
George Scott Johnson	Laity	Trinity (USA)
John Huger Dawson III	Laity	Trinity (USA)
Holly Ann Reich	Laity	Upper Midwest (USA)
Norma Jeanne Morrison	Laity	Upper Midwest (USA)
Dustin Roy McEwen	Clergy	West Plains (USA)

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

Jacquelyn Sue Cooke	Laity	Alabama Emerald Coast (USA)
James Adren Pollitt	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
Nathanarl Joel Fugate	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Ngoie Wa Kabondo Carine	Laity	Congo
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Virginia Stevens Jones	Laity	Mississippi - Western Tennessee (USA)
Elizabeth Ann Lee	Laity	North Alabama (USA)
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Beth Daniels Woods	Laity	North Carolina (USA)
David Arnold Banks	Clergy	North Carolina (USA)
Heather Scoles Grabbs	Laity	North Carolina (USA)
Jerry Lewis	Clergy	North Carolina (USA)
David Eugene Spivey Jr	Laity	North Carolina (USA)
Michael David McCord	Laity	North Georgia (USA)
Emily Kristen Allen	Clergy	Northeast (USA)
Matthew Shenk Sichel	Clergy	Northeast (USA)
Luciano Pereira Da Silva	Clergy	Panama
Steven Andrew Mason Banks	Laity	South Carolina (USA)
Scott Irwin Tucker	Clergy	South Georgia (USA)
Heather Leigh Sims	Clergy	Trinity (USA)
James Alan Bass	Clergy	Trinity (USA)
John Carl Campbell	Laity	Trinity (USA)
Corey Charles Jenkins	Clergy	Upper Midwest (USA)
Michael Lowell Morgan	Clergy	Upper Midwest (USA)
John Ross Copeland	Laity	West Plains (USA)

EPISCOPACY & SUPERINTENDENCY COMMITTEE

Lester Harden Spencer	Clergy	Alabama Emerald Coast (USA)
Malcolm Eugene Floore	Laity	Alabama Emerald Coast (USA)
Roy Edward McBryar	Laity	Alabama Emerald Coast (USA)
David Farrell Watson III	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Jeffrey Edward Greenway	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Michael David Grant	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Robin Cooper Hovis	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
Gail Ann Cook	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
Neil Alan Shindledecker	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
Paula Jo Logan Koch	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Tami Lynnette Nies	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
Adebowale Adedayo Onabanjo	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Abedi Tulia Dorothée	Laity	Congo
Bindanda Masapu Platiniv	Laity	Congo
Kabezya Nyota Gisèle	Laity	Congo
Kakudji Fariala Marcel	Laity	Congo
Mbayo Ngoy Nhoris	Laity	Congo
James Joseph Therrell Jr	Clergy	Florida (USA)
Jeremy Daniel Rebman	Clergy	Florida (USA)

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Gregory Scott Pattison	Clergy	Great Lakes (USA)
Christopher Miles Ritter	Clergy	Great Lakes (USA)
Walz Michael Womack	Laity	Great Lakes (USA)
Cara Sue Nicklas	Laity	Heartland (USA)
Jordan Scoby McFall	Clergy	Heartland (USA)
Ray Roscoe Crawford	Clergy	Heartland (USA)
Wilton Thomas Adangi Odongo	Clergy	Kenya - Ethiopia
Theddeus J. Kim	Clergy	Korean - American
Luther Jeremiah Galvez Oconer	Clergy	Mega Manila Philippines
Vida Mei Pinili Rivera	Laity	Mega Manila Philippines
Benjamin Robert Bowman	Laity	MidSouth (USA)
Elizabeth Anna Chancey	Laity	MidSouth (USA)
Adam Kristopher Thornton	Clergy	MidTexas (USA)
Carol Margaret Loeb	Laity	MidTexas (USA)
Matthew James Pennington	Clergy	MidTexas (USA)
Jill Shannon Shaw	Clergy	Mississippi - Western Tennessee (USA)
Jimmy David Ainsworth	Laity	Mississippi - Western Tennessee (USA)
Alan Houston Beasley	Clergy	North Alabama (USA)
Kimberly Ann Woodin	Laity	North Alabama (USA)
Elizabeth Ann Creef Meekins	Laity	North Carolina (USA)
Harry Dale McCoy	Laity	North Carolina (USA)
Kari Lewis Howard	Clergy	North Carolina (USA)
Cory Brandon Oliver	Clergy	North Carolina (USA)
Herbert Lyman Ormond III	Laity	North Carolina (USA)
Kenneth Ray Ott	Clergy	North Georgia (USA)
John Arthur Beyers	Clergy	North Georgia (USA)
Diana Marie Briselli	Laity	Northeast (USA)
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Mbingeleli Diko	Clergy	South Africa
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Jonathan Churho Lee	Clergy	Upper Midwest (USA)
James Edward Parks	Clergy	Upper Midwest (USA)
Andrew Riley Hurst	Clergy	West Plains (USA)
Lyndol Lee Loyd	Clergy	West Plains (USA)
Molly Rebekah Williams	Laity	West Plains (USA)
William Walter McCuaig	Laity	West Plains (USA)

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Barbara Jean Brown	Laity	Alabama Emerald Coast (USA)
Brett Matthew Dinger	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Jeffrey David Moore	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
Jason William Nies	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
Kasongo Mwenze Kabah Monga	Clergy	Congo
Monga Kamuyombo Richard	Clergy	Congo
Wungu Ndjate Albert	Clergy	Congo
Craig Andrew Blocher	Clergy	Florida (USA)
Christopher Todd Akers	Clergy	Florida (USA)
Jeffrey John Buck	Clergy	Great Lakes (USA)
Thomas Lyle Finley	Laity	Great Lakes (USA)
Paul Edward Reed	Laity	Heartland (USA)
Richard Dean Croll	Laity	Heartland (USA)
Walter Khalonyre Oduke	Laity	Kenya - Ethiopia
Sung Soo Kim	Laity	Korean - American
Ilyong William Kim	Clergy	Korean - American
Matthew Charles Conover	Clergy	MidSouth (USA)
Jerri Lyn Williams	Clergy	MidSouth (USA)
Matthew Thomas Seel	Clergy	MidSouth (USA)
James Ervin McClain	Laity	MidTexas (USA)
James Robert Noble	Clergy	MidTexas (USA)
Billy Rich Knox	Laity	Mississippi - Western Tennessee (USA)
David Coleman Stewart	Clergy	Mississippi - Western Tennessee (USA)
Laura Down Strange	Laity	North Alabama (USA)
Lyle Bennett Holland	Clergy	North Alabama (USA)
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FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

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Ava Webber Pridemore	Laity	South Carolina (USA)
John Larry Nesbitt	Laity	South Georgia (USA)
Sterling Martin Allen	Clergy	Trinity (USA)
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Jerry Franklin House Jr	Clergy	Trinity (USA)
Jonathan David Reich	Laity	Upper Midwest (USA)
Diane Voegtli Hassell	Laity	Virginia (USA)
Richard Evan Enns	Clergy	West Plains (USA)
Sidney George Strebeck	Laity	West Plains (USA)

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Paul Lawrence Bryars	Clergy	Alabama Emerald Coast (USA)
Debbie Nichols Smalley	Laity	Alabama Emerald Coast (USA)
Chris Eugene Steiner	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
David Andrew Carter	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Isaya Michael Miller	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
Timothy Scott Layton	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
Afumba Luhata Lucienne	Clergy	Congo
Kasongo Longanga Martin	Clergy	Congo
Kon Kand Claudette	Laity	Congo
Louisalynn Brown Keifer	Laity	Florida (USA)
Christopher Stephen Gadlage	Clergy	Great Lakes (USA)
John William Cooper Jr	Laity	Great Lakes (USA)
Zawdie Kumuzu Abiade	Clergy	Great Lakes (USA)
Davies Odwory Musigo	Clergy	Kenya - Ethiopia
Fidelis Ongayo Samwel	Laity	Kenya - Ethiopia
David Reed Duggan	Laity	MidSouth (USA)
James Todd Chancey	Clergy	MidSouth (USA)
Kathryn Dell Kiser	Laity	MidTexas (USA)
San Ky Kim	Clergy	MidTexas (USA)
Donald Edwin Bourland	Laity	Mississippi - Western Tennessee (USA)
Dana Lee Gilliam	Laity	North Alabama (USA)
John Galen Kearns	Clergy	North Alabama (USA)
Angela Ritchie Harrison	Laity	North Carolina (USA)
Connie Marie Stutts	Clergy	North Carolina (USA)
Thomas Coleman Mabry	Clergy	North Carolina (USA)
Yeh Say	Laity	North Carolina (USA)

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Elmar Karl Neuschaefer	Clergy	North Carolina (USA)
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James Vernon Towson	Clergy	South Georgia (USA)
John Wayne McMann	Clergy	Trinity (USA)
Oscar Luis Garza	Laity	Trinity (USA)
Vicky Sue Johnson	Laity	Trinity (USA)
Wendy Lee Heinemann	Clergy	Trinity (USA)
Andrea Renee Schadel	Laity	Upper Midwest (USA)
Richard Anthony Jones	Clergy	West Plains (USA)
Ronald Eugene Enns	Laity	West Plains (USA)

MINISTRY AND LOCAL CHURCH COMMITTEE

Lisa Lynn Ausley	Clergy	Alabama Emerald Coast (USA)
Janet Hale Krantz	Clergy	Alabama Emerald Coast (USA)
Daniel Duane Gildner	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Gregory D. Stover	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Janet Faye Lord	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Katherine Susan Rohrs	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
Nancy Jean Fassnacht	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
Renaye Lynne Hoffman	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
Kathleen Iva Straub	Laity	Allegheny West (USA)
William Jay Blair	Clergy	Allegheny West (USA)
Mariela Mihaylova Mihaylova Siderova	Laity	Bulgaria
Alombe Ilima Marthe	Laity	Congo
Banena Mujinga Ladice	Laity	Congo
Bidiaku Pangi Therese	Laity	Congo
Kassi Pyodi Katumba	Laity	Congo
Mwite Mwango Christian	Laity	Congo
Nakako Eguchi Kellum	Clergy	Florida (USA)
Timothy Eric Smith	Laity	Florida (USA)
Bridget Renee Douglas	Laity	Great Lakes (USA)
Jeremy Andrew Garrett	Laity	Great Lakes (USA)
Samuel L. Padgett	Clergy	Great Lakes (USA)
Sara Beth Mayfield Wanck	Clergy	Great Lakes (USA)
Cali Depue Eck	Clergy	Heartland (USA)
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Bonface Ghero Wanyama	Clergy	Kenya - Ethiopia

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Ernest Gregg Benefiel	Laity	MidSouth (USA)
James Rex Thigpen	Laity	MidSouth (USA)
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Katherine Renee Reiley	Laity	MidTexas (USA)
Leslie Ann Smith Tomlinson	Clergy	MidTexas (USA)
Maria Leticia Ortegon	Laity	MidTexas (USA)
Shea William Reyenga	Clergy	MidTexas (USA)
Andrew Stewart Miller, III	Clergy	Mississippi - Western Tennessee (USA)
Audra Henderson Gaines	Laity	Mississippi - Western Tennessee (USA)
Lauren James Porter	Clergy	Mississippi - Western Tennessee (USA)
Elizabeth Bowlin	Laity	North Alabama (USA)
Kenneth Thomson Chastain	Clergy	North Alabama (USA)
Eston Clyde Brinkley, Jr.	Laity	North Carolina (USA)
Dalma Garrell Cribb	Clergy	North Carolina (USA)
Earl Franklin Bradshaw	Clergy	North Carolina (USA)
Robert Branson Sheets, III	Clergy	North Carolina (USA)
Marget Ann Sikes	Laity	North Georgia (USA)
Robin Atkinson Parr	Clergy	North Georgia (USA)
Karen Kraft Jones	Clergy	Northeast (USA)
Murray Enos Drummond, Jr.	Laity	Northeast (USA)
Jazir Ubdil Del Cid Morales	Laity	Panama
Samir Kopas	Laity	Slovakia
Anthony Griffith Carosiello	Clergy	South Carolina (USA)
Kelly Gallamore Snelgrove	Clergy	South Carolina (USA)
Patricia Scanlon Tucker	Laity	South Georgia (USA)
Debbie Hudgins	Laity	South Georgia (USA)
José Fernando Caicedo Calvo	Laity	Spain
Upendo Likondi	Clergy	Tanzania
Jessica Box LaGrone	Clergy	Trinity (USA)
Mary Campbell Barron	Laity	Trinity (USA)
Anna Isabel Vargas	Laity	Trinity (USA)
Charles Chappell Temple	Clergy	Trinity (USA)
James Burton Palmer Jr	Clergy	Trinity (USA)
Janet Sue Floro	Laity	Trinity (USA)
David Michael Mendyk	Laity	Upper Midwest (USA)
Valerie Kay Reinhiller	Clergy	Upper Midwest (USA)
Angela Denise Carter	Laity	West Plains (USA)
Jeremy Lemuel Barbee	Clergy	West Plains (USA)

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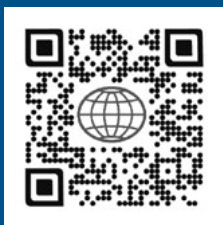
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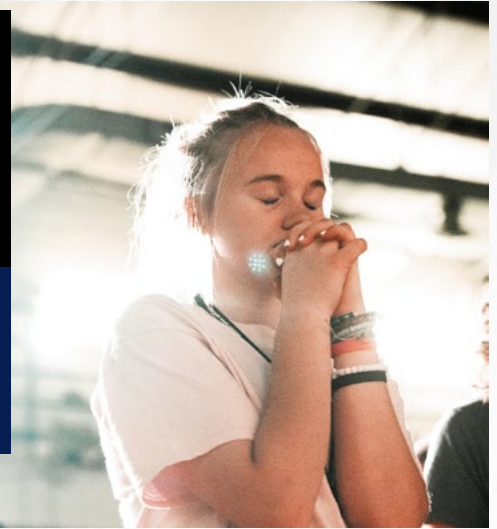




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SOLUTION

ARM encourages dialogue within the Wesleyan Theology streams and seeks to interpret the movement of the Holy Spirit to the church. We celebrate the richness of our Wesleyan heritage and history, recognizing that John Wesley's theology of grace is, in fact, a theology of the Holy Spirit.

OPPORTUNITIES

1. Ministry to Clergy & Ministry Leaders

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2. Annual Family Renewal Events

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3. Local Church Renewal Events

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4. ARC Events

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AT A GLANCE CHALLENGES

- Fear of the Holy Spirit
- No understanding of the Holy Spirit
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