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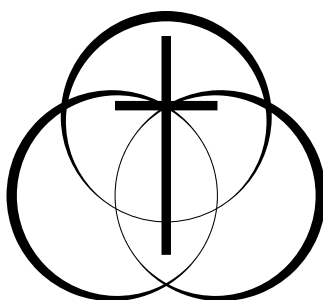
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October 5-7, 2023, the convening conference of the NC Provisional Annual Conference

June 20-22, 2024, the second annual conference, and the first regular session of the
NC Provisional Annual Conference

June 25-28, 2025, the third annual conference, and the first regular session of the
NC Annual Conference

Bishop Jeffrey Greenway, Presiding Bishop
David Banks, Conference Superintendent
Kari Howard, Associate Conference Superintendent
Shannon Medlin, Conference Secretary
Dalma Cribb, Director of Church and Clergy Services
Carolyn Hindel, Conference Controller
Mitch Johnston, IT Administrator

June 25–28, 2025
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*Mission | The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ
and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.*

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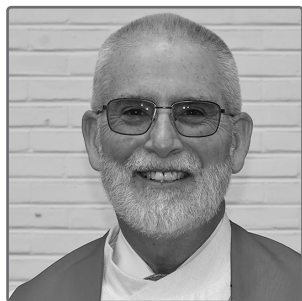
Presiding Bishop



Jeff Greenway
Bishop, NC Conference

Conference Staff & Leadership Team

**denotes Staff and Conference Leadership Team*



David A. Banks *
Conference
Superintendent



Kari Howard *
Associate Conference
Superintendent



Shannon Medlin *
Conference Secretary



Dalma Cribb *
Director of Church
and Clergy Services



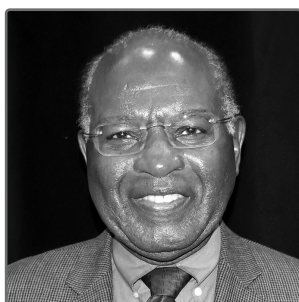
Carolyn Hindel *
Conference Controller



Mitch Johnston
IT Administrator



Tom Mabry
Chairperson of Conference
Leadership Team



Mack Parker
Vice-Chair of Conference
Leadership Team



James (Jim) Seay
Conference Chancellor



Heather Grabbs
Conference Lay Leader



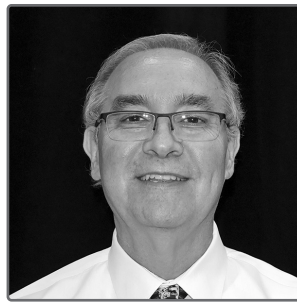
Jennifer Lineberry
Conference Treasurer



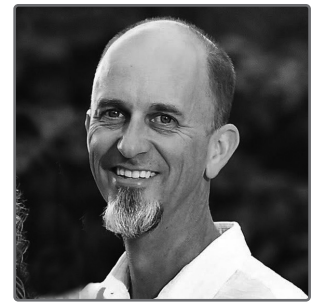
Matt Seals
Dean of the Cabinet



Dan Lyons
Chair of Finance and
Administration



John Woods
Chair of Board of Ministry



Chris Eason
Chair of Annual
Conference Planning



Andy Lambert
Evangelism and
Discipleship



Greg Jenks
Global Partnerships



Paul Dunham
Mission Team



Jeff Severt
Church Multiplication



Greg Grabbs
Disaster Response
Co-Chair



Jeff Brotherton
Disaster Response
Co-Chair



Parker Coppock



Tammy Stott
Lay Class of 2031



Stephanie Thompson
Clergy Class of 2028

Chair of Superintendency
Team, elected by
Superintendency Team

Chair of Board of
Directors, elected by
Directors

2025 Cabinet of Presiding Elders



(Asheboro District) Randy Foster; (Asheville District) TBD; (Boone District) Jock Ollis; (Burlington District) Tom Newman; (Concord District) Earl Bradshaw; (Durham District) Norma Roberts; (Edenton District) Chris Aydlett; (Elizabethtown District) Chris Leak; (Fayetteville District) Gil Wise; (Franklin District) Stephanie Thompson; (Gastonia District) Barry Drum; (Goldsboro District) Jim Harry; (Greensboro District) Jeff Johnsen; (Hickory District) Jason Guyer; (Mooresville District) Will Van Wieren; (New Bern District) Connie Stutts; (Pembroke District) Herbert Lowry; (Raleigh District) Michael Coppock; (Roanoke Rapids District) Stan Lewis; (Siler City District) Linda Yow; (Statesville District) Chris Lakey; (Washington District) Ken Hall; (Wilmington District) Tim Reaves.

Matt Seals, Dean; Kerry Wood Secretary; David Banks, Conference Superintendent; Kari Howard, Associate Conference Superintendent

2025 Ordinands



Deacon and Elder

Alicia Holcomb Bowman (Deacon); Shelton Kesley Burkart (Deacon); Larry Rodney Burton (Deacon and Elder); Carol Ann Clarke (Deacon); Darren Edward Custer (Deacon); Wesley Reid Daniels (Deacon); Robert Anthony Faircloth (Deacon); Gary Ray Fulker (Deacon and Elder); Shelby Peyton Gilbert (Deacon); Jimmy Kevin Greene (Deacon); Donna Graham Hammond (Deacon); Frank Leslie Hare (Deacon and Elder); Matthew Clay Harrold (Deacon); Bradley Everett Hopper (Elder); Chad Robert Irons (Deacon); David Lloyd Joyce (Deacon); Larry Scott King (Deacon and Elder); Keith Randall Lawson (Deacon); Jadon Charles Olsen (Deacon); Kimberly Dawn Parker (Deacon); Steven Smith Parker (Deacon and Elder); Michael Charles Quintas (Deacon); Robert Garry Ray (Deacon); Reuben Paul Rinker (Elder); Michael Field Sadtler (Deacon); Joellen Mary Simmons (Deacon and Elder); John Theodore Taylor (Deacon); Larris Tolson (Elder); Patrick David Whaley (Elder).

2026 General Conference Delegation



Clergy Delegation

Kari Howard; David Banks; Andy Lambert; Tim Reaves; Connie Stutts; Dalma Cribb; Tom Mabry; Earl Bradshaw; Cory Oliver; John Howard, Jr.; John Woods; Jonathan Jeffries

Clergy Alternates

Sarah Williams; Will Van Wieren; Karl Neuschaefer

Clergy Reserves

Insung Kim; Tom Newman; Jeff Johnsen; Paul Dunham

Laity Delegation

Heather Grabbs, Delegation Chairperson; Beth Woods; Mack Parker; David Spivey; Greg Grabbs; Jeff Brotherton; Shirley Davenport; Teresa Auten; Ken Waters; Nancy Johnson; Carolyn Hindel; Lizann Creef-Meekins

Laity Alternates

Yeh Say; Mack King; Renee Nicholson

Laity Reserves

Kamiel Carter; George Davis; Tammy Scott; Charles Moore

SECTION I:

Conference Leadership, Officers, Committees & Organization

2025 Conference Nominations and Leadership

2025 Annual Conference Clergy Members and electable clergy to
General Conference

2025 Annual Conference Lay Members and electable laity to
General Conference

2025 Conference Nominations and Leadership

Conference Leadership Team (¶1710.1)

Class of 2028	Class of 2031
Tom Mabry (Chair) (Clergy)	Tammy Stott (Lay)
Mack Parker (Vice-Chair) (Lay)	
Stephanie Thompson (Clergy)	
Ex-Officio with vote:	
Conference Superintendent, David Banks, (Clergy)	
Conference Secretary, Shannon Medlin (Lay)	
Chancellor, James Seay (Lay)	
Conference Treasurer, Jennifer Lineberry (Lay)	
Conference Lay Leader, Heather Grabbs (Lay)	
Dean of the Cabinet, Matt Seals (Clergy)	
Chair of Finance and Administration, Dan Lyons (Clergy)	
Chair of Board of Ministry, John Woods (Clergy)	
Chair of Board of Directors, elected by Directors	
Chair of Superintendency Team, elected by Superintendency Team	
Chair of Annual Conference Planning, Chris Eason (Clergy)	
Evangelism and Discipleship, Andy Lambert (Clergy)	
Global Partnerships, Greg Jenks (Clergy)	
Mission Team, Paul Dunham (Clergy)	
Church Multiplication, Jeff Severt (Clergy)	
Ex Officio with voice without vote:	
Disaster Response, Gregg Grabbs (Lay), Jeff Brotherton (Lay)	
Conference Staff with voice without vote:	
Kari Howard, Associate Conference Superintendent	
Carolyn Hindel, Conference Controller	
Dalma Cribb, Director of Church and Clergy Services	

Superintendency Team

Class of 2028	Class of 2031
Natalie Culp (Clergy)	Nicky Watts (Lay)
Kim Collins (Clergy)	Insung Kim (Clergy)
Luke Whitehead (Clergy)	Willie Murray (Clergy)
Evelyn Lemons (Clergy)	Jackie Swanik (Lay)
	Beth Woods (Lay)

Board of Ministry

Class of 2026	Class of 2028	Class of 2030
Eric Steimel (Lay, 2022)	Kim King (Deacon, 2023)	Shirley Davenport (Lay, 2024)
Karl Neuschaefer (Elder, 2022)	Tim Porter (Elder, 2023)	
Ken Walker (Lay, 2022)	Powell Osteen (Elder, 2023)	Tommy Privette (Elder, 2024)
	Rocio Avila (Elder, 2023)	Walter Lundy (Elder, 2024)
	Billy Olsen (Elder, 2023)	Ken Waters (Lay, 2025)
Class of 2027	Class of 2029	Class of 2031
Leonard Rex (Clergy, 2023)	John Woods (Elder, 2023)	Linda Black (Lay, 2024)
Dave Rowe (Lay, 2023)	Caroline Franks (Elder, 2023)	Aaron Smith (Lay, 2024)
John Howard, Jr. (Elder, 2023)	Jonathan Jeffries (Elder, 2023)	Doug Meekins (Lay, 2025)
Stuart Noell (Elder, 2023)	Tammy Stott (Lay, 2023)	Daniel Pantoja (Clergy, 2025)
Matthew Nichols (Elder, 2023)	Sarah Williams (Elder, 2023)	Amy Kelly (Elder, 2025)
Staff Support: Rev. Dalma Cribb, Director of Church and Clergy Services		

Board of Directors

Class of 2026	Class of 2028	Class of 2031
Greg Jenks (Clergy)	Kerry Wood (Clergy)	Stan Lewis (Clergy)
Destry (Dusty) Herring (Lay)	Dale McCoy (Lay)	Art Simpson (Lay)
Patrick Ledford (Clergy)	Tim Horton (Lay)	David Smith (Lay)
David Pate (Clergy)	Parker Coppock (Clergy)	Alicia Bowman (Clergy)

Finance and Administration

Class of 2026	Class of 2028	Class of 2031
Jeff Isenhour	Joan Fisher	Jeff Johnsen
Robert O'Keefe	Cris Noble	Charlie Curtis
Herb Ormond	Dan Lyons	Roger Dunn
		Jennifer Case

Ex Officio, with vote: Jennifer Lineberry, Conference Treasurer

Nominations and Leadership Team

Conference Superintendent, Chair ¶1710.5.c

Class of 2026	Class of 2028	Class of 2031
Steve Smith	Branson Sheets	Buddy Todd
Eston Brinkley	Mack Parker	Melanie Nichols
Evelyn Lemons	Dale McCoy	

Ex Officio: Kari Howard, Associate Conference Superintendent, one member of the Cabinet

Lay Ministry Team

Heather Grabbs, Lay Leader, Chair	Wade Loftin	Dottie Brogdon
Kamiel Carter	Teresa Auten	Cory Oliver
Myra Houser	Jackie Swanik	Matt Johnson
Ashlee Decker	Paul Dunham	

District Lay Leaders

Asheboro – TBD

Asheville - TBD

Boone – TBD

Burlington – Bryant Dodson

Concord – Marshall Ward

Durham – Destry (Dusty) Herring

Edenton – Bertie Kay Midget

Elizabethtown - TBD

Fayetteville – Art Simpson; Elizabeth Mitchell

Franklin – Dana Biggerstaff

Gastonia – Glenda Painer

Goldsboro – Mike Smith

Greensboro – Tammy Cox

Hickory - TBD

Mooreville – Tommy Easterling

New Bern – Jane Maher; Michael Cole

Pembroke – Jonathan (Jon) Everson

Raleigh - TBD

Roanoke Rapids – TBD

Siler City - TBD

Statesville – Thomas Johnson

Washington – Charles Moore

Wilmington – Eddie Hahn

Winston-Salem – Bob Earnhardt

Conference Officers

Conference Chancellor – James (Jim) Seay

Conference Lay Leader – Heather Grabbs

Conference Secretary – Shannon Medlin

Conference Treasurer – Jennifer Lineberry

Committee on Investigations

Clergy: Daniel Pantoja, Jim Kim, and Herbert Lowry

Laity: Steve Medlin, Dale McCoy, and Elizabeth Thomas

Clergy alternates: Jim White, David Bradley and Dale Bost

Laity alternates: Peggy White, Ed Koontz and David Maulden

Administrative Review Committee

Johnny Lord, Steve Wellman, Thurman Horney

Alternates: Kim Collins and Paul Dunham

Committee on the Annual Conference

Chris Eason	Steve Ashby	John Howard	Evelyn Lemons
Matt Morris	Kamiel Carter	Kaleb Setzer	

Ex Officio by virtue of an office:

Conference Superintendent, Associate Conference Superintendent, The CLT Chairperson or designate, Conference Lay Leader and Conference Secretary

2025 Annual Conference Clergy Members and electable clergy to General Conference

Self Nominated for Election to General Conference

600	Richard Dale Auten	Elder Senior
601	David A. Banks	Elder
602	Jesse Marty Boddie	Elder
603	Earl Franklin Bradshaw	Elder
604	Simon Chigumira	Elder
605	Dalma Garrell Cribb	Elder Senior
606	Charles Curtis, II	Elder
607	Ashlee Elizabeth Decker	Elder
608	Paul Ralph Dunham	Elder
609	David Norris Helbig	Deacon
610	Kari Lewis Howard	Elder
611	John Franklin Howard, Jr	Elder
612	Bryan Huffman	Elder
613	Jonathan David Jefferies	Elder
614	Jeffrey William Johnsen	Elder
615	Insung Kim	Elder
616	Andy Lambert	Elder
617	Walter Christopher Lundy, Sr	Elder
618	Daniel Jay Lyons	Elder
619	Thomas Coleman Mabry	Elder
620	Lowell Charles McNaney	Elder
621	Douglas William Miller	Elder
622	Mary Rowe Miller	Elder
623	Luke Arthur Mitchell	Elder
624	Elmar Karl Neuschaefer	Elder Senior
625	Thomas W. Newman	Elder
626	Matthew Alan Nichols	Elder
627	Cory Brandon Oliver	Elder
628	Timothy Reaves	Elder
629	Leonard Joseph Rex	Elder
630	Connie Marie Stutts	Elder
631	Charmaine Van Rooyen	Elder
632	William Van Wieren III	Elder
633	Derek Michael Warnick	Elder
634	Gerald Michael Whatley	Elder
635	Sarah Nickens Williams	Elder
636	John Conrad Woods	Elder

Eligible for Election to General Conference

637	Byron Alexander	Elder
638	Nancy Nell Alexander Storm	Elder
639	David Alan Arroyo	Elder
640	Steven Michael Ashby	Elder
641	Matthew Christopher Atha	Elder
642	William Rufus Autry, Jr	Elder
643	Rocio Avila-Ramirez	Elder
644	Wilbur Christopher Aydlett, Jr.	Elder
645	Martha Montague Barrett	Elder
646	Michael R. Bass	Elder
647	Stephen Travis Bazan	Elder
648	Ann Stone Benson	Elder
649	Wendy R. Bishop	Elder
650	Richard D. Booker	Elder
651	Dale W. Bost	Elder Senior
652	Kenneth Darrel Bowles	Elder
653	John Bracey	Elder
654	David LaRay Bradley	Elder
655	Keith W. Bradley	Deacon
656	Brian Dale Braunschweiger	Elder
657	Adam Brinkley	Elder
658	Peter Brown	Elder
659	Ralph Steven Brown	Elder Senior
660	Bradley Bruce	Elder
661	Jay Buckingham	Elder
662	Richard William Buffkin	Elder
663	Larry Burton	Elder
664	Roy Tate Byers	Elder Senior
665	Ronnie Ray Byrd	Elder
666	Gary Link Camp	Elder
667	Rhonda Turner Campbell	Elder
668	Michael S. Capps	Elder
669	Michael Andrew Carr	Elder
670	Walter Samuel Carter	Elder
671	Carlos Eduardo Castano-Mejia	Elder
672	Paul Cecil	Elder
673	Bobby Joe Chaney	Elder
674	Elizabeth Swaim Chaney	Elder
675	Jeremiah Daniel Chapman	Elder
676	John Michael Check	Elder
677	Eunice Chigumira	Elder
678	Clark Davis Chilton	Elder

Eligible for Election to General Conference

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679	Donald John Clark	Elder
680	Jay Edward Clark	Elder
681	Derek Cline	Elder
682	Gary W. Clore	Elder
683	Kimberly Jerrell Collins	Elder
684	Hugh Richard Compton	Elder Senior
685	Charles Michael Coppock	Elder
686	Parker Allen Coppock	Elder
687	Eugene Joseph Cox	Elder
688	Chad William Cozad	Elder
689	Jerald Craddock	Elder
690	William Michael Creech	Elder
691	Carolyn Mae Cummings Worlax	Elder Senior
692	Donald O'Neil Daniel	Elder
693	Wesley Daniels	Deacon
694	Shelton D. Davis	Elder
695	Robert Floyd Dean	Elder
696	Thomas Edward Deane	Elder Senior
697	Scott Allen Dodson	Elder
698	Michael Duane Dominick	Elder
699	Justin Clay Douglass	Elder
700	Anthony Meade Dowdy	Elder Senior
701	Howard Dennis Draper	Elder
702	William Monroe Draughn	Elder Senior
703	Barry Page Drum	Elder
704	John Farron Duncan	Elder
705	James Berry Durham, III	Elder Senior
706	Christopher Scott Eason	Deacon
707	Daniel Kyle Eplee	Elder
708	Billy Neil Ervin	Elder
709	Joe Nelson Essick, Jr	Elder
710	John Michael Eubanks	Elder
711	Jerry Thomas Evans	Elder
712	Edward Leonard Evans Jr	Elder
713	Leonard Owen Fair	Elder Senior
714	Robert Faircloth	Deacon
715	David Bradford Farrington	Elder
716	Eugene Lloyd Feagin III	Elder
717	Bruce Ernest Fensterbush	Elder senior
718	Joan Ellen Fischer	Deacon
719	Susanna Williams Fitch-Slater	Elder
720	Robert Clark Flynn	Elder
721	Michael Fongemy	Elder
722	William Randall Foster	Elder
723	William Nelson Foust	Elder Senior
724	John Keith Franklin	Elder Senior
725	Joseph Darrell Franklin, III	Elder
726	Caroline Raines Franks	Elder

727	Dennis Freeland	Elder
728	Joseph Marion Fulk, III	Elder
729	Gary Fulker	Elder
730	Ronald Matthew Garner	Elder
731	Gerald Marv Gordner II	Elder
732	George Ray Gouge, III	Elder Senior
733	Walter Lawrence Graves	Elder Senior
734	Dennis L. Gray	Elder
735	David Lynn Green	Elder
736	Samuel Latham Grist III	Elder
737	Jennifer Wood Grogan	Elder
738	Ronald Edward Gurganus	Elder Senior
739	Jason Gregory Guyer	Elder
740	Allen Harris Hale	Elder
741	William Kenneth Hall, Jr	Elder
742	Jamie Hamrick	Elder
743	Michael Bryan Harrill, Jr	Elder
744	Samuel Todd Harris	Elder
745	Prentis Trey Harris III	Elder
746	Rebecca Smith Harrison	Elder
747	James H. Harry	Elder
748	Richard Lee Hartman	Elder
749	Phillip R. Hefner	Elder
750	Mark Wilson Helms	Elder
751	Juan Hernandez	Elder
752	Bobby William Herring	Elder
753	James Roy Hilburn	Elder
754	Robert Elwood Hill	Elder
755	Perry Hines	Elder
756	Susan Parler Hobbs	Elder
757	Bradley Everett Hopper	Deacon
758	Thurman Adair Horney Jr.	Elder
759	John Franklin Howard, Sr	Elder
760	Chris Dwight Humphreys	Elder Senior
761	Jonathan Van Hunter	Senior Deacon
762	Freddie L. Ingle	Deacon
763	Scott Emerson Ireland	Elder Senior
764	Chad Irons	Deacon
765	Dustin James	Elder
766	Timothy MacGregor James	Elder Senior
767	Anita Marie James Carnes	Elder
768	William Ray Jarrett	Elder
769	Kevin Harlow Jasper	Elder
770	Gregory K. Jenks	Elder
771	Steven Coleman Jeremias	Elder
772	Cody William Johnsen	Elder
773	Bethany Johnson	Elder
774	Fred Douglas Johnson	Elder
775	Saundra G. Johnson	Elder
776	Thomas H. Jones	Elder
777	Patrick Keely	Elder
778	Amy Martindale Kelly	Elder

Eligible for Election to General Conference

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779	Michael Glenn Kelly	Elder
780	Joseph Brown Kennedy II	Elder
781	Mark Hodges Kennedy, Jr	Elder
782	Changbae Kim	Elder Senior
783	David Lewis King	Elder Senior
784	James C. King	Elder
785	Larry King	Elder
786	Andreas Kjernald	Elder
787	Daniel Thomas Knapp	Elder
788	Nelson Ray Koonce	Elder
789	Christopher Neil Lakey	Elder
790	Michael Kojo Larbi	Elder
791	Bryan Keith Lassiter	Elder
792	Keith Lawson	Deacon
793	Christopher Vogle Leak	Elder
794	Joseph Patrick Ledford	Elder
795	Michael Scott Lee	Elder
796	Evelyn McAdams Lemons	Elder
797	Stanley Arrington Lewis, Jr.	Elder
798	George L. Locklear	Elder
799	Joel Garth Locklear, Jr	Elder
800	Patricia B. Looper	Elder Senior
801	Johnny Donald Lord, Jr	Elder
802	Robert Thomas Lorton, Jr	Elder
803	Douglas Lee Love	Elder Senior
804	John Parkhurst Love	Elder Senior
805	Herbert Lowry, Jr	Elder
806	Marvin Kenneth Lyon	Elder
807	Robert A. Macy	Elder Senior
808	Robert Lee Mangum	Elder Senior
809	Andrew David Mannes	Elder
810	James Thomas Martin	Elder
811	Beverly May Maulden	Elder
812	John Tim McConnell	Elder Senior
813	Kevin Parker McCormac	Elder Senior
814	Leyton Alan Mears	Elder
815	Johanna Chavles Miller	Deacon
816	Larry Kent Miller	Elder Senior
817	Stephen Walter Miller	Elder Senior
818	Marcus Jason Mills	Elder
819	David Owen Moehring	Elder Senior
820	Jose Javier Montanez	Elder
821	Joe Daniel Moore	Elder
822	Terry Lynn Moore	Elder
823	Michael Wayne Moree	Elder Senior
824	Eric Wesley Morphis	Elder
825	Matthew Craig Morris	Elder
826	William Leon Morrow	Elder Senior

827	Mark Trask Muckler	Elder
828	Mark Douglas Murphy	Elder
829	Willie Elmer Murry, Jr	Elder
830	Glenn Lewis Myers, Jr	Elder Senior
831	James Keith Newell	Elder Senior
832	Melanie T. Nichols	Elder
833	Thomas Moore Nichols, Sr	Elder
834	Jami D. Britt Noble	Elder
835	James Crispin Noble II	Elder
836	Stuart Lee Noell	Elder
837	David Craig Nolan	Elder Senior
838	Christopher Charlie O'Briant	Elder
839	Robert David O'Keef	Elder
840	Jock Pike Ollis	Elder
841	William Abbott Olsen	Elder
842	Byron Lindley Osborne III	Elder Senior
843	Clarence Osborne, Jr	Elder Senior
844	Edward Powell Osteen, Jr	Elder
845	Reginald Lee Oxendine, Jr	Elder
846	Nancy A. Palmer	Elder
847	Daniel Oscar Pantoja Salazar	Elder
848	Steven Smith Parker	Elder
849	Eleazar L. Partida	Elder
850	David Glenn Pate	Elder
851	Russell Glenn Pate	Elder
852	Tabitha Wilkerson Pate	Deacon
853	Patricia Pauline Patton	Elder
854	William Hill Pearsall, Sr	Elder
855	James Scott Pegan	Elder
856	Steven Earl Phillippi	Elder Senior
857	Lee Roy Pittard, III	Elder
858	Preston Lonnie Pittman	Elder
859	Susannah Thornton Baskervill Pittman	Elder
860	Angela A. Pleasants	Elder
861	Timothy Richard Porter	Elder
862	Stephen Portner	Elder
863	James Lee Powell	Elder
864	James Oakley Prichard, Jr	Elder Senior
865	Tommy Gordon Privette	Elder
866	David Gordon Raiford, Sr	Elder Senior
867	Robert Ray	Deacon
868	Mark Edward Reavill	Elder
869	Allen Ridenour	Elder
870	Norma Walters Roberts	Elder
871	Betty Joe Gwaltney Rodgers	Elder
872	Jerry Thomas Rogers	Deacon
873	Robert Dan Rose	Elder
874	Shannon Owens Ross	Elder
875	Richard Stephen Routh	Elder
876	Kenneth Douglas Rowe	Elder Senior
877	Arval L. Rushing	Elder Senior

Eligible for Election to General Conference

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878	Jeffrey James Rushing	Elder
879	Richard Paul Russell	Elder
880	Donald Ken Sadler	Deacon
881	Michael Sadtler	Deacon
882	Quentin Scholtz III	Elder
883	Bradley Howard Scott	Elder
884	Ronald Worth Scott	Elder Senior
885	Matthew Brandon Seals	Elder
886	Timothy Michael Seigh	Elder
887	Kaleb Matthew Setzer	Elder
888	Ronald Dean Setzer	Elder
889	Jeffrey L. Severt	Elder
890	Kenneth Bryan Sexton, Jr.	Elder
891	Stephen Neill Shaw	Elder
892	Robert Branson Sheets III	Elder
893	Jerry H. Sheffield	Elder
894	Thomas Sherrod	Elder
895	Robert Shields	Elder Senior
896	Debra Noel Short	Elder Senior
897	Jackie L. Short	Elder Senior
898	Gainus Sikes	Elder
899	Brian Simmons	Elder
900	Joellen Simmons	Elder
901	Myron I Simmons	Elder Senior
902	Patrick Sinclair	Elder
903	Christopher Glen Smith	Elder
904	Lynn McDowell Smith	Deacon
905	Michael Hugh Smith	Elder
906	Sheena Smith	Deacon
907	Stephen Eugene Smith	Elder
908	Patricia Sorrell	Elder
909	Gary Timothy Sowell	Elder
910	Dustin Sprouse	Elder
911	William Joseph Stallings	Elder
912	George Barry Stallings, Sr	Elder
913	John Christopher Stein	Elder
914	Mark Dee Stephens	Elder
915	James Lynn Stephens, III	Elder
916	William Marshall Stewart	Elder
917	James Christian Stratton	Elder
918	Robert Hugh Sturge	Elder Senior
919	Donald Stephen Stutts	Elder
920	Wade Allison Sullivan	Elder
921	Deborah H. Sutton	Elder
922	Lisa L. Tanico	Elder Senior
923	John Taylor	Deacon
924	Steven Taylor	Elder Senior
925	Donald Ray Thomas, Jr	Elder

926	Stephanie D. Thompson	Elder
927	Matthew Harrison Thorley	Elder
928	Larris G. Tolson	Deacon
929	Deborah Spratt Toney	Elder
930	Joe Billy Towery, Jr	Elder
931	Bradley D. Treece	Elder
932	Johnny Ray Tucker	Deacon
933	Leigh J. Tuttle	Deacon
934	Richard Bowden Tuttle	Elder
935	William Lynn Upchurch	Elder
936	Bruce Updyke	Elder
937	Mary Phyllis Vail	Elder
938	Bradley Van Bruce	Elder
939	Clifford W. Wall	Elder
940	James Mark Weekley	Elder
941	Charles Justin Welch	Elder
942	Stephen Michael Wellman	Elder
943	Marc Werner	Elder Senior
944	Anthony Lee Westbrook, II	Deacon
945	Christopher Michael Westmoreland	Elder
946	Barry Lee Weyant	Elder
947	Patrick David Whaley	Deacon
948	James K. White	Elder
949	David Luke Whitehead	Elder
950	Natalie Culp Whitley	Elder
951	Jimmy Burt Williams, Jr	Elder
952	Gilliam Perry Wise	Elder
953	Harold Lee Wise	Elder
954	Kerry Ronald Wood	Elder
955	Linda Richards Yow	Elder
956	Keyone Kale Yu	Elder
957	Charles Fredric Zickefoose, Jr	Elder

2025 Annual Conference Lay Members and electable laity to General Conference

ELECTION #	NAME	CHURCH	TOWN	DISTRICT
Self Nominated for Election to General Conference				
100	George W Davis III	Solid Rock GMC	New Bern	New Bern District
101	Nicky Watts	Rocky Mount Church	Mooreville	Mooreville District
102	Paw Shee	Rhem Global Methodist Church	New Bern	New Bern District
103	Tammy Stott	Rocky Mount Church	Mooreville	Mooreville District
104	Kai Oo	Rhem Global Methodist Church	New Bern	New Bern District
105	David Pansein	Rhem Global Methodist Church	New Bern	New Bern District
106	Charles Moore	First Methodist Church Washington	Washington	Washington District
107	Beth Woods	First Methodist Church Conover	Conover	Hickory District
108	Mack King	First Methodist Church China Grove	China Grove	Mooreville District
109	Ken Waters	Asbury GMC	Raleigh	Raleigh District
110	Jeff Brotherton	Plains Methodist Church	Asheville	Asheville District
111	Carolyn Hindel	Central Methodist Church	Kings Mountain	Gastonia District
112	Teresa Auten	Friendship Methodist Church	Newton	Hickory District
113	Greg Grabbs	Concord Church of Roxboro	Roxboro	Burlington District
114	Heather Grabbs	Conference Lay Leader	Burlington	Burlington District
115	Renee Nicholson	New Beginnings Community Church of Efland	Efland	Burlington District
116	LizAnn Creff-Meekins	Bethany of Wanchese	Wanchese	Edenton District
117	Shirley Davenport	Mt. Hermon Methodist Church & Board of Ministry Secretary	Creswell	Edenton District
118	Yeh Say	Rhems Methodist Church	New Bern	New Bern District
119	Mack Parker	Conference Leadership Team Vice Chair	Raleigh	Raleigh District
120	David Spivey	Holland's Church	Raleigh	Raleigh District
121	Kamiel Carter	Holland's Church	Raleigh	Raleigh District
122	Nancy Johnson	Mt Bethel Methodist Church Hickory	Hickory	Statesville District

Eligible for Election to General Conference

123	Kirk Fine	Alleghany Methodist Church	Denton	Asheboro District
124	Gene Chapman	Bethany Community Methodist Church	Franklinville	Asheboro District
125	Brian Chandler	Bethel Methodist Church	New London	Asheboro District
126	Charles Lewis	Brower's Chapel Community Church	Asheboro	Asheboro District
127	Belinda Covington	Canaan Church of Denton	Denton	Asheboro District
128	Donna Hurley	Center Methodist Church	Troy	Asheboro District
129	JR Harrelson	Central Falls Methodist Church Inc	Asheboro	Asheboro District
130	Jim Kinlaw	Central Methodist Church	Asheboro	Asheboro District
131	Bonnie Gotbaum	Chandler's Grove	New London	Asheboro District
132	Ava Badgett	Chapel Hill Methodist Church	Denton	Asheboro District
133	Dexter Short	Cid	Lexington	Asheboro District
134	Kelley Weaver	Clear Springs Church	Denton	Asheboro District
135	Jenny Branch	Concord Methodist Church of Coleridge	Ramseur	Asheboro District

ELECTION #	NAME	CHURCH	TOWN	DISTRICT
Eligible for Election to General Conference <i>(continued)</i>				
136		Denton First Methodist Church	Denton	Asheboro District
137	Craig Cooper	First Methodist Church of Randleman	Randleman	Asheboro District
138	Kayren Brantley	First Methodist Church Troy	Troy	Asheboro District
139	Jerel Burris	Friendship Methodist Church	Albemarle	Asheboro District
140	Don Herndon	Gray's Chapel Methodist	Franklinville	Asheboro District
141	Donna Smith	Love's Grove	Stanfield	Asheboro District
142	Telena Gooch	Macedonia Methodist Church	Troy	Asheboro District
143	Doug Wise	New Hope Community Church of Seagrove	Asheboro	Asheboro District
144		New Hope Methodist Church	Denton	Asheboro District
145	Brian Carter	Palestine Community Church Inc	Albemarle	Asheboro District
146	Cindy Newsome	Salem Methodist Church	Albemarle	Asheboro District
147	Heather Garrido	Tabernacle Church of Trinity	Trinity	Asheboro District
148	Linda Miller	Tyro Methodist Church	Lexington	Asheboro District
149	Laurie Hunt	West Bend Church	Asheboro	Asheboro District
150	Carolyn Scarbouough	West Chapel Church	Asheboro	Asheboro District
151	Patricia R. Taylor	Bethel Sonoma Methodist Church	Waynesville	Asheville District
152	Mike Bostic	Francis Cove Methodist Church	Waynesville	Asheville District
153		Long's Chapel Methodist Church Inc	Waynesville	Asheville District
154		Long's Chapel Methodist Church Inc	Waynesville	Asheville District
155	Sandra Garland	Plains Methodist Church Inc	Canton	Asheville District
156	Dave Ballard	Providence Methodist Church	Asheville	Asheville District
157		Selica Methodist Church	Brevard	Asheville District
158	Ashely Hartley	Appalachian Chapel	Boone	Boone District
159	Will Burgin	Bethelview Methodist Church	Boone	Boone District
160	Kim Ellis	Ebenezer Methodist Church	Granite Falls	Boone District
161	Ray Kendall	Gamewell Methodist Church	Lenior	Boone District
162	Jimmy Saunders	Grace Chapel Global Methodist Church	Granite Falls	Boone District
163	Candace Hileman	Harper's Chapel Methodist	Lenior	Boone District
164	David Cort	Higgins Methodist Church	Burnsville	Boone District
165	Benjamin Griffith	Minneapolis	Newland	Boone District
166	Ed Terrel	Mt. Zion Community Church	Spruce Pine	Boone District
167	Judy Dillingham	The Roan	Bakersville	Boone District
168	Andrea Guffey	Trinity Methodist Church	Nebo	Boone District
169	Gary McLean	Trinity Methodist Church	Lenior	Boone District
170	Nancy Rich	Bellemont Methodist Church	Burlington	Burlington District
171	Jamie Cook	Carr Methodist Church	Cedar Grove	Burlington District
172	Jeanie Neuschaefer	Concord Church of Roxboro	Roxboro	Burlington District
173	Frank Walter	Friendship	Burlington	Burlington District
174	Martha Hicks	Grace Cavel Church	Roxboro	Burlington District
175	Betty Boney	Hebron Community Church	Mebane	Burlington District
176	Jacob Lynch	Hebron Methodist Church	Mebane	Burlington District
177	Jason Rodger	Helena Methodist Church	Timberlake	Burlington District
178	Kevin Chambers	Mount Zion Church	Hurdle Mills	Burlington District
179	Chris Sykes	New Sharon Church Inc	Hillsborough	Burlington District
180	Wanda Williams	Oak Grove of Roxboro	Roxboro	Burlington District
181	Vernon Davis	Orange Chapel Methodist Church	Chapel Hill	Burlington District
182	Denise Brooks	Phillips Chapel Methodist Church	Haw River	Burlington District
183	Marilee Kivett	Rock Creek Methodist Church	Snow Camp	Burlington District

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Eligible for Election to General Conference <i>(continued)</i>				
184	Brad Rogers	Salem Church of Person County	Hurdle Mills	Burlington District
185	Brad Andrews	Salem Community Church	Haw River	Burlington District
186	CindyHallman	St. Paul's Community Church	Burlington	Burlington District
187	Sheila Williams	Trinity Crossroads Methodist Church	Oxford	Burlington District
188	TimHorton	Warren's Grove Methodist Church	Roxboro	Burlington District
189	Jerry Orr	Antioch Methodist Church	Matthews	Concord District
190	James Caldwell	Cold Springs Methodist Church	Concord	Concord District
191	Charles Stallings	Crossroads Church	Concord	Concord District
192	John Cyrus	Grace Church	Concord	Concord District
193	Ruth Hartsell	Grace Methodist Church	Monroe	Concord District
194	Pam Eggleston	Harvest Grove Church	Indian Trail	Concord District
195	Gary Swiger	Heath Memorial Methodist Church	Waxhaw	Concord District
196	John Emmminger	Journey Church of Kannapolis	Kannapolis	Concord District
197	Mike Searman	Mill Grove Church	Indian Trail	Concord District
198	Dave Hornberger	Mineral Springs Methodist Church	Monroe	Concord District
199	Donna Goodman	Mount Mitchell Church	Kannapolis	Concord District
200	Gary Kennedy	Mount Pleasant Methodist Church	Mount Pleasant	Concord District
201	Kristin Parnell	Mount Pleasant Methodist Church	Mount Pleasant	Concord District
202	Diane Ezzell	Roberta Church	Concord	Concord District
203	Scott Farrell	Stallings Community Church	Matthews	Concord District
204	Gerald Mitchell	The Road	Mint Hill	Concord District
205	Clayon Carpenter	Weddington Methodist Church	Weddington	Concord District
206	Richard Davidson	Weddington Methodist Church	Weddington	Concord District
207	Barry Partee	Weddington Methodist Church	Weddington	Concord District
208	Terry Jonkers	Westford Methodist Church	Concord	Concord District
209	Cindy Bennett	Banks	Franklinton	Durham District
210	Jerry Pegram	Cokesbury	Henderson	Durham District
211	Beth Boisvert	Community	Butner	Durham District
212	Dale Lent	Hermon	Henderson	Durham District
213	Rebecca Parham	Jerusalem	Norlina	Durham District
214	Dusty Herring	Middleburg	Middleburg	Durham District
215	Carson Harmon	Shady Grove of Inez	Warrenton	Durham District
216	Vickie Lunsford	Stem	Stem	Durham District
217	Betty Hester	Tabernacle of Townsville	Henderson	Durham District
218	Carroll Harris	Warren Plains	Warrenton	Durham District
219	May Thurber	Zion, Norlina	Norlina	Durham District
220	Beth Upton	Camden Methodist	Camden	Edenton District
221	Bertie Kay Midgett	Clarks Bethel Methodist Church	Salvo	Edenton District
222	Jimmy Stallings	Cornerstone (Was New Edenton)	Edenton	Edenton District
223	John Park	Duck Church	Duck	Edenton District
224	Kristy Lawrence	Epworth Church of Sladesville	Scranton	Edenton District
225	Sharon Spencer	Fairfield Methodist Church	Fairfield	Edenton District
226	Richard (Dick) Denton	Mt. Carmel Methodist Church	Manns Harbor	Edenton District
227	Jackie Muller	Sharon Church, South Mills	South Mills	Edenton District
228	SeldonTaylor	Soule	Swan Quarter	Edenton District
229	Virginia Matthews	Trinity Methodist Church of South Mills	South Mills	Edenton District
230	Darlene Craddock	Watson's Chapel	Engelhard	Edenton District
231	Wanda Hoggard	Windsor	Windsor	Edenton District
232	Sharon Smith	Bethel Church of Mt. Olive	Mt. Olive	Elizabethtown District

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Eligible for Election to General Conference <i>(continued)</i>				
233	Milton Ward	Bethel Methodist Church	Clarendon	Elizabethtown District
234	Hiram Smith	Brownings Methodist Church	Mount Olive	Elizabethtown District
235	Betty Herring	Centenary Methodist Church	Harrells	Elizabethtown District
236	Samantha Campbell	Epworth Methodist Church	Clinton	Elizabethtown District
237	Darlene White	Evergreen Methodist Church	Evergreen	Elizabethtown District
238	Beth Taylor	Faison Methodist Church	Faison	Elizabethtown District
239	Helen Kaleel	First Methodist Church	Clinton	Elizabethtown District
240	Kay Raynor	First Methodist Church	Clinton	Elizabethtown District
241	Debbie Daughtry	Goshen Methodist Church	Newton Grove	Elizabethtown District
242	CaraLee Matthews	Grace Methodist Church	Clinton	Elizabethtown District
243	Dwight Williams	Hopewell Methodist Church	Newton Grove	Elizabethtown District
244	Tommy Daughtry	Keener Methodist Church	Clinton	Elizabethtown District
245	Jeff Clarke	Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church	Lake Waccamaw	Elizabethtown District
246	Wendy Tyree	Lebanon Methodist Church	Clarendon	Elizabethtown District
247	John Cooper	Magnolia Methodist Church	Magnolia	Elizabethtown District
248	Joyce Herring	Maple Grove Methodist Church	Dunn	Elizabethtown District
249	Andy Horne	Mishop Springs Community Church	Whiteville	Elizabethtown District
250	Luanne Rose	Newton Grove Methodist Church	Newton Grove	Elizabethtown District
251	Connie Todd	Peace Fellowship Church	Whiteville	Elizabethtown District
252	Ronda Rivenbark	Rose Hill Methodist Church	Rose Hill	Elizabethtown District
253	HW Murphy	Sarecta Church Inc	Pink Hill	Elizabethtown District
254	Donald Dowless	Shiloh Memorial Methodist Church	Bolton	Elizabethtown District
255	Caroline Grace Garland	St. Paul Methodist Church	Tabor City	Elizabethtown District
256	Sherrie Watson	Trinity Methodist Church	Magnolia	Elizabethtown District
257	Dan Allen	Trinity Methodist Church of Elizabethtown		Elizabethtown District
258	Marcia deAndrade	Trinity Methodist Church of Elizabethtown		Elizabethtown District
259	Kraig Westerbeek	Unity Methodist Church	Warsaw	Elizabethtown District
260	Nancy Smith	Woodland Church	Albertson	Elizabethtown District
261	Sherrell Taylor	Benson Methodist Church	Benson	Fayetteville District
262	Catherine Gilmore	Bethabara Methodist Church	Autryville	Fayetteville District
263	Marsha Starling	Bethany Crossroads Church	Stedman	Fayetteville District
264		Beulah Methodist Church	Roseboro	Fayetteville District
265	Nancy Dorman Honeycutt	Black's Chapel Methodist Church	Dunn	Fayetteville District
266	Bobby Weaver	Coats Methodist Church Inc	Coats	Fayetteville District
267	Laura Hawkins	Cokesbury Methodist Church	Stedman	Fayetteville District
268	Mary Dennings	Cumberland Methodist Church	Fayetteville	Fayetteville District
269	Gina Cobb-Jackson	Elevation Methodist Church	Benson	Fayetteville District
270	Beatrice Jackson	Halls Methodist Church	Autryville	Fayetteville District
271	Elizabeth Mitchell	Hope Mills Methodist Church	Hope Mills	Fayetteville District
272	Gene Berrier	Leslie Methodist Church	Dunn	Fayetteville District
273	Steve McNeill	New Life Church at Spout Springs	Cameron	Fayetteville District
274	Susan Hunt	Roseboro Methodist Church	Roseboro	Fayetteville District
275	Ron Hardin	Salem Methodist Church of Eastover	Eastover	Fayetteville District
276	Pat Lyons	Salem Methodist Church of Eastover	Eastover	Fayetteville District
277	Norman Thomas	Salem Methodist Church of Eastover	Eastover	Fayetteville District
278	John Fisher	Tabor Methodist Church	Fayetteville	Fayetteville District
279	Don Wilson	Union Methodist Church	Lillington	Fayetteville District
280	Carol Sadler	Wesley Chapel Methodist Church	Godwin	Fayetteville District
281	Dana Biggerstaff	Hickory Knoll Methodist Church	Franklin	Franklin District

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282	Robin Miller	Iotla Methodist Church	Franklin	Franklin District
283	Georgia Lynn Giles	Maiden's Chapel Methodist Church	Franklin	Franklin District
284	Jan Ledford	Patton Methodist Church	Franklin	Franklin District
285	Richard Pearson	Bradley Church	Gastonia	Gastonia District
286	Russell Williams	Caroleen Methodist Church	Forest City	Gastonia District
287	Audrey Brooks	Central Methodist Church	Kings Mountain	Gastonia District
288	Joyce Welch	Christ Church	Gastonia	Gastonia District
289	Mike Carpenter	Dallas Methodist Church	Dallas	Gastonia District
290	Glenda Painter	First Methodist Church of Mount Holly, Inc.	Mt. Holly	Gastonia District
291	Amy L. Register	Friendship Methodist Church	Fallston	Gastonia District
292	David McCraw	Kistlers Chapel Methodist Church	Rutherfordton	Gastonia District
293	Sarah Edwards	Lebanon Methodist Church, Polk	Mill Spring	Gastonia District
294	Angela Hallman	New Covenant Church	Mt. Holly	Gastonia District
295	Vennie Abrams	New Hope Methodist Church	Rutherfordton	Gastonia District
296	Anna Feagin	Providence Methodist Church	Forest City	Gastonia District
297		Puett Chapel Church	Dallas	Gastonia District
298	Sandra Worrell	Bethel Fellowship Church	La Grange	Goldsboro District
299	Eddie Richards	Brogden Methodist	Dudley	Goldsboro District
300	Bruce Weisiger	Daniel's Chapel	Goldsboro	Goldsboro District
301	Phil Yelverton	Eureka Methodist Church	Eureka	Goldsboro District
302	Mia Brinkley	Garris Chapel Methodist Church	La Grange	Goldsboro District
303	Roxie Cauley	Hickory Grove Church of Bucklesberry	La Grange	Goldsboro District
304	Monty Lockamy	Jefferson Methodist Church	Goldsboro	Goldsboro District
305	Betsy Hill	Mount Carmel Church	Pikeville	Goldsboro District
306	Mike Smith	New Hope Church	Goldsboro	Goldsboro District
307	Sarah Howell	Pine Forest Church	Goldsboro	Goldsboro District
308	Delaine Tucker	Providence Church	Goldsboro	Goldsboro District
309	Charlotte Brow	Saint Joseph Methodist Church	Pikeville	Goldsboro District
310	Robert Best	Saint Paul Methodist Church	Goldsboro	Goldsboro District
311	Linda Gwatney	Saint Paul Methodist Church	Goldsboro	Goldsboro District
312	Donna Jo Severt	Saulston Community Church	Goldsboro	Goldsboro District
313	Lou Ann Jones	Smith Chapel Methodist Church	Mount Olive	Goldsboro District
314	Michael Price	Zion Methodist Church of Princetown	Mount Olive	Goldsboro District
315	Gary Hunt	Archdale Methodist Church	Archdale	Greensboro District
316	Andrew Coward	Bethel Methodist Church	Climax	Greensboro District
317	Barbara Waite	Bethel Methodist Church	Oak Ridge	Greensboro District
318	Ingrid McCraw	Bethlehem Methodist Church	Reidsville	Greensboro District
319		Bethlehem Methodist Church	Climax	Greensboro District
320	Tom McDemott	Eden Methodist Church	Madison	Greensboro District
321	Michael Rhoney	Faifield Methodist Church	High Point	Greensboro District
322	Debby Boles	Mayodan Methodist Church	Mayodan	Greensboro District
323	Connie Chambers	Mitchell's Grove Methodist Church	High Point	Greensboro District
324	Keith Handy	Mizpah Methodist Church	Reidsville	Greensboro District
325	Ann Boaz	Mount Carmel Church	Reidsville	Greensboro District
326	Jerry Synder	Mount Pisgah Church	Greensboro	Greensboro District
327	Ray Brown	Mount Zion Methodist Church	Stokesdale	Greensboro District
328	Rick Bullins	Mt. Hermon Methodist Church	Madison	Greensboro District
329	Scott Spillman	Mt. Vernon Methodist Church	Trinity	Greensboro District
330	Bill Gardner	Oak Ridge Methodist Church	Oak Ridge	Greensboro District

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331	Jamie Lockhart	Pleasant Garden Methodist Church	Pleasant Garden	Greensboro District
332		Pleasant Union Methodist Church	Liberty	Greensboro District
333	Brenda Crisco	Prospect Methodist Church	High Point	Greensboro District
334	Jeanette Gann	Sandy Ridge Methodist Church	High Point	Greensboro District
335	Roger David	Shiloh Methodist Church	Liberty	Greensboro District
336	Karen Moore	Tabernacle Methodist Church	Greensboro	Greensboro District
337	Kim Strader	Tabernacle Methodist Church	Greensboro	Greensboro District
338	Joel Herman	Abernethy Memorial Methodist Church	Newton	Hickory District
339	Burton Berry	Arneys Fairview	Morganton	Hickory District
340	Kirl Johnson	Bess Chapel Methodist Church	Cherryville	Hickory District
341	Dennis Wise	Bethel Methodist Church	Morganton	Hickory District
342	Gary Mauney	Center Church	Catawba	Hickory District
343	Barbara Beatty	Concord Church	Catawba	Hickory District
344	Barbara Leatherman	Crowell Memorial Church	Lincolnton	Hickory District
345		David's Chapel Methodist Church	Lawndale	Hickory District
346	Gerald Loftin	First Methodist Church of Conover	Conover	Hickory District
347	Donald Brock	Friendship Church Newton Inc	Newton	Hickory District
348	Kevin Gantt	Hopewell Methodist Church	Sherrills Ford	Hickory District
349	Allen Propst	Ivy Memorial Methodist Church	Maiden	Hickory District
350	Craig Abenathy	Lebanon Methodist Church	Maiden	Hickory District
351	Charlie Bass	May's Chapel Methodist Church	Maiden	Hickory District
352	Guy Cline	Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church	Sherrills Ford	Hickory District
353	Jeanna Goodson	Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church	Sherrills Ford	Hickory District
354		Mt. View Claremont	Claremont	Hickory District
355	Dan Baker	Pisgah Methodist Church	Lincolnton	Hickory District
356	Cindy Briles	Pisgah Methodist Church	Catawba	Hickory District
357	Jim Pruitt	Plateau Community Church	Vale	Hickory District
358	Ricky Detter	Rhyne Heights	Lincolnton	Hickory District
359	Randy Sipe	Shiloh Methodist Church	Claremont	Hickory District
360	Rick Harden	St Pauls Methodist Church	Newton	Hickory District
361	Eric Williams	Asbury Methodist Church	Huntersville	Mooresville District
362	Jayne Chester	Broad Street Methodist Church	Mooresville	Mooresville District
363	Lillian Copplye	Centenary Methodist Church	Mount Ulla	Mooresville District
364	Frank Greene	First Methodist of China Grove	China Grove	Mooresville District
365	David Maulden	Gold Hill	Gold Hill	Mooresville District
366	Victor Jackson	Rockwell Methodist Church	Rockwell	Mooresville District
367	Kevin Thompson	Rocky Mount Church	Mooresville	Mooresville District
368	Angie Harrison	Triplett Church	Mooresville	Mooresville District
369	Brenda Byrd	Vanderburg Methodist Church	Mooresville	Mooresville District
370	Chance Jenkins	Asbury Community Methodist Church	Cove City	New Bern District
371	Davidpock	Beech Grove Methodist Church	New Bern	New Bern District
372	Bonnie Bihary	Bethlehem Methodist Church	Bogue	New Bern District
373	Joy Pikor	Bridgeton Methodist Church	Bridgeton	New Bern District
374	Wanda Stryon	Cedar Island	Cedar Island	New Bern District
375	John Headman	Core Creek Methodist Church	Newport	New Bern District
376	TennilleTucker	Cypress Creek Methodist Church	Trenton	New Bern District
377	Georgette Stutts	Epworth Methodist Church	Vanceboro	New Bern District
378	Joe Kirk	First Morehead Church	Morehead	New Bern District
379	Elizabeth (Beth)Kirk	First Morehead Church	Morehead	New Bern District

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380	Fletcher Poulk	First Morehead Church	Morehead	New Bern District
381	Carolyn Gurganus	Franklin Memorial Methodist Church	Morehead	New Bern District
382	Earl Del Mastro	Garber Church	New Bern	New Bern District
383	David Youngs	Garber Church	New Bern	New Bern District
384	Paula Davis	Harker's Island Methodist Church	Harkers Island	New Bern District
385	Bill Chapin	Jerusalem Methodist Church	Snow Hill	New Bern District
386	Beth Smith	Lanes Chapel Church	Dover	New Bern District
387	Harry Scholl	Merrimon Methodist Church	Beaufort	New Bern District
388	Raymond "Mike" Holleman	Oak Grove Methodist Church	Havelock	New Bern District
389	John Baldwin	Pollocksville Methodist Church	Pollocksville	New Bern District
390	Gail Rivenbark	Reelsboro Methodist Church	Reelsboro	New Bern District
391	Kevin Kimmel	Salter Path Methodist Church	Salter Path	New Bern District
392	Lura Taylor	Sea Level Methodist Church	Sea Level	New Bern District
393	Dave Davis	Solid Rock	New Bern	New Bern District
394	Paul Harris	Stacy Methodist Church	Stacy	New Bern District
395	Betsy Dodson	Trenton Methodist Church	Trenton	New Bern District
396	Russell Ipock	Vanceboro Global Methodist Church	Vanceboro	New Bern District
397	Sue Eubanks	Wesley Covenant Church	New Bern	New Bern District
398	Rodney Fulcher	Williston Methodist Church	Smryna	New Bern District
399	Pat Whatley	Woodington	Woodington	New Bern District
400		Caledonia Methodist Church	Laurinburg	Pembroke District
401	Ann Stewart	Central Church	Laurinburg	Pembroke District
402	Jon Everson	Chestnut St. Methodist Church	Lumberton	Pembroke District
403	Glenn Alexander	First Methodist Church	Rockingham	Pembroke District
404	Pam McCollum	Hopewell Methodist Church	Peachland	Pembroke District
405	Ella Snipes	Mt. Pleasant of Ellerbe	Ellerby	Pembroke District
406	Reba McMillan	St Paul Methodist	Maxton	Pembroke District
407	Susie Swenson	Trinity Fairmont	Fairmont	Pembroke District
446	Neal Coker	Asbury Church	Raleigh	Raleigh District
408	Mike Ellis	Asbury Church	Raleigh	Raleigh District
409	Warren McNeill	Asbury Church	Raleigh	Raleigh District
410	Ashley Folsom	Bailey Methodist Church	Bailey	Raleigh District
411	Linda Ringer	Buckhorn Global Methodist Church	Kenly	Raleigh District
412	Pedro Ramirez	Clayton Methodist - Hispanic	Clayton	Raleigh District
413	Sarah Wood	Clayton Methodist Church	Clayton	Raleigh District
414	Shannon Medlin	Conference Secretary	Clayton	Raleigh District
415	Dianne Parker	Corinth Global Methodist	Four Oaks	Raleigh District
416		Ebenezer Methodist Church	Raleigh	Raleigh District
417	Tim Owens	Elm City Methodist Church	Elm City	Raleigh District
418		Global Methodist Church, Wilson	Wilson	Raleigh District
419	Carolyn Middleton	Holland's Church	Raleigh	Raleigh District
420	Kathie Wilkinson	Kenly Methodist Church	Kenly	Raleigh District
421	Kay Britt	Layden Memorial Methodist Church	Raleigh	Raleigh District
422	Theadus Stallings	Lucama Global Methodist Church	Lucama	Raleigh District
423	BJ Johns	Mount Zion Global Methodist Church	Garner	Raleigh District
424	Daniel Harris	Mt Pleasant Methodist Church	Bailey	Raleigh District
425	Jimmy Oates	Pleasant Grove Methodist Church	Bailey	Raleigh District
426	Don Saxton	Risen Chapel	Cary	Raleigh District
427	Lavohn Lewis	Sims Methodist Church	Sims	Raleigh District

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428	Edwin Bynum	Stantonsburg Methodist Church	Stantonsburg	Raleigh District
429	Joe Johnston	Calvary Methodist Church	Littleton	Roanoke Rapids District
430	Laura Hill	Conway Methodist Church	Conway	Roanoke Rapids District
431	Rick Hurst	Corinth Methodist Church	Littleton	Roanoke Rapids District
432	Heather Cooke	Ebenezer Methodist Church	Littleton	Roanoke Rapids District
433		Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church	Roanoke Rapids	Roanoke Rapids District
434	David Lyndon	Hornes Methodist Church	Wilson	Roanoke Rapids District
435	Marvin Coleman	Jackson Community Church	Jackson	Roanoke Rapids District
436	Chris Cobb	Nashville Methodist Church	Nashville	Roanoke Rapids District
437	Brad Lewis	Nashville Methodist Church	Nashville	Roanoke Rapids District
438	John Brown	Pleasant Grove Methodist Church	Jackson	Roanoke Rapids District
439	Steve Edwards	Rehoboth Church	Jackson	Roanoke Rapids District
440		Rich Square Methodist Church	Rich Square	Roanoke Rapids District
441	Thomas Joyner	Sandy Cross Methodist Church	Nashville	Roanoke Rapids District
442	Wayne Cross	Scotland Neck Methodist Church	Scotland Neck	Roanoke Rapids District
443	Kathern Barfield	Seaboard Methodist Church	Seaboard	Roanoke Rapids District
444	Angela Moseley	Shiloh Methodist Church	Gaston	Roanoke Rapids District
445	Doug Peedin	Smith Methodist Church	Roanoke Rapids	Roanoke Rapids District
446	Donna Haney	Speight's Chapel Church	Whitakers	Roanoke Rapids District
447		Tabor Methodist Church	Littleton	Roanoke Rapids District
448	Celest Long	Weavers Chapel	Littleton	Roanoke Rapids District
449	Harriet Cook	White Oak Methodist Church	Nashville	Roanoke Rapids District
450	Daniel Vuncannon	Bascom Chapel	Robbins	Siler City District
451	Linda Winstead	Buckhorn Methodist Church	Moncure	Siler City District
452	Steve Love	Center Methodist Church	Snow Camp	Siler City District
453	Jody Harris	Goldston Methodist Church	Goldston	Siler City District
454	Angie Cox	Hickory Grove Church	Siler City	Siler City District
455	Gil Luck	Hickory Grove Church	Siler City	Siler City District
456	Patty Dowd	Meroney Methodist Church	Bear Creek	Siler City District
457	Buddy Lemons	Mt. Vernon Methodist Church	Siler City	Siler City District
458		Page Memorial	Biscoe	Siler City District
459	Earle Fraizer	Piney Grove Methodist Church	Siler City	Siler City District
460	Ernie Seitz	Sapling Ridge Methodist Church	Pittsboro	Siler City District
461	Marty Tillman	West End Methodist Church	Siler City	Siler City District
462	Jeff Marlow	Bethlehem Church	Statesville	Statesville District
463	Larry Long	Center Church	Yadkinville	Statesville District
464	Edna Anderson	Clarksbury Methodist Church	Harmony	Statesville District
465		Cool Springs Community Church	Cleveland	Statesville District
466	Reggie Weisner	Friendship Methodist Church	Statesville	Statesville District
467	Scott Branch	Harmony Methodist Church	Harmony	Statesville District
468	Dale Pope	Marvin Methodist Church	Stony Point	Statesville District
469	FranKirby	Mount Bethel Church Harmony	Harmony	Statesville District
470	John Lane	Mount Olive Church	Yadkinville	Statesville District
471	Mike Trivette	Mountain View Methodist Church	Statesville	Statesville District
472	Dennis Mehl	Pisgah Methodist Church Inc	Hiddenite	Statesville District
473	Gary Cazad	Providence Methodist Church	Statesville	Statesville District
474	Scott Mitchell	Rocky Springs Methodist Church	Hiddenite	Statesville District
475	Kent Blackwelder	Rose Chapel Methodist Church	Statesville	Statesville District
476	Carmella Hoover	Sandy Ridge Methodist Church	Statesville	Statesville District

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Eligible for Election to General Conference <i>(continued)</i>				
477	Rabon Riddle	Shiloh Methodist Church	Statesville	Statesville District
478	Stan Holt	Stony Point Methodist Church	Stony Point	Statesville District
479	Luke Wells	Temple Hill	Rhonda	Statesville District
480	Carolyn Chambers	Trinity Methodist Church	Statesville	Statesville District
481	Judy Miller	Wesley Chapel Inc	Hamptonville	Statesville District
482		Asbury Methodist Church	Washington	Washington District
483	Cindy Daw	Bethany Methodist Church	Belhaven	Washington District
484		Bethel Methodist Church of Pitt County	Bethel	Washington District
485	Tom Shields	Campbell 's Creek Methodist Church	Aurora	Washington District
486	Myra Houser	Covenant Church	Greenville	Washington District
487	Michelle Laughridge	Covenant Church	Greenville	Washington District
488	Ronnie Smith	Covenant Church	Greenville	Washington District
489	Dwayne Benfield	Farmville Methodist Church	Farmville	Washington District
490	Jane Hauser	First Methodist Church Washington	Washington	Washington District
491	Trey Howdy	First Methodist Church Washington	Washington	Washington District
492	Lou Ann Shackelford	Hookerton Methodist Church	Hookerton	Washington District
493	Danya Shiver	Jamesville Methodist Church	Jamesville	Washington District
494	Van Heath	Siloam Methodist Church	Williamston	Washington District
495	David Varley	Stonewall	Stonewall	Washington District
496	Sandy Bishop	Trinity Belhaven	Belhaven	Washington District
497	Lynn Selby	Vernon Chapel	Williamston	Washington District
498	Maria Dunn	Warren Chapel Methodist Church	Blounts Creek	Washington District
499	Jim Miller	Andrews Chapel Methodist Church	Ash	Wilmington District
500	Ron Austin	Asbury Methodist Church	Shallotte	Wilmington District
501	Don Herring	Belgrade Methodist Church	Maysville	Wilmington District
502	Jim Seay	Conference Chancellor	Wilmington	Wilmington District
503	Gaye Fulford	Dixon Chapel Methodist Church	Supply	Wilmington District
504	Darren Poe	Faith Community Methodist Church	Castle Hayne	Wilmington District
505	Darrell Hughes	Herrings Chapel Methodist Church	Burgaw	Wilmington District
506	Ann Carter	Jordan's Chapel	Burgaw	Wilmington District
507	Rosie Freese	Lee's Chapel Methodist Church	Pollocksville	Wilmington District
508	Lisa Wallace	Maysville Methodist Church	Maysville	Wilmington District
509	David Jensen	Midway Methodist Church	Stella	Wilmington District
510	Keith McAllister	Pine Valley Methodist Church	Wilmington	Wilmington District
511	Sherry Newman	Pine Valley Methodist Church	Wilmington	Wilmington District
512	Don Osterhout	Pine Valley Methodist Church	Wilmington	Wilmington District
513	Lynn Shuffler	Pine Valley Methodist Church	Wilmington	Wilmington District
514		Pine Valley Methodist Church	Leland	Wilmington District
515	Ken Lymaster	Queens Creek Methodist Church	Hubert	Wilmington District
516	Ward Sylvester	Richlands Methodist Church	Richlands	Wilmington District
517	Joe Littleton	Rocky Point Methodist Church	Rocky Point	Wilmington District
518	David Montague	Sharon Methodist Church	Supply	Wilmington District
519	Debra L. Watson	Shiloh Methodist Church	Leland	Wilmington District
520	Ronda Hall	Southport Oak Island Global Methodist Church	Oak Island	Wilmington District
521	Tom Chavis	Tabernacle Methodist Church	Maysville	Wilmington District
522	Randy Sisson	Trinity Methodist Church	Jacksonville	Wilmington District
523	Paul Stallings	Verona Methodist Church	Jacksonville	Wilmington District

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Eligible for Election to General Conference <i>(continued)</i>				
524	Eston Brinkley	Vice Chair of Nominations/Pine Valley Methodist Church	Wilmington	Wilmington District
525	Donna Yarborough	Village Point Methodist Church	Shallotte	Wilmington District
526	Eric Steimel	Westview Methodist Church	Burgaw	Wilmington District
527	Avalon Doub	Baltimore Church	East Bend	Winston-Salem District
528	Pat Loftin	Bethel Global Methodist Church	Thomasville	Winston-Salem District
529	Kevin Martin	Bethesda Methodist Church	Madison	Winston-Salem District
530	Linda Black	Chestnut Grove Methodist Church	King	Winston-Salem District
531	Charlene Teague	Concord Methodist Church	Lewisville	Winston-Salem District
532	Darian Watkins	Delta Methodist Church	Sandy Ridge	Winston-Salem District
533	Ricky Goins	Elm Grove	Pfafftown	Winston-Salem District
534	William Bills	Fair Grove Church	Thomasville	Winston-Salem District
535	Kay Caudle	Fulton Methodist Church	Advance	Winston-Salem District
536	Bobby McMahan	Good Hope Methodist Church	Lexington	Winston-Salem District
537	Robin Walker	Kingswood Methodist Church	Rural Hall	Winston-Salem District
538	Dale Odom	Midway Methodist Church	Lexington	Winston-Salem District
539		Mount Carmel Methodist Church		Winston-Salem District
540	Larry Bridges	Mount Pleasant Methodist Church	Tobaccoville	Winston-Salem District
541	Sylvia Earnhardt	New Hope Church	Winston-Salem	Winston-Salem District
542	Pam Boles	Palmyra Methodist Church Inc	Germanton	Winston-Salem District
543	Allen Gordon	Pine Grove Methodist Church	Kernersville	Winston-Salem District
544	Petra Halker	Pleasant Grove Methodist Church	Thomasville	Winston-Salem District
545	Reggie Bauguess	Shady Grove Global Methodist Church	Winston-Salem	Winston-Salem District
546	Charles Fitzgerald	Shady Grove Global Methodist Church	Winston-Salem	Winston-Salem District
547	Lowell Abeyta	Shoals Methodist Church	Pinnacle	Winston-Salem District
548	Sandra Moore	Snow Hill Church of Stokes	Danbury	Winston-Salem District
549	Melvin Long	Tabernacle Church	Tobaccoville	Winston-Salem District
550	Vernell Springs	Trinity Methodist Church of Winston Salem	Winston-Salem	Winston-Salem District
551	Linda Covington	Whitaker's Chapel	Pilot Mountain	Winston-Salem District
552	Shannon Medlin	Conference Secretary		
553	Jennifer Lineberry	Conference Treasurer		

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Holy Love: God Initiates, We Respond

During our 2025 Annual Conference, we invite you to rediscover the transforming power of God's holy love. It begins with Him—always has, always will. God initiates. He reaches for us first. The question we are leaning into together is this: *How will we respond?* As individuals? As local churches? As a conference family?

Throughout our time of holy conferencing, our prayer is that you'll experience deep renewal—first in your relationship with Jesus, then in your connection with others. Because the more we encounter His holy love, the more we are moved to respond—with faith, with obedience, with love that looks like His.

So, what is holy love?

Holy love is not just something God gives. It's who He is. God is holy—set apart from time, space, and all things He created. And, God is love—eternally giving, completely self-sacrificing, perfectly expressed in the relationship of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. From the beginning to the cross, and one day in the New Creation, God's love continually reaches toward us.

This is the heartbeat of our faith: God loved us first and made a way for us to live in relationship with Him. Before the world began, He planned our salvation (John 17:24; Ephesians 1:4; 1 Peter 1:20). At just the right moment, Jesus came and gave His life for us (Romans 5:6–8). And now, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we are invited to live as people transformed by grace—people whose lives bear fruit that looks like love (Galatians 5:22–23).

That's the kind of love that changes everything.

John 3:16 puts it simply:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (NIV).

And 1 John 3:16 shows us how to respond:

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters" (NIV).

Our love for others is not just a good idea—it's our response to the holy love God has poured into our hearts (Romans 5:5). That's why Jesus named love as the greatest commandment: to love God with our whole being (Matthew 22:37–39, Deuteronomy 6:5), and to love others as deeply as we love ourselves (Leviticus 19:18).

As you engage in this Annual Conference, we encourage you to open your heart to the Scriptures. Reflect on God's love. Ask how He might be calling you to respond. Here is one passage to guide your prayer and reflection:

1 John 4:7–12 (NRSVUE)

"⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us."

That's our prayer for you, and for this conference—that God's holy love would become more than something we believe. That it would become something we live. May it be made complete in your heart, in your church, in every part of this Annual Conference and beyond.

*With hope and expectancy,
The Annual Conference Planning Task Force*

2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline

¶¶ 103 Principles of our Life Together

Wesley said, “there is no holiness but social.” By referring to “social holiness,” Wesley meant that the road to holiness was one that we could not travel by ourselves, but rather involved the community of faith at every step along the way. Our longing and hope are that our church may:

1. Remain rooted and grounded in the Scriptures and in the historic teachings of the Christian church as defined in our Articles of Religion and Confession of Faith and understood through the Wesleyan lens of faith.
2. Aspire to introduce all people, without exception, to Jesus Christ, recognizing that the mission in which we are engaged has eternal consequences. We are committed to carry out the Great Commission of Jesus in Matthew 28 to go into all the world to make disciples of Christ, teaching and baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
3. Lead all those who experience the new birth in Jesus to deepen in the faith and to grow in their relationship with him, receiving the Holy Spirit as evidenced by both spiritual fruit and gifts that are manifested in their lives to the glory of God. We encourage all to participate in discipleship and accountability groups, such as Wesleyan class and band meetings, and to utilize all the other means of grace to achieve this end.
4. Model the love of God in order to respond to the summons to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. To this end we are committed to fulfill the commandment in John 21 of lovingly feeding and tending to the flock of God and others, worshiping God in spirit, and in truth and watching over one another in love. This the church does until, perfected in love, it experiences the fullness of God’s restored Kingdom with Christ.
5. Recognize the laity as the people of God and a royal priesthood, chosen and empowered for the work of God in this world in full partnership with our clergy. We affirm the participation and leadership of those of all races, ethnicities, nationalities, sexes, and ages in the Body of Christ.
6. Encourage and affirm the call of God in the lives of clergy who are grounded in the authoritative witness of the Scriptures, set apart by the church, and recognized to possess the necessary gifts and graces for ministry in alignment and accountability with our settled doctrines and discipline.
7. Display a “catholic spirit” to the church universal, cherishing our place within the greater Body of Christ through mutual respect, cooperative relationships, and shared mission with others wherever possible. We envision a global church in which all work together, resourcing and learning from one another, to fulfill the tasks of the church given to it by God.
8. Provide an organization and structure that is able to accomplish its primary functions of support, with a connectional polity that can empower and multiply the gifts of all for the sake of Christ’s work in the world.

Annual Conference Speakers

Jeff Greenway

Bishop, NC Conference

Recently elected as a bishop of the Global Methodist Church, Bishop Jeff Greenway brings decades of leadership in pastoral ministry, theological education, and denominational service. He currently serves as Conference Superintendent of the Allegheny West Conference and previously led Reynoldsburg UMC, served as President of Asbury Theological Seminary, and pastored churches across Pennsylvania. Known for his biblical preaching, team-based leadership, and passion for discipleship, Bishop Greenway equips the church to thrive in its God-given mission.



Andy Lambert

Senior Pastor at Christ Church

Rev. Andy Lambert, founder and principal officer of Isaac Ministries, has a mission to help individuals and communities discover and deepen the joy of knowing and serving Christ. Rev. Lambert brings a wealth of experience and passion to his ministry. His dynamic preaching and commitment to discipleship and mission have profoundly impacted many. Attendees can look forward to insightful teachings that inspire and challenge us to grow in our faith.



Shane L Bishop

Senior Pastor at Christ Church

As Senior Pastor of Christ Church in Fairview Heights, Illinois, since 1997, Rev. Bishop has led the congregation's growth from 200 to over 3,000 weekly attendees. Named a "Distinguished Evangelist" by the Foundation for Evangelism in 2010, he is renowned for his dynamic preaching and insightful teaching. Rev. Bishop is also the author of multiple books and co-hosts the podcast "Navigating Change with Shane and Mike." His passion for ministry and wealth of experience will undoubtedly inspire and enrich all who attend.



David A. Banks

Conference Superintendent

Reverend David A. Banks has served Christ in vocational ministry since 1978 when he departed commercial construction to answer the call of his home church to become their youth director. He was licensed in 1984, ordained deacon in 1985, and ordained elder in 1987. God blessed him to serve seven local churches, six in North Carolina and one in Illinois. It was in Illinois that David completed his seminary studies at the Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Methodist studies were completed at Garrett Evangelical Divinity School.



Life began for David in California. The family moved east, and, after a brief stop in South Carolina, he came to Southport, NC for tenth grade and from there to Raleigh where his decision to follow Christ came in 1972 as a senior in high school. Six years later, he married Jerri Moore of Morehead City whose family has lived in eastern NC since the early 1700s. For them, New Bern is home, although they plan eventually to return to Morehead City. Jerri and David have five adult children and three grandchildren.

Time with David reveals his confidence in the Gospel as the power of God to salvation. There is great joy when persons come to faith in Jesus Christ and when local churches thrive in the purpose and promise of God. Many declare that Bible teaching is his strongest gift.

In other activities, David is a very poor but happy golfer, an above average bowler, a rookie with a telescope, and a lover of the sounds and ocean. However, he has yet to catch and release his first blue marlin.

Kari Howard

Associate Conference Superintendent

Reverend Kari Howard serves as the Associate Conference Superintendent of the NC Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church. She has been a disciple of Jesus Christ since age 12 after being raised in a Jewish home. She is a devoted student and lover of the Lord and the Scriptures and serves the Church wholeheartedly in NC and the global connection.



Kari is married to J. F. Howard, they have four adult sons, two daughters-in-law, two granddaughters and a grandson. She was ordained an elder in the UMC after earning her MDiv from Asbury Theological Seminary and induction into the Theta Phi Honor Society. As a certified ministry coach, she has served as a mentor to pastors. Discipling, shepherding the churches, defending the faith and proclaiming the gospel are her passions in the Church.

Serving the global connection, Kari is a member of the Committee on Approval, an appointed committee of the Ministry and Higher Education Commission of the GMC. She served as Chair of the NC Delegation to the 2024 Convening General Conference. She strives to uphold the mission “to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to spread scriptural holiness across the globe” while collaborating and connecting with global and conference leadership. It is an honor and privilege to Kari to serve this conference as we together “grow up in every way into him who is the head,” Christ, who is the head of the Church (Ephesians 4:11-16).

Kari and her husband J. F. are co-authors of, *“The Shepherd’s Staff: How to Pray for your Pastor”* which is a weekly prayer guide with prayers and scriptures to pray for your pastor daily as well as *“60 Days with God”* which is a guided Bible reading plan to let God speak into the situations and circumstances of your life. Kari also wrote a study guide to accompany J. F.’s book, *“Say What?: Understanding the Power of the Words We Speak.”*

Annual Conference Schedule

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

3:00 pm Registration Opens in Piedmont 2

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

8:00 am Registration Opens in Piedmont 2

3:30 pm Ordinands meet with Bishop Greenway New Hope Church

5:00 pm Ordinands dinner with Bishop Greenway New Hope Church

6:30 pm Laity Session in Piedmont 4

First round voting General Conference

7:00 pm Clergy Executive Session in Piedmont 1

First round voting General Conference

7:00-7:15 pm Love Feast in Piedmont 4

Opening Prayer

Scripture

Congregational Hymn

Small Group Prayer Time

Testimonies

Congregational Hymn

Doxology

Sending Forth with Blessings

Thursday, June 26, 2025

8:00 am Registration Opens in Piedmont 2

8:00 am Vendors open in Piedmont 3

9:00 am Worship Space Opens in Piedmont 4

9:30 am Worship and First Session Begin in Piedmont 4

Opening Prayer Russ Clodfelter

Worship Songs

Holy Living Moment Tom Mabry

Wesley Covenant Prayer

Calling Conference to Order. David Banks

Conference Rules Shannon Medlin

General Conference Recap

Introduction of Bishop Greenway. Kari Howard

Voting Bishop Greenway

Worship Song
Apostles' Creed Chris Eason
Scripture Reading & Proclamation Kari Howard
Holy Communion
12:00 pm Sending Forth with Blessings Chris Eason

Adjourn for lunch

Thursday, June 26, 2025

1:30 pm Worship Session begins in Piedmont 4
Worship Songs
Voting Bishop Greenway
Offering Announcement City Lights Ministry of
Winston Salem
Worship Song
Holy Living Teaching Bishop Greenway
Voting Bishop Greenway
Worship Song
By 5:00 pm Sending Forth with Blessings Chris Eason

Adjourn for dinner

7:00 pm Evening Worship Service Andy Lambert

Friday, June 27, 2025

8:00 am Registration Opens in Piedmont 2
8:00 am Vendors open in Piedmont 3
9:00 am Worship Space Opens in Piedmont 4
9:30 am Worship and First Session Begin in Piedmont 4
Worship Song
Scripture and St. Patrick's Prayer Kim Collins
Board of Ministry John Woods
Memorial Recognition John Woods
Worship Song
Ordinands' Questions Bishop Greenway
Worship Song
Lay Ministry Report Heather Grabbs
Global Partners Greg Jenks
Church Vitality Jeff Severt
New Church Development David Banks

	Disaster Recovery	Greg Grabbs
	Budget and Finance Report	Dan Lyons
	Cabinet Report	Matt Seals
	Voting	Bishop Greenway
12:00 pm	Sending Forth with Blessings	Chris Eason

Adjourn for lunch

Friday, June 27, 2025 (1 John 3:16) 4:19

1:30 pm	Worship Session begins in Piedmont 4
	Worship Songs
	Personal Evangelism Moment. Ashlee Decker
	CLT Report Tom Mabry
	Special Offering - Project Bible Runners (Bibles for Uganda)
	Voting Bishop Greenway
	Worship Song
	Personal Evangelism Teaching Shane Bishop
	Voting Bishop Greenway
	Worship Song
By 5:00 pm	Sending Forth with Blessings Chris Eason

Adjourn for dinner

6:30 pm	Community Choir meet in Piedmont 4 at worship area (All are welcome)
7:00 pm	Evening Worship Service Shane Bishop

Saturday, June 28, 2025

7:30 am	Doors Open for Ordinands
8:00 am	Ordinands meet in Piedmont 4
9:00 am	Community Choir Rehearsal in Piedmont 4
9:15 am	Doors Open
10:00 am	Worship and Ordination Service
	Prelude Joey Gore
	Call To Worship and Invocation John Howard
	Hymns of Adoration Community Choir
	Opening Prayer Sarah Williams
	Greeting and Welcome David Banks
	Reaffirmation of Baptism/Common Calling David Banks
	Old Testament Lesson Walter Lundy

New Testament Lesson Bishop Greenway
 Sermon Bishop Greenway
 Hymn of Worship
 Nicene Creed Matt Nichols
 Gloria Patri
 Presentation of Candidates/Consent of the People John Woods
 Aaron Smith
 General Examination Bishop Greenway
 Exhortation/Examination of Deacons
 Exhortation/Examination of Elders
 Ordination of Deacons
 Ordination of Elders
 Recognition of Orders
 Invitation of the Called
 Worship Song
 Benediction Bishop Greenway
 Recessional
 Closing Song
 Go In Peace

Attention new church plant pastors of the NC GMC!

Let's meet for lunch on Thursday June 26.

Please meet in the hallway outside the Piedmont Hall immediately after
 the morning session dismissal (scheduled for Noon).

Camel City BBQ, 701 N Liberty St, Winston-Salem, NC 27101

***We have had a few additions of Church Plant pastors
 since last year, so come to meet everyone.***

Service of Holy Communion

(From: Our Great Redeemer's Praise, pgs. 730-734)

The Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who truly love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin, who dwell in charity with their neighbors, and intend to live a holy life. Draw near with faith and take this holy sacrament to your comfort, making your humble confession to Almighty God. Let us pray.

The Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, we confess and lament that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Because the remembrance of our sin is more than we can bear, have mercy on us and forgive us. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, pardon us of all that is past and grant that we may ever serve You in newness of life, to the glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

The Pardon

In His great mercy, our Almighty God and Heavenly Father has promised forgiveness of sins to all who repent and with true faith turn to Him. May He have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

The Comforting Words

Hear these comforting words that Jesus Christ, our Savior, says to all who truly turn to Him: God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life, amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be always with you.

And with your spirit.

As a forgiven and reconciled people, let us extend signs of peace, one to another.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and good to give Him thanks and praise.

It is right and our joy to give thanks to You in all places and at all times, Almighty Father. You are the source of all truth, life, and love. You made us in Your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When in our sinfulness we turned away from You and our love failed, Your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise You with the angels, and archangels, and all the company of heaven, forever singing this hymn to the glory of Your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All praise and glory is Yours, O God our Father, for in Your tender mercy You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ, to the world. Your Spirit anointed Him to bring good news to the poor, to bind up the brokenhearted, to comfort those who mourn, to proclaim freedom for captives, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce the year of the Lord's favor. In obedience to Your will, He stretched out His arms upon the cross and offered Himself once for all, that by His suffering and death we might be saved. By His resurrection He broke the bonds of death, trampling hell and Satan under His feet. As our great high priest, He ascended to Your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

The Prayer of Consecration

On the night that He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: When ever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate this memorial of our redemption, O Father, receiving these gifts of bread and wine with thanksgiving for the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Sanctify them by Your Word and Holy Spirit to be for us the body and blood of Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament and partake of his most blessed body and blood. By Your Spirit make us one with Christ and one as Your church, that Christ may dwell in us and we in Him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under Your Christ and gather us together with all Your saints in the joy of Your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face. We ask this through Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit in Your holy church be all honor and glory, now and forever, amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

(break and hold the bread up for all to see)

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, given for you.

(lift the cup up for all to see)

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Let us pray:

We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under Your table; but You are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us, amen.

The Reception

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(the elements are given to the people)

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever, amen.

2025 Conference Rules

The Rules and Organization of the NC Annual Conference

The 2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline (BDD) prescribes that the annual conference has the authority and the duty to “adopt rules for its own governance, provided they do no conflict with the requirements of *The 2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline*.” (§709.12)

Rules have long been understood to serve the freedom of the children of God. This belief is captured in the hymn line, “confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.” Rules provide guidelines which seek to discipline desires from becoming an opportunity for the flesh, and they encourage freedom as an opportunity through love to serve one another (Galatians 5:14)

It is easier to live at a consistent extreme than it is to live at the center of biblical teaching. Relative to rules, there are four extremes to avoid. The first is legalism which mistakes the means as an end. In legalism, rather than rules serving our connection, the connection serves the rules. This error must be avoided. Antinomianism is the opposite extreme. Rules and guidelines are seen as a spiritual problem opposed to grace and an inhibition to connection. Authoritarianism is a third extreme. Rules are used to dominate and to domineer, to coerce outcomes under the guise of connection. In reaction, some resort to a fourth extreme, libertarianism in which persons exercise a radical autonomy in which private feelings and opinions rise to the place of final authority.

Yet, in the tension between these four poles there is the Spirit filled life together that is exercised and enjoyed in an atmosphere of shared covenant. Freedom is the God given ability to live as we ought to live. In this environment, rules enable the connection’s freedom similarly to how the rules of the road enable speed and safety in movement.

John Wesley understood that freedom was not antithetical to rules. By means of The General Rules, the starting point for “fleeing the wrath to come” was expressed. With rules for the bands, class leaders, lay assistants, stewards, etc., an environment for Christian discipleship and the glory of God was defined. Under discipline, an act of God in redeeming and calling the Wesley’s became the movement of the Holy Spirit spreading scriptural holiness.

These rules are offered to the Conference to serve and to enable the success of our purposes together in Christ: shared ministry and accountability; edification, fellowship, and inspiration; connection and unity in Christ; vitality and the revival of our churches and souls in Christ; and the purposeful structuring of our life together that the Annual Conference will strengthen the work of Christ in and through the churches to the glory of God.

SECTION I: THE NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- 1 The North Carolina Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church (hereafter referred to as the “Conference” or NCAC) is established and operates as an annual conference of the global methodist church under the authority of the constitution ¶ 207. article vi. and ¶¶ 708-711 Section II. The Annual Conference of *The 2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline* of the Global Methodist Church. It likewise functions as a non-profit corporation recognized by the State of North Carolina.
- 2 The Conference is subject to and operates under the provisions of the Bylaws of the NC Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church, Inc. (The Bylaws) filed October 13, 2022, with the office of the Secretary of State for North Carolina.

¹ Rule IX.1, approved 2024 permitted the interim updating of paragraph numbers and titles to bring the rules into alignment with *2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline*.

² *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*, stanza 2; Katharine Lee Bates, 1904 and 1911.

- 3 The Book of Doctrines and Discipline has precedence over The Bylaws and these rules of our organization. Any discrepancy is resolved in favor of The Book of Doctrines and Discipline. (§709.12)
- 4 These Rules intend to apply *The Book of Doctrines and Discipline* and *The Bylaws* to our shared life together. They apply both to the Annual Conference meeting in regular or called sessions and to the operation of the Annual Conference in organization, mission, and ministry until superseded by the actions of the Annual Conference.
- 5 The boundaries of The Conference are decided by The General Conference of the Global Methodist Church. The Conference shall be composed of congregations within the geographic boundaries of the state of North Carolina

SECTION II: MEMBERSHIP

- 1 The voting membership of an annual conference shall be composed of active deacons and elders under appointment, also called “active,” (§ 503) transitional licensed local pastors, (§ 521.2.b) and senior clergy who meet the qualifications of the BDD §520, as well as no less than an equal number of lay members elected by each charge or by the district or annual conference. Each charge shall be entitled to as many lay members as it has appointed clergy. (§708.1) (Cf. Section III: Equalization) deacons and transitional licensed local pastors have voting rights as further defined in §§509.3 and 521.2.b respectively.
- 2 valid elders and deacons may vote on the business of the annual conference except as limited by §517.2.
- 3 supply pastors are members of the annual conference who have full voice on all matters and vote as limited by the bdd. (§ 512.4)
- 4 when meeting in a regular or special session of the annual conference, the name badges and lanyards will identify the status and voting authority of conference members.

SECTION III: EQUALIZATION

- 5 In order to secure an equal or greater number of lay members to the number of active clergy members, in addition to the provision of §708.1 that “Each charge shall be entitled to as many lay members as it has appointed clergy,” every local church shall be entitled to elect and send a lay member of the annual conference, and
- 6 Lay persons elected by the annual Conference to the following leadership positions shall serve as lay members of the Annual Conference: The conference secretary, the conference chancellor, the conference lay leader, the district lay leaders, the conference treasurer, those serving as a chairperson, vice-chairperson, or secretary of a conference ministry or administrative team, and those serving as General Conference delegates, alternates, or voting members of denominational committees and commissions.
- 7 Should additional lay persons be needed for equalization, the number shall be equally apportioned to the districts for nomination and election by, the annual conference.
- 8 Additional lay persons must be elected under the provisions of § 708.1. They may not be appointed by a clergyperson.

SECTION IV: PROCEDURES FOR SESSION OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- 9 The Conference shall meet annually for a time of worship, education, inspiration, and conducting necessary Conference business at a time and place set by the assigned bishop as recommended by the Task Force on the Annual Conference.

- 10 The Conference may meet for special sessions under the provisions of ¶708.7.
- 11 Conference sessions shall generally be conducted using *Roberts Rules of Order*, although, whenever possible, the Conference shall attempt to conduct its business by consensus vote.
 - 11.1 Consensus voting addresses a single proposal by first developing a range of options regarding the matter in addition to the simple “for” or “against” dichotomy. Members express their preferences by a form of balanced voting to determine whether a consensus direction exists.
- 12 The presiding officer shall decide the method of a vote – voice, show of hands, standing, electronic device, or written – and may declare the outcome by audibly or visually distinguishing the majority or by count.
 - 12.1 The annual conference may direct the method of voting or a count of the vote by a simple majority.
- 13 Quorum: (By-laws, Article III, Section 4) When the annual conference is in session, it shall require the presence of a majority of the whole number of members of the annual conference to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; but a smaller number may take a recess or adjourn from time to time 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*.
 - 13.1 The rule of a Quorum also governs all teams and task groups of the annual conference.
- 14 The Conference may from time to time choose to limit deliberation by a motion at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- 15 The purpose of deliberation is discernment of God’s will in and through the NC Annual Conference. At any time, the chair may pause deliberation and call the conference to a period of prayer and fasting.
- 16 These Conference session guidelines may be suspended by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

SECTION V: SELECTION OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL OR REGIONAL CONFERENCES

- 1 Service in the General Conference is a spiritual task. The election of leaders is a spiritually significant work of the Annual Conference. Prior to the annual conference session in which elections are held, the churches will be invited to a season of fasting and prayer for those who are lay and clergy members of the annual conference and for the raising up of godly, Spirit filled leadership.
- 2 These rules seek to apply ¶709.6 of *The Book of Doctrines and Discipline*.
- 3 Selection of delegates shall be by written or electronic ballot.
- 4 Each lay and clergy member shall cast as many votes per ballot as there are persons still to be elected. Ballots with less or more votes than there are persons to be elected shall be invalid.
- 5 The annual conference shall elect the number of delegates and alternates assigned by the Commission on General Conference to attend the General Conference and an additional eight reserves, four clergy and four lay, who may serve in the order of election when there is a vacancy among the delegates and alternates.
 - 5.1 leadership of the delegation alternates between clergy and lay. the first elected lay person shall chair the delegation in 2026, and the first elect clergy person shall be vice-chair. in 2032 and thereafter, the chairperson and vice-chairperson alternate between clergy and lay leadership.
 - 5.2 other leadership roles may be defined and elected by the delegation as the delegation determines.

- 6 The Annual Conference shall provide how eligible persons may indicate their willingness to serve Jesus Christ as delegates to the General Conference.
 - 6.1 The publishing of information provided by interested persons shall be electronically provided no later than four weeks prior to the annual conference session electing delegates.
 - 6.2 Publishing of information requires consent. Self-nomination implies consent. Nomination of one other than oneself requires written consent to publish from the nominee.
 - 6.3 Any clergy and lay person of the North Carolina Annual Conference who meets the criteria of ¶709.6 may be elected regardless of whether he/she has previously indicated a willingness to serve or provided the materials for publication.
 - 6.4 Those elected who did not previously indicate a willingness to serve will have 48 hours from election to discern whether to serve.
 - 6.5 If an elected person discerns not to serve as a delegate or alternate, alternates and reserves, in the order of their elections, will be given the opportunity to serve Christ as a delegate.
- 7 Persons elected and agreeing to serve as delegates, alternate delegates, or reserve delegates, agree
 - 7.1 to participate as full members of the NC delegation including attending delegation meetings and fulfilling delegation responsibilities;
 - 7.2 to represent the NC delegation among the churches as invited or assigned;
 - 7.3 to read and respond to correspondence from members and/or churches of the nc annual conference concerning matters before the general conference;
 - 7.4 to prepare for the general conference by reading advance materials and petitions published by the commission on general conference;
 - 7.5 to attend the entire session of the general conference including both legislative and plenary sessions;
 - 7.6 to accept responsibility for one's passport, visas, travel documents, travel plans, hotel reservations, shots, and financial costs in excess to the reimbursements and per diem provided by the annual conference; and
 - 7.7 should an elected delegate be unable to fulfill his/her responsibilities, he/or she shall notify the chairperson of the delegation of his/her inability to serve. it shall the chairperson's responsibility to advance the remaining full, alternate or reserve delegates in their responsibilities to serve.

SECTION VI: FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1 The Annual Conference shall set a pattern of revenue and expenses which accomplishes the work of the annual conference while seeking to receive from the local churches only the amount of connectional funding that is necessary so that resources may remain in the local church for mission and ministry.
- 2 The Finance and Administration Team shall annually prepare and recommend to the annual conference a conference budget for the next calendar year. The proposed budget shall recommend levels for Conference Connectional Funding from each member church for the ensuing budget year.
 - 2.1 the budget prepared must be a "balanced" budget.
 - 2.2 the budget is prepared as a "zero-based" budget.
- 3 Individual congregations shall calculate and submit to the Conference their commitment to connectional funding, using approved forms, for both the Conference and the denomination as per ¶449.2-5 by January 30 of each calendar year based on the prior year's local church operating income.

- 3.1 The congregation's share shall be limited as provided for in The 2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline. The annual percentage share is recommended by the finance and administration team when the budget and policies are presented to the annual conference for approval which requires two-thirds vote of the ac. (§1449.6)

SECTION VII: DISTRICTS AND LEADERSHIP

- 1 Districts are formed considering both the number of churches in proximity to one another and the opportunities for developing new churches. §607.f
 - 1.1 The Annual Conference shall be composed of no more than 24 geographic districts.
 - 1.2 The name of the district shall be that of a town within the district's bounds.
 - 1.3 The dean and secretary are presiding elders on the cabinet with administrative but not geographic duties.
- 2 The structure of the districts seeks intentionally to promote the strength and growth of the district churches, the accountability of pastors, and the development of new churches.
 - 2.1 Districts shall be spiritually led and supervised by elders designated as Lead Presiding Elders (PE).
 - 2.2 Districts shall be divided into circles of 3 to 7 churches. Circles shall be led by circle leaders.
 - 2.3 Districts shall be limited to 3 to 7 circle leaders.
- 3 The Cabinet is composed of all Presiding Elders, the conference superintendent, the associate superintendent, dean, secretary, and the bishop assigned to the North Carolina Conference.
 - 3.1 The cabinet is led by the dean who is appointed by the assigned Bishop upon nomination by the conference superintendent.
 - 3.2 The Cabinet is further led by an Executive Team elected by the Cabinet.
 - 3.3 The Executive Team includes an associate dean and cabinet secretary.
- 4 Presiding Elders (PE) serve, supervise, guide, and encourage the circle leaders within the district.
- 5 Circle leaders serve the churches, pastors, and church lay leaders within their assigned circles strengthening accountability, missional vision and cooperation, and new church development.
- 6 Every inactive deacon and elder and every clergy member in senior status is to name a charge conference to which he/she habitually relates. the presiding elder of the district and the circle leader of said charge conference has a spiritual stewardship for all the district or circle pastors including inactive deacons and elders.

SECTION VIII: TEAMS, POSITIONS, AND ROLES

A. Required or named (or successors) by the Book of Doctrines and Discipline.

- 1 The Conference Leadership Team (CLT) (§ 710.1) – This Team shall be responsible to support the Bishop, Conference Superintendent, and associate conference superintendent in the oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Global Methodist Church.
 - 1.1 The CLT serves as the connectional link to our conference boards and committees, and the committee is empowered to make necessary conference organizational, administrative, and ministry decisions between the gatherings of our NC annual conference. it serves for the purpose of communication and coordination of ministry among the boards and teams, to strategize on behalf of the annual conference

for growth in discipleship and mission, and to implement the priorities established by the general and annual conferences. the CLT shall establish records and/or journals of all business of the council, boards, teams, and the conference.

- 1.2 with the conference superintendent and the associate conference superintendent, the CLT is responsible for implementing the vision and mission of the global methodist church in North Carolina; and for setting and implementing the missional strategy for the annual conference.
 - 1.3 the chair of the CLT is nominated by the nominations and leadership team and elected by the annual conference when the conference superintendent does not serve in that role.
 - 1.4 membership is by virtue of conference offices: (par. 710.1.a.3) the dean of the cabinet; (par. 710.1.a.4) the annual conference secretary; (par. 710.1.a.5) the annual conference lay leader; (par. 710.1.a.6) the chancellor, the treasurer, the chairpersons of finance and administration, the board of ministry, the board of directors, the superintendency team, the evangelism & discipleship team, the church multiplication team, and the missions team, and the director for international partnerships.
 - 1.5 additional members of the CLT are nominated by the nominations and leadership team and elected by the annual conference not to exceed a membership of 20. additional members bring lay-clergy equalization, racial/ethnic representation, and skills, gifts, and expertise.
 - 1.6 the CLT shall establish a personnel sub-committee from its membership. additional members not from the CLT may be added. the chair of the superintendency committee is a member of the personnel committee.
 - 1.7 the CLT elects from its own members additional officers.
- 2 ***The Board of Ministry*** (§ 710.2) – The Board of Ministry shall be responsible for overseeing the recruiting and credentialing of clergy for the furtherance of the mission of the Global Methodist Church. (§§ 506-510, 514-517, 519, 521) The Board shall also be responsible for overseeing all clergy changes in conference relations. (§§ 518, 520)
- 2.1 The Board of Ministry shall be set at no more than 27 members. (§ 709.5 “Annual Conferences shall set the number of members of the Board.”)
 - 2.2 The Board of Ministry is divided into classes of 3-5 9 persons per year for six years terms of service.
 - 2.3 The board of ministry may conduct its interview work by means of three or more regional interview teams.
 - 2.4 One third of the Board of Ministry shall be laity, and when dividing into regional interview teams, the BOM shall endeavor to keep the one third laity standard.
 - 2.5 § 710.2.c gives the annual conference the responsibility to set the term of elected officers. an officer serves a two-year term. he or she may succeed him/herself in an office once. however, succession cannot be used to extend the six-year term limit set by the Book of Doctrines and Discipline.
- 3 ***The superintendency team*** (§ 710.3) – the superintendency team is responsible to support the conference superintendent and associate superintendent in the oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Global Methodist Church relative to North Carolina and of the NC Annual Conference.
- 3.1 The superintendency team shall be composed of five (5) lay and five (5) clergy persons.
 - 3.2 § 710.3.c gives the annual conference the responsibility to set the term of elected officers. an officer serves a two-year term. he or she may succeed him/herself in an office once. however, succession cannot be used to extend the six-year term limit set by the *The Book of Doctrines and Discipline*.
- 4 ***Finance and Administration*** (§ 710.4) – The Finance and Administration Team shall be responsible to develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative

policies, budgets, procedures, and management services for the Conference.

- 4.1 The membership of Finance and Administration Team shall be set at 16 persons.
- 4.2 Officers serve a two-year term, and they may succeed themselves. however, succession cannot be used to extend the term limits set by the The Book of Doctrines and Discipline.
- 5 *Nominations and Leadership Team (NLT)* (§ 710.5) – The Nominations and Leadership Team shall be responsible for nominating clergy and laity to serve on Conference teams and boards.
 - 5.1 The membership of the NLT is set at 14 persons elected by the Annual Conference, the Conference Superintendent, the Associate Conference Superintendent, and one presiding elder assigned by the Conference Superintendent.
 - 5.2 Officers elected by the NLT serve a two-year term of service, and they may succeed themselves. however, succession cannot be used to extend the term limits set by the The Book of Doctrines and Discipline.
- 6 ***Team on Investigation*** (§ 710.6) – The Team on Investigation shall be responsible for considering judicial complaints against clergy as set out in Part Nine – Judicial Administration of the 2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline and specifically § 912 and judicial practice and procedures.
- 7 ***Administrative Review Team*** (§ 710.7) – The Administrative Review Team (§ 906.2) shall be responsible for ensuring that the disciplinary procedures for resolving a substantiated administrative complaint are properly followed as required by Judicial Practices and Procedures Section I and fair process (§905).
- 8 *Trustees / Board of Directors* (§ 1006, 1012; By-laws, Article V. Section 8)
- 9 *The Conference Chancellor* (§ 708.3)
- 10 *The Conference Treasurer* (§ 710.4.a)
- 11 *The Conference Secretary* (§ 710.1.a.4; By-laws, Article V, Section 1.A.4; Article VI, Section 4)
- 12 *The Conference Lay Leader* (§ 710.a.5; By-Laws Article V, Section 1.A.5 and Article VI, Section 5)

B. Teams and Positions of the Annual Conference

- 1 *Lay Ministry Team* – The purpose of the Conference Lay Ministry Team is to strengthen lay ministry in our churches. Furthermore, given our Global Church priorities, the team seeks to strengthen lay discipleship ministries, lay evangelism, prayer ministries, and lay participation in new church development.
 - 1.1 The Conference Lay Leader is customarily the chairperson of the lay ministry team. however, the lay leader may defer the chair role in which case, the lay ministry team will elect a chairperson.
 - 1.2 The Conference Lay Leader or designate is a member of the conference leadership team.
- 2 *Task Force on the Annual Conference* – The purpose of this task force is to plan and prepare for regular and special sessions of the annual conference seeking to strengthen our connection, inspire and strengthen our Christian commitment, and to set an agenda that allows for these and necessary business.
 - 2.1 The Task Force may establish working groups on worship, minutes, logistics and budget, etc.
 - 2.2 The Conference Superintendent, Associate Conference Superintendent, The CLT chairperson or designate, the Conference Lay Leader, and Conference Secretary are members of this Task Force.
 - 2.3 The task force on the annual conference is responsible, in conference with the CLT and conference superintendent, to research and recommend to the assigned bishop possible sites and dates for

future annual conference sessions. it remains the bishop's responsibility to appoint the time and place for holding the Annual Conference. (§ 708.1.5)

- 2.4 The task force and the chair are nominated by the nominations and the leadership team and elected by the Annual Conference.
- 2.5 Between sessions of the Annual Conference, the CLT may fill vacancies or supplement the task force's membership.
- 3 *New Church Development Team* (NCDT) (§450 Book of Doctrines and Discipline) – to fulfill the GMC missional priority of multiplication, to this team is given the responsibility for developing a vision and implementing a local church centered strategy of new church development.
 - 3.1 The NCDT is responsible for extending a vision to and forming partnerships for starting new churches with existing churches in the annual conference.
 - 3.2 The NCDT may collaborate with the global partnership team for new church development globally.
 - 3.3 The leader or designate of the NCDT serves as a member of the conference leadership team.
 - 3.4 The new church development team will recommend policies for essential annual conference support for new churches in addition to support from other partner churches.
- 4 *Local church vitality team* (LCVT) – to fulfill the GMC missional priority of multiplication, to this team is given the responsibility for developing a vision and implementing a strategy of church vitality.
 - 4.1 Any definition or vision of local church vitality must include the intentional winning of souls to Jesus Christ as savior and lord as well as the intentional formation of souls by means of scriptural holiness as disciples of Jesus Christ.
 - 4.2 The LCVT should recommend to the churches an effective and functional criteria of an active member of the local church. (§ 422)
 - 4.3 Until the LCVT recommends other criteria for active membership, those professing members showing the habits of habitual worship, small group participation for accountable discipleship, regular and disciplined giving to a local church's ministry and operations budget, and identifiable ministry in the name of Jesus Christ will be considered active members for the purposes of Annual Conference service through our teams and committees.
- 5 *Global Partnerships Team* – to fulfill the GMC missional priority of global partnerships, to this team is given the responsibility for developing a vision and implementing a strategy of global partnerships.

C. Additional Guidelines for Teams, Positions, and Rolls

- 1 Teams may organize their work in the manner each deems effective including the formation of task forces and other ad hoc groups.
- 2 New teams or task groups may be established by the Conference Leadership Team between sessions of the Annual Conference.
 - 2.1 The continuation or permanence of these teams requires the decision of the Annual Conference.
 - 2.2 Teams recommended for permanent status are staffed by the nominations process of the nominations and leadership team.
- 3 Persons nominated to serve on Conference teams, committees, or task forces must be active members of a NC Conference Global Methodist Church. (C.f. Section VIII.B.5.3)

- 4 The effectiveness of the organizational structure is to be evaluated by the Connectional Council no less than every four to six years.

SECTION IX: MISSIONAL PRIORITIES

- a. The mission of the Global Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to spread scriptural holiness across the globe. (§ 401)
- b. Global Methodist Church priorities
 - 1 biblical preaching and teaching;
 - 2 transformational and accountable discipleship;
 - 3 multiplication by evangelism and new church development;
 - 4 global partnerships;
 - 5 ministry to all people
- c. North Carolina Global Methodist church additional priorities
 - 1 reconciled living in our churches, homes, and relationships (Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15-35; 2 Corinthians 5:16-19; Romans 12:18, 14:19)
 - 2 prayerful living and prayerful discernment (Philippians 4:4-9; James 5:13-18)
 - 3 effective lay ministry of every member of our GMC churches

SECTION X: MISCELLANEOUS RULES

- 1 Upon the completion of the next General Conference, these rules may be edited so that paragraph numbers and names of committees, commissions, and teams correspond to the newest edition of *The Book of Doctrines and Discipline*.

2025 Annual Conference Minutes

The Minutes for the 1st Regular Session of the North Carolina Conference of The Global Methodist Church Annual Conference

June 25-28, 2025

Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, NC

EVENING SESSION • WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025

Annual Conference Executive Session Clergy

The Executive Session of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church was called to order at 7:02 pm by Rev. David Banks, Conference Superintendent. David led Executive Session in singing Hymn #553 “And Are We Yet Alive.” David then read from Hebrews 10:19-25 and made appropriate remarks. He then offered prayer for the Session.

David took the opportunity to explain the parameters of the clergy ballot (12 delegates to be elected). He also took the opportunity to inform the session of the just resolution of formal complaints against one of the clergy. He emphasized that a four-step process was followed: repairing harm, maintaining accountability of clergy, making amends and bringing healing. David also took the opportunity to introduce Bishop Jeff Greenway to the Executive Session.

David asked the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry to stand. The Executive Session recognized them with a round of applause. David then introduced Rev. John Woods, Chair of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, who brought the report of the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.

John moved that the session act to grant permission for valid deacon and valid elders to be present at session (per p. 22 of report). David called for vote; it was affirmed.

John moved affirmation for certified candidates as listed on page 2 of report. Rev. Tim Reaves called for a point of affirmation and was answered. David called for vote; they were affirmed.

John moved affirmation for deacons on transitional leave (per para. 518.1, para. 518.2 BDD) found on p. 4 of report. David called for vote; they were affirmed. John moved affirmation for those on Senior Status (per para. 520 BDD). David called for vote; they were approved.

John moved affirmation for those Elders on Transitional Leave (p. 17, per para. 518.1 BDD). David called for vote; they were affirmed.

John moved affirmation for those on voluntary leave (p. 18, per para. 518.2 BDD) David called for vote; they were affirmed.

John moved affirmation for those clergy on Senior Status (pp. 18-21, per para. 520 BDD). David called for vote; they were affirmed. John moved membership of Supply Pastors (p. 22) per para. 512 BDD. David called for vote; they were affirmed. David then asked supply pastors to stand. The session greeted them with a round of applause. John moved affirmation for Laity approved as TLP waiting appointment (para. 521.2b, BDD). David called for vote; they were affirmed. John moved affirmation for those TLP's discontinued. David called for vote; they were approved.

John moved affirmation for those approved for Extension Ministries (p. 24). David called for vote; they were affirmed.

John moved affirmation for those transferring from other denominations to Annual Conference (p. 25). David called for vote; they were affirmed. John moved affirmation for those from other GMC Annual Conferences transferring to our Annual Conference. David called for vote; they were affirmed. John also moved affirmation for those transferring from our Annual Conference to other GMC Annual Conferences. David called for vote; they were affirmed.

John then recognized those clergy who died during the year. He offered a prayer on their behalf. John also recognized those who have withdrawn from GMC membership (p. 26). He offered prayer for these persons.

John then called on Bishop Greenway to come and lead the session through the recognition of candidates to be ordained as deacons and elders (pp. 2-3 of report). Bishop Greenway called for affirmation of those to be ordained deacons. They were affirmed and greeted with a standing ovation from the session and a personal greeting from Bishop Greenway. Bishop Greenway then called for the affirmation of those to be ordained as elders. They were affirmed and greeted with a standing ovation from the session and a personal greeting from Bishop Greenway. Bishop Greenway also offered prayer for those to be ordained as deacons and those to be ordained as elders.

John then offered Conference Board of Ministry Report to be affirmed. Bishop Greenway called for the vote; it was affirmed. Bishop Greenway then asked Board of Ministry members to stand. They were affirmed with applause by the session.

Bishop Greenway then led the session through the first clergy ballot for the General Conference delegation. After the first ballot was taken, five (5) persons were elected for the clergy delegation. Another vote was taken to settle a tie between two of these delegates. The final order for the delegates elected on this first ballot is as follows: Rev. Kari Howard, Rev. David Banks, Rev. Tim Reaves, Rev. Andy Lambert, Rev. Connie Stutts

Bishop Greenway then led session in singing the Doxology. He then adjourned the executive session at 8:57 pm.

Annual Conference Executive Session Laity

Mrs. Heather Grabbs, Conference Lay Leader, opened with prayer.

Rev. Kari Howard then welcomed and introduced Bishop Jeff Greenway.

Bishop Greenway then led the session through the first laity ballot for the General Conference delegation. After the first ballot was taken, Heather Grabbs was elected.

MORNING SESSION • THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025

Opening Worship began at 9:30am. Rev. Andy Lambert introduced Mr. Russ Clodfelter to lead the opening prayer.

Rev. Tom Mabry shared a Holy Living moment.

Rev. David Banks called Conference to Order at 10:09am 26 June 2025

Rev. David Banks welcomed the new church starts of our Annual Conference.

Mrs. Shannon Medlin, Conference Secretary, presented the Proposed Conference Rules (pgs 13-22 in the Conference Workbook (CW)) of the Annual Conference. Rev. David Banks called for the vote to approve the Proposed Conference Rules. The report was approved.

Rev. Kari Howard welcomed and introduced Bishop Jeff Greenway. Bishop Greenway brought greetings and explained that he would preside over the election of delegates and David Banks would preside over the business sessions of the Annual Conference. The Bishop announced Heather Grabbs as the first person elected at the Laity Executive Session. Heather will serve as head of the delegation.

The Bishop announced Rev. Kari Howard, Rev. David Banks, Rev. Tim Reaves, Rev. Andy Lambert and Rev. Connie Stutts were the clergy elected at the Clergy Executive Session.

With Bishop Jeff Greenway presiding, the second laity ballot taken. 11 elections needed. Nine were elected:

2-Beth Woods, 3-Mack Parker, 4-David Spivey, 5-Greg Grabbs, 6-Jeff Brotherton, 7-Shirley Davenport, 8-Teresa Auten, 9-Ken Waters, 10-Nancy Johnson

With Bishop Jeff Greenway presiding, the second clergy ballot taken. Seven elections needed. One was elected: 6-Dalma Cribb

Praise and worship and the reading of the Apostles' Creed was led by Chris Eason.

Rev. Kari Howard, Associate Conference Superintendent, shared the message and led the body in a celebration of Holy Communion.

The service concluded with Chris Eason closing in prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION • THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025

The afternoon session began with praise and worship at 1:30pm. David Banks shared some special prayer requests and asked Pastor Don Logner to lead the congregation in prayer.

Bishop Greenway asked a clergy to come and pray before the laity ballot was taken. Rev. Insung Kim asked for a moment of privilege and asked to pray in his native language, Korean. Bishop acknowledged the point of privilege. With Bishop Jeff Greenway presiding, the third laity ballot was taken. No election was made.

Bishop Greenway asked a lay member to pray before the clergy ballot was taken. Mr. Mike Ellis (Raleigh) Asbury Church led the congregation in prayer. With Bishop Jeff Greenway presiding, the third clergy ballot was taken. Six elections needed. Four were elected: Rev. Tom Mabry, Rev. Earl Bradshaw, Rev. Cory Oliver and Rev. John Howard, Jr.

Mr. James Brown (Gastonia District) Friendship Methodist Church posed a point of information by asking if the conference could vote by plurality. The Bishop ruled no based on the Book of Doctrines and Discipline. Everyone must be elected by majority through the alternates.

Bishop Greenway called a clergy person to pray before the laity ballot. Clergy person prayed but no name or district was provided. With Bishop Jeff Greenway presiding, the fourth laity ballot was taken. Two were elected: Mrs. Carolyn Hindel and Ms. LizAnn Creef-Meekins.

Bishop Greenway called a lay member to pray before the clergy ballot was taken. With Bishop Jeff Greenway presiding, the fourth clergy ballot was taken. One person was elected: Rev. John Woods.

Rev. Tom Mabry shared about City Lights Ministries of Winston-Salem. A special offering was taken.

Bishop Jeff Greenway shared with the conference a Holy Living Teaching moment.

Bishop Greenway called on a clergy to pray before the laity ballot was taken. With Bishop Jeff Greenway presiding, a fifth ballot was taken to elect laity alternates. Three alternates are needed. Three were elected: Ms. Yeh Sey, Mr. Mack King and Ms. Renee Nicholson.

Bishop Greenway called on a lay member to pray before the clergy ballot was taken. With Bishop Jeff Greenway presiding, a fifth clergy ballot was taken. One was elected: Rev. Jonathan Jeffries.

Mr. James Brown, (Gastonia District) Friendship Methodist Church of Fallston moved to vote by plurality for lay reserves. This was seconded and approved.

With Bishop Jeff Greenway presiding, four lay reserves by plurality were elected by receiving 50% of the majority: Ms. Kamiel Carter, Mr. George Davis III, Ms. Tammy Stott and Mr. Charles Moore.

Bishop Greenway called on a lay member to pray before the clergy ballot to elect alternates. Mrs. Heather Grabbs, Conference Lay Leader, led the congregation in prayer. With Bishop Greenway presiding the sixth ballot was taken to elect clergy alternates. Two were elected: Rev. Sara N. Williams and Rev. William Van Wieren III

Bishop Greenway called on a lay member to pray before the clergy ballot. Mrs. Jackie Swanik led the congregation in prayer. With Bishop Jeff Greenway presiding, the seventh ballot was taken. One clergy alternate was elected: Rev. Elmar Karl Neuschaefer

Rev. Judy Jeremias, (Wilmington District) Asbury (Shallotte) made a motion to vote by plurality for the four reserves. This was seconded and approved.

With Bishop Jeff Greenway presiding clergy ballot eight was taken. Four clergy reserves were elected by plurality: Rev. Insung Kim, Rev. Thomas Newman, Rev. Jeffrey William Johnsen and Rev. Paul Ralph Dunham.

Bishop Greenway called the delegation to the front of the stage to be prayed over.

Rev. David Banks thanked the Bishop for presiding over the voting. The service concluded with praise and worship and a closing in prayer led by Rev. Chris Eason.

EVENING SESSION • THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025

The evening session consisted of a Worship Service at 7:00 pm. Rev. Andy Lambert led the service.

MORNING SESSION • FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025

The morning session began with a video, opening prayer, praise and worship at 9:30am.

Rev. Kim Collins shared scripture and St. Patrick's prayer.

Rev. David Banks recognized Rev. Michael Larbi for a point of personal privilege. The Global Methodist Church helped him transition to the GMC and assisted with getting his green card pushed through.

David also announced that Russia will have four conferences joining the Global Methodist Church. He also expressed thanks to Bishop Greenway for his leadership, and to speakers and staff for their assistance in preparing for Annual Conference.

Rev. John Woods, Chair of the Board of Ministry was introduced to share the Board of Ministry report. John brought a motion before the body due to a clerical error. Rev. Rocio Avilia-Ramirez was left off the report and needs to be affirmed for her Extension Ministry position under Par 610.10 in the Book of Doctrines and Discipline. The motion was approved by the clergy. John concluded his report.

Rev. John Woods memorialized Rev. Jerry Lewis and Rev. Raymond Burkhart.

Bishop Greenway asked the Historic questions from page 76 in the Conference Workbook and the Ordinands verbally responded as a group.

Following the moment of Worship and prayer for the Ordinands, several reports were received from:

Mrs. Heather Grabbs, Conference Lay Leader, Lay Ministry

Rev. Greg Jenks, Chairperson, Global Partnership Task Force

Rev. Jeff Severt, Chairperson, Church Vitality Task Force

Rev. David Banks, Conference Superintendent, New Church Development

Mr. Greg Grabbs, Co-Chair Disaster Response, Disaster Response

Rev. Dan Lyons, Chairperson of Finance, Budget and Finance. Following the conclusion of the Finance report David Banks shared a prayer request from the Wilmington District. The afternoon session concluded with a prayer led by Rev. Tim Reaves.

AFTERNOON SESSION • FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025

The afternoon session began with a few prayer requests, opening prayer, praise and worship at 1:30pm.

Rev. Dan Lyons, Chairperson of Finance, was called to the podium to conclude the Finance report.

Dan reminded the body that the NC Conference needs help from the local congregations. He asked that they let the Conference know what their intended connectional giving amount would be. This would help with the financial planning.

Rev. David Banks moved that policies be approved. The policies were approved.

Rev. David Banks moved that the budget be approved and asked for questions.

Rev. Charmaine Van Rooyen (Greensboro District) Bethel Church of Oak Ridge had a point of clarification regarding local churches choosing their own local missions to support.

Dan explained we are still in the start-up phase. The Conference has been asked to partner with Uganda as a Global Methodist initiative. We will be assisting with the Conference Superintendent salary, Bishop's Office administrative office, funding of the next AC session, which will include feeding, housing and sending lay and clergy home. Predicted costs will be somewhere between \$35,000-\$40,000. Accountability and processes will be in place for monies sent.

Bishop Greenway explained that every Annual Conference has been asked to set aside 10% of their budget for international mission partnerships to help with transitional funding of other countries as they join the GM Church. Local churches will be asked to partner with projects related to local churches. Five years of Transitional Funding that decreases 20% a year over Five years. Steps towards self-sufficiency is the goal for each of the international conferences. The NC Conference currently has one global partnership.

Mr. Robert Macy (Pembroke) St. Pauls Methodist Church had a point of clarification. Is the stipend for presiding elders of \$1,000 in place regardless as to the number of churches the presiding elder is serving. Dan explained the polity had changed and that circle leaders are now voluntary and there is one presiding elder over each of the 24 Districts.

Rev. Daniel Eplee (Wilmington) Faith Community had a point of clarification. How does the Conference select additional international conferences to support? Bishop Greenway explained there would be a meeting with the Kingdom Advancement Committee along with Conference Superintendents and possibilities will be presented to the Conference Leadership Team and Mission Leadership to decide and then presented to the 2026 NC Conference.

Rev. David Maulden (Mooresville) Gold Hill Methodist asked for an explanation for the decrease in the budget for salaries, IT and administrative expenses. Dan explained that budgeted positions were no longer need, we moved to a vendor base instead of an employee base.

Rev. David Banks moved that budget be approved. The budget was approved.

Rev. David Banks moved that entirety of the Finance report be approved. The Finance Report was approved.

Rev. Matt Seals, Dean of the Cabinet, presented the Cabinet report.

Rev. Herbert Lowry, Presiding Elder, Pembroke District, shared a personal evangelism moment.

Rev. Tom Mabry, Conference Leadership Team (CLT) Chairperson, presented the CLT report.

A special offering was taken for Project Bible Runners.

Bishop Greenway shared about International Leadership Institute.

Rev. Tim Reaves introduced Rev. Shane Bishop to come and share a personal evangelism teaching moment.

Rev. Paul Dunham was recognized by Rev. David Banks to bring a motion to re-open the Conference Rules. The motion was approved.

Paul made a motion to amend Section VIII A.1.4 in the Conference Rules to be in line with the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline*.

Proposed Amendment 1 to Section VII: Teams, Positions, and Roles. (p.18) Section 1. The Conference Leadership Team (CLT):

This Amendment is needed to bring us into compliance with the specific membership requirements given in the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline*. It simply clarifies which section these required members are and which specific place they come from.

Workbook P. 18: 1.4 membership is by virtue of conference offices: **(par. 710.1.a.3) the dean of the cabinet; (par. 710.1.a.4) the annual conference secretary; (par. 710.1.a.5) the annual conference lay leader;** (par. 710.1.a.6) the chancellor, the treasurer, ~~the dean of the cabinet~~, and the chairpersons of finance and administration, the board ministry, the board of directors, and the superintendency team.

David called the question. The motion was seconded and approved.

Amendment 2 Paul moves to amend the list of 1.4 with the following additions:

“the chairpersons of finance and administration, the board ministry, the board of directors, and the superintendency team, **the evangelism & discipleship team, the church multiplication team, and the missions team.**”

Rev. David Banks, Conference Superintendent, called the question. The motion was seconded and approved

The result for both Amendments should read as follows:

Workbook P. 18: 1.4 membership is by virtue of conference offices: **(par. 710.1.a.3) the dean of the cabinet; (par. 710.1.a.4) the annual conference secretary; (par. 710.1.a.5) the annual conference lay leader;** (par. 710.1.a.6) the chancellor, the treasurer, the chairpersons of finance and administration, the board of ministry, the board of directors, the superintendency team, the evangelism & discipleship team, the church multiplication team, and the missions team, and the director for international partnerships.

Rev. David Banks, Nominations Chairperson, presented the report. David asked for help establishing gifts of those within the conference who may be willing to serve on a committee.

The following corrections were noted:

Rev. Natalie Culp should be moved to the Finance and Administration team.

Mr. Ken Waters should be moved to the Board of Ministry, Class of 2030.

Rev. Matt Johnson should be added to the Lay Ministry Team.

Rev. Kari Howard called for a vote of the Nominations. The report was approved.

The afternoon session concluded with Rev. David Banks closing in prayer.

EVENING SESSION • FRIDAY, JUNE 27, 2025

The evening session consisted of a Worship Service at 7:00 pm. Rev. Shane Bishop led the service.

MORNING SESSION • SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2025

The Worship and Ordination Service began at 10:00 am and concluded at 12:42 p.m. See the Service of Ordination bulletin for more details.

Additional Notes:

274 laity attended out of 446 lay members. 61%

268 clergy attended out of 338 appointed clergy. 79%

Total not counting some greeters, band, vendors, and guest who attended as visitors: 559

The Benton Convention Center in Winston Salem, NC will host the Annual Conference June 17-20, 2026.

SECTION III:

Legislation and Reports

Board of Directors

Board of Ministry

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Conference Prayer Team

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Our Beating Heart: Exploration of Children's Identity in the
Global Methodist Church

Board of Directors

Brothers and sisters,

Just as the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to begin his joyful and loving letter to the Christians in Philippi: *Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.* (Phil. 1:2)

The Board of Directors, construed synonymously with Conference Trustees (cf. ¶ 1006), is an outgrowth of last year's holy conferencing. On December 9, 2024, the Directors self-organized and began developing a philosophy of stewardship. We also began discerning the essential physical footprint of our Annual Conference, including but not limited to, the need for or acquisition of land, warehouse space, and office space for use. In short, the Directors determined that there was no need to establish a physical footprint at this time. We believe that this position supports our commitment to avoid "top-heaviness" and reinforces the centrality of the local church in our grassroots movement. Furthermore, it enables our collective resources to be utilized in furthering our mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe" through passionate worship, extravagant love, and bold witness.

However, our work has not been limited solely to discerning a physical footprint. We joyfully recommended to the Conference Leadership Team, under the direction of Conference Chancellor Jimmy Seay, the need to remove all provisional labels and change our corporate name from "North Carolina Provisional Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church, Inc." to "North Carolina Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church, Inc." This is an exciting step as we continue to move into the bright future that God has in store for us. Chancellor Seay is prepared to file the change with the North Carolina Secretary of State after this recommendation has been discussed and voted on by the Annual Conference.

Moreover, we have also been working on understanding and clarifying our role concerning emerging situations such as disaffiliation, legacy matters, and endowments. First, we are reminded that the Global Methodist Church does not have a trust clause. Churches wishing to depart are only asked to undergo 90 days of intentional discernment, guided by their Presiding Elder (cf. ¶ 1002, 1003). While the Directors are not currently involved in the disaffiliation process, and though we are discerning our role within the process as it is refined, we fervently pray for those churches who have or are undergoing this period of discernment. We also request that they comply with the areas outlined in the letter they receive regarding the discontinuation of use of Global Methodist intellectual property (IP) and tax-exempt status.

Continuing, we encourage each local church to review its bylaws and legal documents to ensure the proper designation of funds and assets to a 501(c)(3) organization. Chancellor Seay has offered to assist any local church in reviewing these documents. Additionally, if there are questions about where assets should be allocated, the Directors would be glad to help churches think through this process. While we can receive property and assets on behalf of the Annual Conference, our primary goal is to help local churches discern how to bless the Kingdom of God and share the holy love of Christ with their local communities.

Lastly, we are working on a process for receiving bequests and gifts (¶ 1012.1-3, 6). While we encourage a generosity patterned after God's generosity, as shown to us in the fullness of Christ Jesus, the Directors have discretion to review any bequests on a case-by-case basis and receive them where usefulness and benefit are determined. On this, two types of bequests and gifts can be received by the Conference – those that are intended to be used in their entirety, and those that are intended to be used in perpetuity. We recommend gifts intended for entire use be allocated as a temporary restricted line item in the Conference budget, which the Finance and Administration Team would manage under the direction of the Conference Leadership Team. For gifts intended to have a lasting impact, such as endowments or trusts that only tap into earnings on the principal for use, we recommend that these be under the supervision and direction of the Directors. Further, we humbly request permission as the Board of Directors to adjust the terms of durable life gifts as needed to extend their duration and purposes of use.

On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge each of our Directors by name: Tim Horton (*Vice President*), Kerry Wood (*Secretary*), David Pate, Patrick Ledford, Dusty Herring, Stan Lewis, Dale McCoy, and Art Simpson. I give thanks and praise to God for each of these individuals, as well as for Bishops Jeff Greenway, Scott Jones, and Mark Webb, Conference Superintendent David Banks, Associate Conference Superintendent Kari Howard, and Chancellor Jimmy Seay, and their faithfulness and servant leadership in this work.

*In Christ,
Rev. Parker Coppock
President, Board of Directors
North Carolina Conference of the Global Methodist Church*

Board of Ministry

The North Carolina GMC Board of Ministry is a 27-member leadership team composed of both lay and clergy representatives. Our Board is charged with the recruiting and credentialing of clergy to supply and equip churches (and other ministry settings) for the furtherance of the mission of the Global Methodist Church.

Once a call into the ministry is sensed, the Board has established a clear process for affirming that call and equipping people to answer that call in an effective manner. This credentialing process involves a progressive evaluation through a series of steps. Along the path, those who have discerned a call must be affirmed by their local church, be evaluated with both a criminal background check and psychological testing, undergo a period of directed mentoring and discernment, complete educational requirements, and come before the Board of Ministry for both a written and oral evaluation. To help candidates with their education expenses, this spring a biannual scholarship was established by our NC GMC Conference.

Our Board of Ministry is sub-divided into 3 regions for interview purposes to help our candidates with travel distances. Each region has a regional chair. To help get the work of the Board completed in an efficient manner, we have established several small “ministry groups” that focus on the needs of the Board. Their duties are to vet clergy applicants, to evaluate psychological test results, to review the background checks, to review the scholarship applications, to serve as regional secretaries, and schedulers who personally contact the applicants concerning their interview. After each of these smaller groups complete their work, the full board meets to approve the work.

All clergy who are still in process, have not completed all of the required classes, must come before the Board of Ministry for an annual review. The Board interviews each of these clergy as well as those seeking membership in our conference, and the candidates who are just answering their call. The Board is also responsible for the credentialing of the Certified Lay Ministers and oversight of the Presiding Elder Assignments.

This year, the Board gratefully anticipates the ordination of 29 candidates for ministry: 19 who will be ordained Deacon, 6 who are to be ordained first a Deacon then an Elder, and 4 who will be ordained as Elders. Some of these ministers come to us with backgrounds in the United Methodist Church, though we are also receiving several ministers from other denominations.

The Board of Ministry is also responsible for overseeing all clergy changes in conference relations. Over the past year, 8 ministers have transitioned from active to senior status. We honor their faithful leadership and role in helping establish a strong North Carolina GMC. Sadly, we report that two of our ministers, Raymond Burkart and Jerry Lewis, have moved from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant during this past year. We gratefully celebrate their fruitful ministry among us and acknowledge our conference’s loss.

The future of our North Carolina ministry continues to look vibrant. The Board of Ministry sees the Lord’s activity in the lives of those He is calling and are grateful to have a portion of His work.

*John Woods,
Chairperson*

Board of Ministry Statistical Report

Clergy Executive Session

Note: The Board of Ministry has responsibility for certification of Certified Lay Ministers (CLM). (§ 502)

Who are the Candidates (C-Candidate, SP-Supply Pastor, TLP-Transitional Local Pastor, D-Deacon, E-Elder) (§ 506)?

Name	Status Contingent on an Appointment	Date Admitted	Effective Date
Patricia Adkins	SP	9/25/2023	8/24/2023
Nada Bobbitt	TLP	7/17/2023	7/6/2023
Jerry Lee Clark	TLP	6/19/2023	6/11/2023
Linda Kathryn Clark	SP	11/27/2023	11/17/2023
Carol Ann Clarke	D	11/30/2023	11/30/2023
Melody Ann Duncan	TLP	7/1/2024	7/1/2024
Richard Andrew Eppard	TLP	10/23/2023	11/1/2023
Frances Esther French-Marcott	SP	9/11/2023	6/1/2023
Donna Graham Hammond	D	11/13/2023	11/6/2023
Frank Leslie Hare	SP	1/22/2024	12/7/2026
Rebecca Smith Harrison	E	1/1/2023	1/1/2023
Andrew Stuart Hodges	TLP	10/23/2023	8/25/2023
George Richard McCranie	TLP	3/13/2023	3/13/2023
Jadon Charles Olsen	C	11/21/2023	5/10/2023
William C. Van Meter	SP	7/31/2023	6/12/2023

Who are the Clergy to be Ordained as Deacon (§ 509) (* denotes those ordained both Deacon and Elder.)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date
Alicia Holcomb Bowman	Supply	11/25/2024	10/9/2024
Shelton Kesley Burkart	Supply	2/26/2024	9/7/2023
* Larry Rodney Burton	Transitional Local Pastor	5/20/2024	5/15/2024
Carol Ann Clarke	Candidate	9/9/2024	1/2/2023
Darren Edward Custer	Supply	9/2/2024	1/1/2024
Wesley Reid Daniels	Transitional Local Pastor	11/14/2022	1/1/2023
Robert Anthony Faircloth	Transitional Local Pastor	5/12/2023	6/12/2023
* Gary Ray Fulker	Transitional Local Pastor	5/13/2024	5/8/2024
Shelby Peyton Gilbert	Candidate	2/5/2024	1/25/2024
Jimmy Kevin Greene	Supply	10/23/2023	8/8/2023
Donna Graham Hammond	Transitional Local Pastor	11/13/2023	11/6/2023
* Frank Leslie Hare	Supply	1/22/2024	12/7/2023
Matthew Clay Harrold	Supply	1/15/2024	1/4/2024
Chad Robert Irons	Transitional Local Pastor	6/5/2023	7/2/2023
David Lloyd Joyce	Supply	3/6/2023	1/1/2023
* Larry Scott King	Transitional Local Pastor	5/19/2024	5/19/2024

Who are the Clergy to be Ordained as Deacon (§ 509) (* denotes those ordained both Deacon and Elder.)? (continued)

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date
Keith Randall Lawson	Transitional Local Pastor	4/17/2023	6/1/2023
Jadon Charles Olsen	Candidate	11/21/2023	5/10/2023
Kimberly Dawn Parker	Supply	4/29/2024	9/3/2023
* Steven Smith Parker	Candidate	5/13/2024	11/5/2023
Michael Charles Quintas	Supply	2/19/2024	4/6/2023
Robert Garry Ray	Transitional Local Pastor	9/9/2024	7/23/2024
Michael Field Sadtler	Supply	11/6/2023	10/15/2023
* Joellen Mary Simmons	Transitional Local Pastor	3/1/2025	11/7/2024
John Theodore Taylor	Transitional Local Pastor	1/9/2023	1/9/2023

Who are the Clergy for Ordained as Elder (§510) (* denotes those ordained both Deacon and Elder.)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Date Ordained Deacon
* Larry Rodney Burton	Transitional Local Pastor	5/20/2024	5/15/2024	
* Gary Ray Fulker	Transitional Local Pastor	5/13/2024	5/8/2024	
* Frank Leslie Hare	Supply	1/22/2024	12/7/2023	
Bradley Everett Hopper	Deacon	3/25/2024	5/1/2024	6/13/2009
* Larry Scott King	Transitional Local Pastor	5/19/2024	5/19/2024	
* Steven Smith Parker	Candidate	5/13/2024	11/5/2023	
Reuben Paul Rinker	Supply	5/29/2023	5/5/2023	
* Joellen Mary Simmons	Transitional Local Pastor	3/1/2025	11/7/2024	
Larris Tolson	Deacon	12/19/2022	1/1/2023	10/8/2023
Patrick David Whaley	Deacon	12/9/2024	11/20/2024	6/6/1997

Who are the Deacons in Full Membership (§ 509)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Date Ordained Deacon	Date of Senior Status
Keith W. Bradley	Deacon	3/20/2023	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	
Christopher Scott Eason	Deacon	12/12/2022	1/1/2023	6/22/2024	
Joan Ellen Fischer	Deacon	6/12/2023	6/6/2023	6/22/2024	
David Norris Helbig	Deacon	12/12/2022	12/12/2022	6/22/2024	
Jonathan Van Hunter	Senior Deacon	8/21/2023	11/6/2023	6/12/2004	8/5/2023
Freddie L. Ingle	Deacon	3/6/2023	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	
Kimberly Dawn King	Deacon	10/30/2023	10/6/2023	10/7/2023	
Johanna Chavles Miller	Deacon	6/26/2023	6/20/2023	6/8/2008	
Tabitha Wilkerson Pate	Deacon	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	
Jerry Thomas Rogers	Deacon	5/8/2023	4/30/2023	10/7/2023	
Donald Ken Sadler	Deacon	1/9/2023	1/9/2023	6/22/2024	
Lynn McDowell Smith	Deacon	9/25/2023	9/25/2023	6/22/2024	
Sheena Smith	Deacon	1/2/2023	1/2/2023	10/7/2023	
Larris Tolson	Deacon	12/19/2022	1/1/2023	10/8/2023	
Johnny Ray Tucker	Deacon	1/30/2023	1/30/2023	6/22/2024	
Leigh J. Tuttle	Deacon	11/6/2023	1/1/2024	6/14/2014	
Anthony Lee Westbrook II	Deacon	6/5/2023	7/1/2023	6/22/2024	
Patrick David Whaley	Deacon	12/9/2024	11/20/2024	6/6/1997	

Who are the Deacons on Transitional Leave (§ 518.1)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Date Ordained Deacon
Lynn McDowell Smith	Deacon	9/25/2023	9/25/2023	6/22/2024

Who are the Deacons on Voluntary Leave (§ 518.2)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Date Ordained Deacon
Johanna Chavles Miller	Deacon	6/26/2023	6/20/2023	6/8/2008

Who are the Deacon Senior Status (§ 520)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Date Ordained Deacon	Date of Senior Status
Jonathan Van Hunter	Senior Deacon	8/21/2023	11/6/2023	6/12/2004	8/5/2023

Who are the Elders in Full Membership (§ 510)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Date Ordained Deacon	Date Ordained Elder
Wade Allen Adkins	Elder	6/26/2023	6/13/2023		6/6/2014
Byron Alexander	Elder	10/3/2023	1/1/2024		6/10/1995
Nancy Nell Alexander-Storm	Elder	4/19/2023	2/12/2024		6/22/2024
David Alan Arroyo	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Steven Michael Ashby	Elder	9/11/2023	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Matthew Christopher Atha	Elder	6/13/2022	6/13/2022		7/1/1990
Richard Dale Auten	Elder	9/11/2023	8/25/2023	6/10/1977	6/11/1982
William Rufus Autry, Jr	Elder	1/9/2023	1/9/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Rocio Avila-Ramirez	Elder	2/20/2023	2/20/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Wilbur Christopher Aydtlett, Jr.	Elder	1/30/2023	1/30/2023		6/10/1992
David A. Banks	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023	6/3/1985	6/8/1987
Martha Montague Barrett	Elder	1/30/2023	1/30/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Michael R. Bass	Elder	9/18/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Stephen Travis Bazan	Elder	12/26/2023	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Ann Stone Benson	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Wendy R. Bishop	Elder	12/19/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Jesse Marty Boddie	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	4/4/2022	4/4/2022
Richard D. Booker	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023		6/16/2018
Dale W. Bost	Elder	7/10/2023	6/29/2023		6/24/2017
Gregory Bouck	Elder	11/25/2024	10/9/2024		7/13/2024
Kenneth Darrel Bowles	Elder	12/19/2022	1/1/2023		6/15/2019
John Bracey	Elder	12/19/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
David LaRay Bradley	Elder	3/20/2023	5/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Earl Franklin Bradshaw	Elder	4/3/2023	6/1/2023		6/18/2016
Brian Dale Braunschweiger	Elder	3/27/2023	6/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Adam Brinkley	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Peter Brown	Elder Senior	3/6/2023	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Ralph Steven Brown	Elder Senior	8/21/2022	8/21/2022		6/1984
Jay Buckingham	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023		6/13/2007
Richard William Buffkin	Elder	8/14/2023	10/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Roy Tate Byers	Elder Senior	9/18/2023	11/5/2023	6/11/1994	6/10/2001

Who are the Elders in Full Membership (¶ 510)? *(continued)*

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Date Ordained Deacon	Date Ordained Elder
Ronnie Ray Byrd	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Bradley Joseph Caldwell	Elder	11/28/2023	7/1/2024	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Gary Link Camp	Elder	5/8/2023	4/19/2023	6/8/2011	6/24/2017
Michael S. Capps	Elder	6/19/2023	4/17/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Michael Andrew Carr	Elder	10/16/2023	1/1/2024		6/11/2011
Walter Samuel Carter	Elder Senior	5/15/2023	5/9/2023		6/11/1981
Carlos Eduardo Castano-Mejia	Elder	8/8/2022	8/8/2022	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Paul Cecil	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Bobby Joe Chaney	Elder	6/26/2023	6/19/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Elizabeth Swaim Chaney	Elder	6/26/2023	6/19/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Jeremiah Daniel Chapman	Elder	6/26/2023	5/8/2023		10/15/2017
John Michael Check	Elder	2/19/2024	1/24/2024		6/8/1994
Eunice Chigumira	Elder	2/5/2024	1/24/2024		3/6/2008
Simon Chigumira	Elder	2/5/2024	11/26/2023		6/3/2008
Clark Davis Chilton	Elder	5/15/2023	1/1/2024		6/22/2024
Donald John Clark	Elder	2/13/2023	2/13/2023		5/2009
Jay Edward Clark	Elder Senior	1/2/2023	1/2/2023		6/6/1982
Derek Cline	Elder	2/20/2023	5/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Gary W. Clore	Elder	7/18/2022	7/18/2022		8/9/1979
Kimberly Jerrell Collins	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023		10/7/2023
Hugh Richard Compton	Elder	12/18/2023	1/7/2024		6/22/2024
Charles Michael Coppock	Elder	12/5/2022	1/1/2023		6/10/2009
Parker Allen Coppock	Elder	11/7/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Eugene Joseph Cox	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023		10/7/2023
Chad William Cozad	Elder	9/18/2023	8/28/2023		6/4/2017
Jerald Craddock	Elder	1/9/2023	1/9/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
William Michael Creech	Elder Senior	11/6/2023	10/9/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Dalma Garrell Cribb	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023		6/18/2011
Carolyn Mae CummingsWorix	Elder Senior	10/30/2023	8/8/2023		6/13/1999
Charles Curtis, II	Elder	5/8/2023	7/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Donald O'Neil Daniel	Elder	5/8/2023	4/24/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Shelton D. Davis	Elder	3/6/2023	3/6/2023		6/11/2005
Robert Floyd Dean	Elder	6/12/2023	4/27/2023		1/21/1995
Thomas Edward Deane	Elder	11/20/2023	11/8/2023		6/15/1997
Ashlee Elizabeth Decker	Elder	2/13/2023	2/13/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Jason Ray Dickerson	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Scott Allen Dodson	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023		6/10/2009
Michael Duane Dominick	Elder	6/6/2022	7/1/2022	5/31/1975	5/28/1978
Justin Clay Douglass	Elder	6/19/2023	6/10/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Anthony Meade Dowdy	Elder Senior	1/23/2023	1/23/2023		1983
Howard Dennis Draper	Elder	7/24/2023	7/17/2023		6/3/1969
William Monroe Draughn	Elder Senior	9/18/2023	10/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Barry Page Drum	Elder	1/9/2023	1/9/2023	6/1995	6/1997
John Farron Duncan	Elder	7/24/2023	1/15/2024		6/10/2009
Paul Ralph Dunham	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	6/1993	6/1997

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Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Date Ordained Deacon	Date Ordained Elder
James Berry Durham, III	Elder	6/26/2023	11/6/2023		6/5/1979
Daniel Kyle Eplee	Elder	6/5/2023	6/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Richard Eppard	Elder	10/23/2023	11/1/2023		3/24/2011
Billy Neil Ervin	Elder	8/21/2023	10/6/2023		6/8/2003
Joe Nelson Essick, Jr	Elder	5/29/2023	5/22/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
John Michael Eubanks	Elder	1/2/2023	1/1/2023		7/1998
Edward Leonard Evans	Elder	6/5/2023	5/30/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Jerry Thomas Evans	Elder Senior	7/22/2024	7/15/2024		6/12/1987
Leonard Owen Fair	Elder Senior	8/7/2023	9/1/2023	6/8/1987	6/18/1989
David Bradford Farrington	Elder	4/17/2023	5/6/2023		6/9/2002
Eugene Lloyd Feagin III	Elder Senior	7/8/2024	7/3/2024	6/2/1981	6/1/1984
Bruce Ernest Fensterbush	Elder senior	5/8/2023	4/22/2023		6/7/2003
Susanna Williams Fitch-Slater	Elder	1/9/2023	1/9/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Robert Clark Flynn	Elder	11/13/2023	11/3/2023		6/2/1975
Michael Fernand Fongemy	Elder senior	12/23/2024	12/17/2024		6/23/2012
William Randall Foster	Elder	4/17/2023	4/3/2023		6/12/1993
William Nelson Foust	Elder Senior	9/12/2022	9/12/2022		6/22/2012
John Keith Franklin	Elder Senior	6/19/2023	6/7/2023		6/10/1988
Joseph Darrell Franklin, III	Elder	10/31/2022	1/1/2023		6/16/2012
Caroline Raines Franks	Elder	6/19/2023	6/7/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Dennis Freeland	Elder	2/6/2023	2/6/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Joseph Marion Fulk, III	Elder	2/12/2024	8/7/2023		6/20/2015
Ronald Matthew Garner	Elder	6/19/2023	5/8/2023		6/24/2008
Gerald Marv Gordner II	Elder	1/2/2023	1/2/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
George Ray Gouge, III	Elder	7/18/2022	7/18/2022	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Walter Lawrence Graves	Elder	6/26/2023	9/1/2023	6/13/1990	6/10/1992
Dennis L. Gray	Elder	6/19/2023	6/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
David Lynn Green	Elder	3/6/2023	7/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Samuel Latham Grist III	Elder	10/30/2023	10/15/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Jennifer Wood Grogan	Elder	10/23/2023	11/5/2023		6/9/2007
Ronald Edward Gurganus	Elder Senior	3/27/2023	3/7/2023		6/12/2010
Jason Gregory Guyer	Elder	3/20/2023	7/28/2023		4/15/1990
Allen Harris Hale	Elder	12/22/2023	12/7/2023		11/4/2015
William Kenneth Hall, Jr	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023		6/1992
Jamie Hamrick	Elder	9/18/2023	2/27/2023		6/7/2003
Joseph B. Harding	Elder	2/26/2024	7/21/2024		6/23/1998
Michael Bryan Harrill, Jr	Elder	6/27/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Samuel Todd Harris	Elder	10/16/2023	11/6/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Prentis Harris III	Elder	2/20/2023	2/20/2023		6/18/2021
Rebecca Smith Harrison	Elder	1/1/2023	1/1/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
James H. Harry	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	6/1993	6/1996
Richard Lee Hartman	Elder	9/18/2023	9/5/2023		6/16/1988
Phillip R. Hefner	Elder	2/13/2023	1/1/2023		6/10/2007
Mark Wilson Helms	Elder	11/13/2023	8/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Juan Hernandez	Elder	3/21/2023	5/22/2023		1/15/2024

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Bobby William Herring	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
James Roy Hilburn	Elder	6/21/2023	6/21/2023		6/18/2021
Robert Elwood Hill	Elder	1/9/2023	1/9/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Perry Hines	Elder	6/26/2023	5/2/2023		5/1/1986
Susan Parter Hobbs	Elder	4/18/2024	4/18/2024	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Thurman Adair Horney Jr.	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023		6/11/2008
Kari Lewis Howard	Elder	11/14/2022	1/1/2023		6/18/2016
John Franklin Howard, Jr	Elder	2/20/2023	5/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
John Franklin Howard, Sr	Elder	3/6/2023	1/1/2023	6/6/1986	6/8/1990
Bryan Huffman	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023		6/2/2003
Chris Dwight Humphreys	Elder	2/6/2023	2/6/2023	6/2/2003	10/7/2023
Scott Emerson Ireland	Elder	10/23/2023	12/1/2023		6/11/2000
Dustin James	Elder	3/6/2023	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Timothy MacGregor James	Elder	6/5/2023	7/1/2023		6/22/2013
Anita Marie James Carnes	Elder	6/12/2023	6/5/2023	10/7/2023	6/22/2024
William Ray Jarrett	Elder	7/8/2024	7/30/2024	6/11/1994	6/14/1998
Kevin Harlow Jasper	Elder	8/21/2023	8/14/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Jonathan David Jefferies	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023		6/9/2000
Richard Lawrence Jelley, Jr	Elder	10/3/2023	7/16/2023		6/22/2022
Gregory K. Jenks	Elder	12/12/2023	1/1/2023		6/1990
Steven Coleman Jeremias	Elder	1/15/2024	3/22/2023		11/20/1988
Cody William Johnsen	Elder	3/6/2023	1/1/2024	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Jeffrey William Johnsen	Elder	2/20/2023	1/1/2023	6/11/1994	6/8/1996
Bethany Johnson	Elder	3/6/2023	5/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Fred Douglas Johnson	Elder	12/26/2023	1/1/2023		6/11/2008
Saundra G. Johnson	Elder	10/17/2022	10/17/2022	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Thomas H. Jones	Elder	12/18/2023	12/6/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Patrick Keely	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023		6/18/2021
Amy Martindale Kelly	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Michael Glenn Kelly	Elder	6/26/2023	6/7/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Joseph Brown Kennedy II	Elder	5/22/2023	4/26/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Mark Hodges Kennedy, Jr	Elder	1/2/2023	1/2/2023		6/1983
Changbae Kim	Elder Senior	1/2/2023	1/2/2023		6/13/2007
Insung Kim	Elder	4/4/2023	4/4/2023		3/27/2023
David Lewis King	Elder Senior	11/14/2022	1/1/2023		6/18/2011
James C. King	Elder	5/15/2023	7/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Andreas Olof Per Kjernald	Elder	8/12/2024	12/1/2024		5/2010
Daniel Thomas Knapp	Elder	1/9/2023	1/9/2023		7/1979
Nelson Ray Koonce	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023		7/12/2012
Christopher Neil Lakey	Elder	3/13/2023	5/6/2023		6/2015
Andy Lambert	Elder	1/2/2023	1/2/2023		1989
Michael Kojo Larbi	Elder	4/3/2023	7/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Bryan Keith Lassiter	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Christopher Vogle Leak	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023		6/18/2021
Joseph Patrick Ledford	Elder	3/6/2023	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023

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Michael Scott Lee	Elder	6/26/2023	4/20/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Evelyn McAdams Lemons	Elder	3/6/2023	8/1/2023	6/12/1993	6/10/1995
Stanley Arrington Lewis, Jr.	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023	6/10/1999	6/6/2001
George L. Locklear	Elder Senior	12/19/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Joel Garth Locklear, Jr	Elder	9/25/2023	9/13/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Patricia B. Looper	Elder Senior	5/8/2023	4/27/2023		6/14/1995
Johnny Donald Lord, Jr	Elder	2/20/2023	5/7/2023		6/21/2021
Robert Thomas Lorton, Jr	Elder	6/5/2023	5/17/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Douglas Lee Love	Elder	9/25/2023	9/15/2023		6/19/1975
John Parkhurst Love	Elder	6/26/2023	5/3/2023		6/8/1991
Herbert Lowry, Jr	Elder	1/2/2023	1/1/2023		1990
Walter Christopher Lundy, Sr	Elder	7/31/2023	7/12/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Marvin Kenneth Lyon	Elder	11/27/2023	1/1/2024		6/11/1982
Daniel Jay Lyons	Elder	1/30/2023	3/1/2023	1995	1997
Thomas Coleman Mabry	Elder	3/20/2023	3/20/2023		6/2008
Robert A. Macy	Elder Senior	3/20/2023	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Robert Lee Mangum	Elder Senior	7/31/2023	7/31/2023		6/5/1958
Andrew David Mannes	Elder	12/19/2022	1/1/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
James Thomas Martin	Elder	5/13/2024	6/1/2024	6/6/1986	6/8/1990
Beverly May Maulden	Elder	3/20/2023	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	6/22/2024
John Tim McConnell	Elder Senior	6/20/2022	6/20/2022	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Kevin Parker McCormac	Elder	5/15/2023	5/4/2023		6/20/2015
Lowell Charles McNaney	Elder	2/12/2024	10/30/2023		9/8/1990
Leyton Alan Mears	Elder	2/20/2023	7/1/2023		7/2012
Douglas William Miller	Elder	3/27/2023	5/6/2023	1992	1994
Larry Kent Miller	Elder Senior	9/11/2023	8/27/2023		6/6/2005
Mary Rowe Miller	Elder	9/11/2023	12/31/2023		6/11/1994
Stephen Walter Miller	Elder	8/15/2022	8/15/2022	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Luke Arthur Mitchell	Elder	2/20/2023	5/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
David Owen Moehring	Elder Senior	12/26/2022	1/1/2023		6/1994
Jose Javier Montanez	Elder	1/30/2023	1/30/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Joe Daniel Moore	Elder	8/14/2023	7/27/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Terry Lynn Moore	Elder	11/20/2023	1/1/2024		6/8/1991
Michael Wayne Moree	Elder	5/22/2023	5/16/2023		6/11/1994
Eric Wesley Morphis	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023	6/8/1996	6/14/1998
Matthew Craig Morris	Elder	6/5/2023	7/1/2023		6/24/2017
William Leon Morrow	Elder Senior	8/28/2023	1/1/2024		6/12/2010
Mark Trask Muckler	Elder	2/13/2023	2/13/2023		2012
Mark Douglas Murphy	Elder Senior	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Willie Elmer Murray, Jr	Elder	7/31/2023	1/1/2024	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Glenn Lewis Myers, Jr	Elder	12/22/2023	1/1/2024		6/8/1979
Elmar Karl Neuschaefer	Elder	12/19/2022	1/1/2023		6/10/2009
James Keith Newell	Elder Senior	1/15/2024	1/1/2024		6/8/1984
Thomas W. Newman	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	6/10/1996	6/14/1998
Matthew Alan Nichols	Elder	2/20/2023	2/20/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023

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Melanie T. Nichols	Elder	3/6/2023	3/6/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Thomas Moore Nichols, Sr	Elder	1/2/2023	1/2/2023		6/10/2009
Jami D. Britt Noble	Elder	9/11/2023	8/21/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
James Crispin Noble II	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023		6/14/1998
Stuart Lee Noell	Elder	1/23/2023	7/1/2023	6/8/1990	6/12/1993
David Craig Nolan	Elder Senior	5/29/2023	6/30/2023		6/8/1996
Christopher Charlie O'Briant	Elder	2/6/2023	2/6/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Robert David O'Keef	Elder Senior	7/31/2023	7/22/2023		6/5/1978
Cory Brandon Oliver	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Jock Pike Ollis	Elder	5/8/2023	11/4/2023		6/8/1990
William Abbott Olsen	Elder	10/24/2022	1/1/2023	6/7/2000	6/8/2002
Byron Lindley Osborne III	Elder	4/8/2024	4/8/2024		5/28/1991
Clarence Osborne, Jr	Elder Senior	9/12/2022	9/12/2022	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Edward Powell Osteen, Jr	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	1984	1987
Reginald Lee Oxendine, Jr	Elder	8/21/2023	1/1/2024	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Nancy A. Palmer	Elder	7/25/2022	7/25/2022	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Daniel Oscar Pantoja Salazar	Elder	7/10/2023	1/1/2023		6/2015
Eleazar L. Partida	Elder	10/3/2023	12/1/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
David Glenn Pate	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Russell Glenn Pate	Elder	5/8/2023	4/24/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Patricia Pauline Patton	Elder	2/6/2023	2/6/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
William Hill Pearsall, Sr	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
James Scott Pegan	Elder	12/5/2022	1/1/2023		6/11/2011
Steven Earl Phillippi	Elder Senior	4/17/2023	3/21/2023		6/9/1989
Robert Emasseau Pierre	Elder Senior	6/3/2024	1/3/2024		11/28/2004
Lee Roy Pittard, III	Elder	10/24/2022	1/1/2023		6/9/2001
Timothy Richard Porter	Elder	9/11/2023	1/1/2024		6/17/1985
Stephen Portner	Elder	8/5/2024	7/1/2025		6/10/1993
Dorian Powell	Elder	9/2/2024	7/22/2024		7/22/2018
James Lee Powell	Elder	1/15/2024	11/5/2023		6/18/1971
James Oakley Prichard, Jr	Elder Senior	5/8/2023	7/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Tommy Gordon Privette	Elder	8/7/2023	8/2/2023		6/6/1982
Anup Rai	Elder	9/11/2023	8/14/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
David Gordon Raiford, Sr	Elder Senior	11/13/2023	12/1/2023		6/12/2010
Timothy Reaves	Elder	1/2/2023	1/2/2023		6/9/2004
Mark Edward Reavill	Elder	3/6/2023	3/6/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Leonard Joseph Rex	Elder	1/2/2023	1/2/2023	5/23/1987	5/24/1990
Allen Clyde Ridenour	Elder Senior	5/6/2024	5/13/2024		6/15/1975
Norma Walters Roberts	Elder	12/19/2022	1/1/2023		6/1/1993
Betty Joe Gwaltney Rodgers	Elder	1/23/2023	1/23/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Robert Dan Rose	Elder	6/26/2023	6/16/2023		6/8/2002
Shannon Owens Ross	Elder	6/19/2023	8/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Richard Stephen Routh	Elder	3/13/2023	5/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Kenneth Douglas Rowe	Elder Senior	2/20/2023	5/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Arval L. Rushing	Elder Senior	8/28/2023	8/17/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023

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Jeffrey Rushing	Elder	8/28/2023	8/17/2023	06/08/1990	06/12/1993
Richard Paul Russell	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Stevan Saunders	Elder	4/3/2023	7/1/2023	10/28/2023	10/28/2023
Quentin Edward Scholtz III	Elder Senior	5/13/2024	5/4/2024	5/12/1975	6/15/1978
Bradley Howard Scott	Elder	7/31/2023	9/21/2023		6/13/1991
Ronald Worth Scott	Elder	1/9/2023	1/9/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Matthew Brandon Seals	Elder	11/7/2022	1/1/2023		6/16/2018
Timothy Michael Seigh	Elder	6/19/2023	3/23/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Kaleb Matthew Setzer	Elder	3/11/2024	3/25/2024	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Ronald Dean Setzer	Elder	5/29/2023	5/19/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Jeffrey L. Severt	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023		6/10/1996
Kenneth Bryan Sexton, Jr.	Elder	1/9/2023	1/9/2023		6/8/1994
Stephen Neill Shaw	Elder	5/29/2023	5/23/2023		6/12/1993
Robert Branson Sheets III	Elder	12/19/2022	1/1/2023	1987	1989
Jerry H. Sheffield	Elder	12/4/2023	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Thomas Warren Sherrod	Elder Senior	6/10/2024	5/28/2024		6/14/1982
Robert Shields	Elder Senior	10/3/2023	1/1/2023	6/3/1985	6/13/1990
Debra Noel Short	Elder	12/5/2022	5/6/2023		6/17/2003
Jackie L. Short	Elder Senior	4/27/2023	4/27/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Gainus Sikes	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Brian John Simmons	Elder	3/1/2025	6/1/2025		6/16/2018
Myron I Simmons	Elder Senior	12/26/2022	1/1/2023		6/19/1973
Patrick Sinclair	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Christopher Glen Smith	Elder	4/27/2023	4/7/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Michael Hugh Smith	Elder Senior	11/14/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Stephen Eugene Smith	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023		6/10/2009
Patricia Sorrell	Elder	3/13/2023	5/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Gary Timothy Sowell	Elder	3/6/2023	3/6/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Dustin Sprouse	Elder	5/22/2023	6/30/2023		6/16/2018
William Joseph Stallings	Elder	10/17/2022	1/1/2023		10/7/2023
George Barry Stallings, Sr	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
John Christopher Stein	Elder	5/8/2023	4/29/2023	6/1985	6/4/1988
Mark Dee Stephens	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023		10/7/2023
James Lynn Stephens, III	Elder	2/6/2023	2/6/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
William Marshall Stewart	Elder	11/21/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Robert Hugh Sturge	Elder Senior	6/5/2023	12/31/2023		6/16/1977
Connie Marie Stutts	Elder	12/19/2022	1/1/2023		6/9/2001
Donald Stephen Stutts	Elder	1/30/2023	1/30/2023		1998
Wade Allison Sullivan	Elder	1/9/2023	1/9/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Deborah H. Sutton	Elder	11/6/2023	10/26/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Lisa L. Tanico	Elder Senior	7/11/2022	7/11/2022	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Steven Taylor	Elder	11/20/2023	10/17/2023		6/15/2003
Donald Ray Thomas, Jr	Elder Senior	1/2/2023	1/2/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Stephanie D. Thompson	Elder	1/2/2023	1/2/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Matthew Harrison Thorley	Elder	7/11/2022	7/11/2022	10/7/2023	10/7/2023

Who are the Elders in Full Membership (§ 510)? *(continued)*

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Date Ordained Deacon	Date Ordained Elder
Deborah Spratt Toney	Elder	10/16/2023	11/5/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Joe Billy Towery, Jr	Elder	2/6/2023	2/6/2023	6/10/2001	6/7/2003
Bradley D. Treece	Elder	6/26/2023	6/6/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Richard Bowden Tuttle	Elder	8/7/2023	11/4/2023		6/22/2014
William Lynn Upchurch, Jr.	Elder Senior	6/3/2024	5/23/2024	6/10/1983	6/1987
Bruce Updyke	Elder	4/3/2023	6/1/2023		6/2013
Mary Phyllis Vail	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Robert Joseph Vale	Elder	6/10/2024	7/1/2025	6/13/2000	5/31/2002
Bradley Van Bruce	Elder	11/14/2023	11/14/2023		6/20/2015
Charmaine Van Rooyen	Elder	4/3/2023	6/1/2023		10/7/2023
William Van Wieren III	Elder	9/11/2023	11/4/2023		6/21/2014
Clifford W. Wall	Elder	3/6/2023	5/7/2023		2017
Derek Michael Warnick	Elder	6/5/2023	5/15/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
James Mark Weekley	Elder	8/7/2023	7/30/2023		6/11/1994
Charles Justin Welch	Elder	12/22/2023	5/4/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Stephen Michael Wellman	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Christopher Michael Westmoreland	Elder	11/13/2023	10/24/2023		6/11/2000
Barry Lee Weyant	Elder	2/19/2024	8/1/2023		6/16/1994
Gerald Michael Whatley	Elder	12/19/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
James K. White	Elder Senior	3/20/2023	7/1/2023		6/13/1992
David Luke Whitehead	Elder	12/19/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Natalie Culp Whitley	Elder	4/17/2023	4/7/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Sarah Nickens Williams	Elder	12/26/2022	1/1/2023		10/7/2023
Jimmy Burt Williams, Jr	Elder	3/6/2023	12/1/2023	6/7/1997	6/11/2000
Robert Lewis Wilson	Elder	11/20/2023	7/19/2023		5/7/2007
Gilliam Perry Wise	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023		6/9/2000
Harold Lee Wise	Elder	12/5/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Kerry Ronald Wood	Elder	1/30/2023	1/30/2023		6/11/2009
John Conrad Woods	Elder	5/8/2023	4/25/2023		6/1996
Linda Richards Yow	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Keyone Yu	Elder	5/13/2024	5/4/2024		6/19/2004
Charles Fredric Zickefoose, Jr	Elder	4/17/2023	3/22/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023

Who are the Elders on Transitional Leave (§ 518.1)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Date Ordained Deacon	Date Ordained Elder
Wade Allen Adkins	Elder	6/26/2023	6/13/2023		6/6/2014
Steven Michael Ashby	Elder	9/11/2023	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Gregory Bouck	Elder	11/25/2024	10/9/2024		7/13/2024
Jeremiah Daniel Chapman	Elder	6/26/2023	5/8/2023		10/15/2017
Eunice Chigumira	Elder	2/5/2024	1/24/2024		3/6/2008
Donald John Clark	Elder	2/13/2023	2/13/2023		5/2009
Jay Edward Clark	Elder	1/2/2023	1/2/2023		6/6/1982
Donald O'Neil Daniel	Elder	5/8/2023	4/24/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Richard Eppard	Elder	10/23/2023	11/1/2023		3/24/2011

Who are the Elders on Transitional Leave (§ 518.1)? (continued)

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Date Ordained Deacon	Date Ordained Elder
Rebecca Smith Harrison	Elder	1/1/2023	1/1/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Richard Lawrence Jelley, Jr	Elder	10/3/2023	7/16/2023		6/22/2022
Steven Coleman Jeremias	Elder	1/15/2024	3/22/2023		11/20/1988
Saundra G. Johnson	Elder	10/17/2022	10/17/2022	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Marvin Kenneth Lyon	Elder	11/27/2023	1/1/2024		6/11/1982
Stephen Portner	Elder	8/5/2024	7/1/2025		6/10/1993
Dorian Powell	Elder	9/2/2024	7/22/2024		7/22/2018
Thomas Warren Sherrod	Elder Senior	6/10/2024	5/28/2024		6/14/1982
Keyone Yu	Elder	5/13/2024	5/4/2024		6/19/2004

Who are the Elders on Voluntary Leave (§ 518.2)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Date Ordained Deacon	Date Ordained Elder
Walter Samuel Carter	Elder Senior	5/15/2023	5/9/2023		6/11/1981
Clark Davis Chilton	Elder	5/15/2023	1/1/2024		6/22/2024
Howard Dennis Draper	Elder	7/24/2023	7/17/2023		6/3/1969
Jonathan Gainey	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023	6/9/2025	
Kenneth Douglas Rowe	Elder Senior	2/20/2023	5/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023

Who are the Elders Senior Status (§ 520)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Date Ordained Deacon	Date Ordained Elder
Peter Brown	Elder Senior	3/6/2023	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Ralph Steven Brown	Elder Senior	8/21/2022	8/21/2022		6/1984
Roy Tate Byers	Elder Senior	9/18/2023	11/5/2023	6/11/1994	6/10/2001
Walter Samuel Carter	Elder Senior	5/15/2023	5/9/2023		6/11/1981
Jay Edward Clark	Elder Senior	1/2/2023	1/2/2023		6/6/1982
William Michael Creech	Elder Senior	11/6/2023	10/9/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
Carolyn Mae CummingsWorix	Elder Senior	10/30/2023	8/8/2023		6/13/1999
Anthony Meade Dowdy	Elder Senior	1/23/2023	1/23/2023		1983
William Monroe Draughn	Elder Senior	9/18/2023	10/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Jerry Thomas Evans	Elder Senior	7/22/2024	7/15/2024		6/12/1987
Leonard Owen Fair	Elder Senior	8/7/2023	9/1/2023	6/8/1987	6/18/1989
Eugene Lloyd Feagin III	Elder Senior	7/8/2024	7/3/2024	6/2/1981	6/1/1984
Bruce Ernest Fensterbush	Elder senior	5/8/2023	4/22/2023		6/7/2003
Michael Fernand Fongemy	Elder senior	12/23/2024	12/17/2024		6/23/2012
William Nelson Foust	Elder Senior	9/12/2022	9/12/2022		6/22/2012
John Keith Franklin	Elder Senior	6/19/2023	6/7/2023		6/10/1988
Ronald Edward Gurganus	Elder Senior	3/27/2023	3/7/2023		6/12/2010
Changbae Kim	Elder Senior	1/2/2023	1/2/2023		6/13/2007
David Lewis King	Elder Senior	11/14/2022	1/1/2023		6/18/2011
George L. Locklear	Elder Senior	12/19/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Patricia B. Looper	Elder Senior	5/8/2023	4/27/2023		6/14/1995
Robert A. Macy	Elder Senior	3/20/2023	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Robert Lee Mangum	Elder Senior	7/31/2023	7/31/2023		6/5/1958
John Tim McConnell	Elder Senior	6/20/2022	6/20/2022	10/7/2023	10/7/2023

Who are the Elders Senior Status (§ 520)? (continued)

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Date Ordained Deacon	Date Ordained Elder
Larry Kent Miller	Elder Senior	9/11/2023	8/27/2023		6/6/2005
David Owen Moehring	Elder Senior	12/26/2022	1/1/2023		6/1994
William Leon Morrow	Elder Senior	8/28/2023	1/1/2024		6/12/2010
Mark Douglas Murphy	Elder Senior	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	6/22/2024	6/22/2024
James Keith Newell	Elder Senior	1/15/2024	1/1/2024		6/8/1984
David Craig Nolan	Elder Senior	5/29/2023	6/30/2023		6/8/1996
Robert David O'Keef	Elder Senior	7/31/2023	7/22/2023		6/5/1978
Clarence Osborne, Jr	Elder Senior	9/12/2022	9/12/2022	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Steven Earl Phillippi	Elder Senior	4/17/2023	3/21/2023		6/9/1989
Robert Emasseau Pierre	Elder Senior	6/3/2024	1/3/2024		11/28/2004
James Oakley Prichard, Jr	Elder Senior	5/8/2023	7/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
David Gordon Raiford, Sr	Elder Senior	11/13/2023	12/1/2023		6/12/2010
Allen Clyde Ridenour	Elder Senior	5/6/2024	5/13/2024		6/15/1975
Kenneth Douglas Rowe	Elder Senior	2/20/2023	5/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Arval L. Rushing	Elder Senior	8/28/2023	8/17/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Quentin Edward Scholtz III	Elder Senior	5/13/2024	5/4/2024	5/12/1975	6/15/1978
Thomas Warren Sherrod	Elder Senior	6/10/2024	5/28/2024		6/14/1982
Robert Shields	Elder Senior	10/3/2023	1/1/2023	6/3/1985	6/13/1990
Jackie L. Short	Elder Senior	4/27/2023	4/27/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Myron I Simmons	Elder Senior	12/26/2022	1/1/2023		6/19/1973
Michael Hugh Smith	Elder Senior	11/14/2022	1/1/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Robert Hugh Sturge	Elder Senior	6/5/2023	12/31/2023		6/16/1977
Lisa L. Tanico	Elder Senior	7/11/2022	7/11/2022	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
Donald Ray Thomas, Jr	Elder Senior	1/2/2023	1/2/2023	10/7/2023	10/7/2023
William Lynn Upchurch, Jr.	Elder Senior	6/3/2024	5/23/2024	6/10/1983	6/1987
James K. White	Elder Senior	3/20/2023	7/1/2023		6/13/1992

Who are the Valid Deacons (§ 517)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Denomination of Ordination	Date Ordained Elder
Amy Marie McPherson	Valid Deacon	3/13/2025	7/31/2025	Baptist	7/18/2013

Who are the Valid Elders (§ 517)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Denomination of Ordination	Date Ordained Elder
James Wesley Brown	Valid Elder	2/24/2025	6/1/2024	Wesleyan/ Nazarene	6/3/2022
Yvonne Hechler	Valid Elder Senior	5/1/2023	6/26/2023	Baptist	11/13/2022
Richard Dwayne Smith	Valid Elder	3-21-2025	2-11-2025	Anglican	7/23/2017
Harold Kenneth Thompson	Valid Elder	11/25/2024	11/7/2024	Evangelical Methodist	7/16/1976

Who are the Supply Pastors (§ 512)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date
Daniel J. Burdette	Supply Pastor	10/23/2023	6/5/2023
Sherry C. Coombs	Supply Pastor	1/2/2023	1/2/2023

Who are the Supply Pastors (§ 512)? *(continued)*

Namee	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date
Randy Crowder	Supply Pastor	7/24/2023	7/19/2023
Jerry Willis Dalton	Supply Pastor	12/22/2023	1/1/2023
Frank Michael Horvath, III	Supply Pastor	3/25/2024	1/7/2024
Eric Scott Kelly	Supply Pastor	12/22/2023	12/7/2023
Don S. Johnson Logner	Supply Pastor	10/7/2024	4/1/2024
James Ira Macy	Supply Pastor	12/22/2023	11/29/2023
William Stanford Nantz, Jr	Supply Pastor	2/26/2024	6/7/2023
DL Page, Jr	Supply Pastor	10/30/2023	8/21/2023
Patrick Reh Paresso	Supply Pastor	11/10/2023	11/10/2023
Kimberly Dawn Parker	Supply Pastor	9/3/2023	3/3/2023
Timothy Patrick	Supply Pastor	10/21/2024	3/25/2024
Isaac Jiwon Ryu	Supply Pastor	12/9/2024	11/18/2024
Corbin Gonzalez Thorley	Supply Pastor	11/14/2024	11/14/2024

Who are the Transitional Local Pastors (TLP) (§ 521.2.b)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date
Wanda Capps Berrier	TLP	3/13/2023	3/13/2023
Tim James Byrd	TLP	10/3/2023	9/15/2023
Carmen Liliana Castillo Africano	TLP	4/17/2023	3/27/2023
Rebecca Lynn Chapman	TLP	11/14/2022	1/1/2023
Michael Jacob Edmondson	TLP	12/26/2022	1/1/2023
Timothy Gibson Fitch	TLP	12/12/2022	1/1/2023
Timothy E. Fraley	TLP	2/20/2023	2/20/2023
Robert Antony Griffin	TLP	9/19/2024	1/12/2025
Curtis Lee Hammock	TLP	11/20/2023	8/28/2023
Judy Chandler Jeremias	TLP	4/27/2023	3/29/2023
Kevin D. Kurtz	TLP	5/22/2023	5/8/2023
Brenda Valley Lewis	TLP	9/11/2023	1/1/2023
Harvey Dean Martin	TLP	3/6/2023	1/1/2023
Todd Matthew McMillen	TLP	12/26/2022	1/1/2023
Gregory Miles Meadows, Sr	TLP	7/24/2023	7/19/2023
Thomas Michael Melton	TLP	12/19/2022	1/1/2023
Vanlene Williams Nelson	TLP	1/9/2023	1/9/2023
Joshua William Nichols	TLP	2/6/2023	2/6/2023
Steven Patrick Roberts	TLP	12/4/2023	10/23/2023
Donald Ken Sadler	TLP	1/9/2023	1/9/2023
Marty Lee Sellers	TLP	12/26/2022	1/1/2023
Kenneth Edward Sides	TLP	2/20/2023	2/20/2023
David Bryant Singletary	TLP	4/29/2024	1/1/2024
Timothy Reid Sink	TLP	8/19/2024	8/12/2024
Rebecca Lassiter Turner	TLP	12/26/2022	1/1/2023
Joey Wayne Webb Jr.	TLP	12/4/2023	11/28/2023
John A. Williams Jr.	TLP	12/26/2022	1/1/2023
Jennifer Louise Wise	TLP	12/26/2022	3/6/2023
Joel Aaron Wise	TLP	3/6/2023	3/6/2023
Robert Wayne Wood	TLP	2/27/2023	2/27/2023

Who are the Laity Approved for Transitional License Pending an Appointment (§ 521.2.b)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date
Nada Diana Bobbitt	Laity	7/17/2023	7/6/2023
Jerry Lee Clark	Laity	6/19/2023	6/11/2023
Melody Ann Duncan	Laity	5/6/2024	1/1/2025
Samuel Ludiger Ferreira	Laity	5/20/2024	5/7/2024
Natalie Gonzalez	Laity	11/18/2024	3/7/2025
George Richard McCranie	Laity	3/13/2023	3/13/2023
La Tonye Pleasant Torain	Laity	6/24/2024	6/4/2024

Who are the Transitional Local Pastors (TLP) To Be Discontinued (§ 521.2.b)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date
Judy Cline Billings	Laity	12/5/2022	1/1/2023
Christina Marie Christianson	Laity	1/2/2023	1/2/2023
Marty Greerr	Laity	10/30/2023	7/1/2024

Who are the Extension Ministers Appointed?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Paragraph
Rocio Avila-Ramirez	Social Worker for Children Advocacy	2/20/2023	2/20/2023	¶ 610.10
Bradley Van Bruce	US Army Chaplain, Germany	12/16/2024	11/14/2023	¶ 610.10
Dalma Garrell Cribb	Director of Church and Clergy Services	1/1/2023	1/1/2025	¶ 610.10
Shelton Davis	Pastoral Counselor	3/6/2023	3/6/2023	¶ 610.10
Frank Leslie Hare	Interim Pastor	1/22/2024	12/7/2023	¶ 610.9
Prentice Trey Harris	Appointed outside the Local Church	2/20/2023	2/20/2023	¶ 610.10
Andy Lambert	Evangelist	1/2/2023	1/2/2023	¶ 514
Anup Rai	Missionary to Thailand	9/11/2023	8/14/2023	¶ 515
Brian Simmons	Traveling Interim Pastor	3/1/2025	4/23/2025	¶ 610.9
Joellen Simmons	Traveling Interim Pastor	3/1/2025	4/23/2025	¶ 610.9
Robert Wilson	US Army South Carolina Guard	11/20/2023	7/19/2023	¶ 610.10

Who are the Received From Other Denomination (§ 516)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Previous Denomination
Gregory Bouck	Elder	10/9/2024	10/9/2024	Wesleyan
Bradley Caldwell	Elder	7/1/2024	6/3/2024	Salvation Army
Darren Custer	Supply Pastor	1/1/2024	1/1/2024	EARCCC
Jimmy Kevin Greene	Supply Pastor	10/23/2023	8/8/2023	Christian National Church
Frank Hare	Supply Pastor	1/22/2024	12/7/2023	Assemblies of God
Matthew Harrold	Supply Pastor	1/4/2024	1/5/2024	Southern Baptist
Andreas Olof Per Kjernald	Elder	11/7/2024	12/31/2024	UMC Norway
Dorian Powell	Elder	7/22/2024	7/22/2024	Free Methodist

Who are the Transferred In From Another Conference (§ 521.3)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Conference
Stevan Saunders	Elder	4/3/2023	7/1/2023	Great Lakes

Who are the Transferred To Another Conference (§ 521.3)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Membership Withdrawn from NC	New Conference Membership
Walter Gene Bragg	Elder	2/20/2023	2/20/2023	7/22/2024	Mid-South
Young Wan Choi	Elder	5/29/2023	5/21/2023	6/30/2024	Korean
Marcus Jason Mills	Elder	10/24/2022	10/24/2022	7/3/2024	Mid Texas
Lonnie Pittman	Elder	4/3/2023	11/1/2023	5/15/2025	South Carolina
Suzannah Pittman	Elder	4/3/2023	11/1/2023	5/28/2025	South Carolina
Angela A. Pleasants	Elder	4/25/2022	5/1/2022	7/2/2024	South Carolina
James Christian Stratton	Elder	2/20/2023	2/20/2023	2/10/2025	Mid-South
Johnny Tucker	Deacon	1/30/2023	1/30/2023	4/27/2025	Heartland

Who are the Deceased (§ 207.6)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Membership Withdrawn from GMC
Raymond Lewis Burkart	Supply/TBO Deacon	1/1/2023	1/1/2023	3/28/2025
Jerry Dean Lewis	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023	11/26/2024

Who are the GMC Membership Withdrawn (§ 207.6)?

Name	Status	Date Admitted	Effective Date	Membership Withdrawn from GMC
Matthew Barcon Borbor	Elder Senior	12/16/2024	7/1/2024	1/29/2025
Rhonda Turner Campbell	Elder	7/15/2024	5/30/2024	2/13/2025
Juan Pablo Castano Castillo	Supply	1/2/2025	11/25/2024	5/31/2025
Jason Dickerson	Elder	12/12/2022	1/1/2023	5/31/2025
Diane Patrice Harper	Elder	2/26/2024	2/26/2024	6/7/2024
Nelson Warren High	Supply Pastor	12/26/2022	1/1/2023	5/18/2025
Paul David Larrimore	Transitional Local Pastor	2/5/2024	1/22/2024	5/31/2024
Vanesa C McIntyre	Transitional Local Pastor	6/12/2023	5/24/2023	7/21/2024
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Status	Sacramental Privilege	Marriages*	Funerals	Annual Conference
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<i>Inactive Elder</i>	Yes			<i>Voice. No vote.</i>
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<i>Inactive Supply</i>	No			<i>No voice. No vote.</i>
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Cabinet

“Love is patient, love is kind... It always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”
—1 Corinthians 13:4, 7

These words from 1 Corinthians 13 capture the spirit of Holy Love that I believe we, as a cabinet, have embodied and centered our work around during this season. Since our last Annual Conference gathering, the cabinet has experienced several transitions and shifts in focus and process—all in service to our shared mission of connecting pastors and churches to spread scriptural holiness across North Carolina.

Our primary focus remains the care of the local church and its need for faithful pastoral leadership. This calls us into a continual season of discernment and appointment-making as we seek to discover whom God is calling to serve the churches of the North Carolina Conference. This work is rooted in trust, hope, and perseverance.

Over the past year, we have experienced meaningful transitions in both leadership and structure. In January, we gave thanks for the faithful ministry of Rev. Gil Wise, whose leadership in our formative years continues to bless us. With the prayerful support of the cabinet, Rev. Matt Seals stepped into the role of dean, and Rev. Kerry Wood began serving as our secretary.

We have also made structural changes to align more closely with the *Book of Doctrine and Discipline* of the Global Methodist Church. Previously, North Carolina was unique in referring to members of the cabinet as Lead Presiding Elders, while others—those leading district circles—were called *Presiding Elders*. After conversations with Bishop Greenway, we unified our titles: cabinet members are now simply called Presiding Elders, and those leading circles are now known as *Circle Leaders*. Importantly, we have also opened the door for qualified individuals who are not elders to serve as Circle Leaders. These changes are significant and will take time to fully implement, but we are excited about the direction God is leading us and the fruit we trust will come from these adjustments.

The work of the cabinet requires patience, intentionality, and deep, prayerful conversation. We remind ourselves often that appointments are not made by us alone, but through the guidance of the Holy Spirit working in and through the churches and pastors. To support this discernment, we have updated our appointment processes and continue to encourage a spirit of prayer from the moment a profile is submitted to the final confirmation of an appointment by the bishop. Every step should be saturated in prayer and love.

We are part of a movement of renewal—a movement meant to help people encounter the crucified and risen Jesus Christ and to bear witness to the transformation that results from such an encounter. Our prayer is that, through a Spirit-centered appointment process, churches will continue to spread scriptural holiness through strong, Spirit-led partnerships between pastors and congregations.

Across the districts of the North Carolina Conference, we have seen Holy Love in action. For example, across the state, churches and circles have come together to collect hurricane relief supplies for Western NC. During our fall retreat in Valle Crucis, the cabinet had the opportunity to participate in relief efforts, thanks to the leadership of Rev. Jock Ollis at Minneapolis Methodist Church. Situated on high ground, the church served as a food and supply bank for the community. The cabinet helped organize the space to make it more accessible for those in need. We also met with teachers who had been displaced from their flooded classrooms and were using the retreat center as a temporary learning space. Moved by their resilience, the cabinet felt led to offer gifts to support them when they return to their classrooms.

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I want to take a moment to thank each member of the cabinet for the great work that they do in faithfully serving their districts while also faithfully serving the local church. If you see a cabinet member, be sure to thank them, pray for them, pray with them, and encourage them.

Let us go forth, sharing the Holy Love of God and trusting that through the Holy Spirit working in us, lives will be transformed. That is the focus of your cabinet. With your prayers and your help we will continue to live out the patient and kind love of God, we will trust in God who has a future with hope for us, and we will persevere in doing the work you have entrusted to us.

*In Christ,
Rev. Matt Seals
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Work continues on many of these initiatives and more as we seek God's direction. Our goal is to be a nimble team whose work is based on a regular practice of prayer and deep consideration. We seek to make decisions in a timely manner as our conference experiences rapid growth, and we desire to honor God in all that we do. May God be glorified in every pew, every chair, every building, every service, and every heart in our conference as we watch over each other in love and take the Gospel to the ends of the earth!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dr. Tom Mabry
Chair – NC GMC Conference Leadership Team

Associate Conference Superintendent

It is beyond words to describe all that has happened since we last met and this is a snapshot. As the Associate Conference Superintendent, I serve Christ by serving the churches of the conference, upholding the doctrines and discipline of the GMC, while working with the Conference Superintendent to connect and structure our conference to fulfill the mission of the GMC, “to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.”

In working with the leaders of the conference, the vision of the GMC, “to multiply disciples of Jesus Christ who flourish in scriptural holiness,” is encouraged through empowering lay ministries and pathways to increase church vitality, church planting, and global partnerships. Collaborating with and encouraging lay ministries, participating with the prayer team and the Annual Conference planning task force, offering insights and visioning with the cabinet and the conference leadership team, encouraging missions and communications all for the continued formation and forward movement of the conference are just some of the ways I serve.

It has been a pleasure to visit congregations across the state, to proclaim the gospel, and present the growth of the conference. Invitations to preach and administer the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper; celebrating homecomings, anniversaries, new members and first steps into the GMC; participating in laity convocations, special services, preaching at district events, and even a camp meeting have been priceless. I am an eyewitness and promoter of the revival in our movement.

I consider it a ministry highlight and an honor to have been entrusted to chair the NC delegation to the Convening General Conference in Costa Rica. We were able to get NC delegates into positions of significant leadership roles in this historic conference. The exhilaration and joy of this time was met with devastation and sorrow upon return home because of Hurricane Helene. Such enormous need coupled with the volume of servants across our connection, many from new friendships formed at the General Conference, made it necessary for a qualified disaster response team to be formed. I’m thankful for those who were quick to respond and to those who were ready to step up when called to join the efforts.

I serve as a member of the Committee on Approval, an appointed committee of the Ministry and Higher Education Commission of the GMC. I was able to represent the GMC of NC as a panelist at the “Future Faithful” event presented by Wesley Biblical Seminary.

It is a treasure to receive calls from those needing prayer, a sounding board, discernment, or just a listening ear. Offering prayer, hope in the scriptures, vision for our future or building a pathway of reconciliation in times of conflict are some of the ways I fulfill the task to “watch over one another with love.” Our conference theme this year is: “Holy Love: God Initiates, We Respond.” 1 John 3:1 reminds us that the Father has lavished His love on us and called us His children if we have turned to Him. We celebrate that God has initiated His grace toward us and gives opportunity to respond. May we all respond with the love of Christ shed abroad in our hearts to spur one another on to love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24) in the year ahead.

*Rev. Kari Howard,
Associate Conference Superintendent*

Conference Superintendent

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Since we last gathered as the Annual Conference, the General Conference of the Church clarified our mission. We are to make disciples of Jesus Christ, and we are to spread scriptural holiness across the globe. Such a mission is biblical; it is demanding; and it requires our intentionality.

Seeking to focus on the priorities of our connection moves us toward faithful fulfillment of this mission.

- Biblical teaching and preaching – disciples are formed and shaped by the right study and application of holy Scripture. It is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- Transformational and accountable discipleship – the task given the Church by Jesus her Lord. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Multiplication by evangelism and new church development – the first component to disciple-making is being confident in the Gospel as the power of God unto salvation to all who believe. (Romans 1:16) The second component is sharing the Gospel with an invitation to repentance from sin and faith in Jesus Christ. A third component is the incorporation of believers into the Body of which Jesus is the head.
- Global partnerships – these are a means to being faithful to the commission to “all the nations.” (Matthew 28:19)
- Ministry to all people – God loves the world, (John 3:16) and so too ought we. Jesus came to seek and to save the lost regardless of their race or station. (Luke 19:10) He tore down the dividing barrier and made peace. (Ephesians 2:14-15)

It is essential that we clarify what we mean by “disciple.” In our new denomination, we must expect and plan for the growth in grace of each person in our churches. We must teach every person to deny oneself, take up the cross, and follow Jesus. (Mark 8:34) Such an expectation and plan brings us to consider “scriptural holiness” which is not clearly understood among us.

For me, scriptural holiness is the full appropriation of the atonement of Christ to the entirety of one’s life, and the church’s life by disciplined use of the means of grace that one might in any moment, perfectly love God and love one’s neighbor.

“Holiness” bespeaks the goal; “scriptural holiness” bespeaks the means. Mr. Wesley found it bewildering that one “should ever dream of shaking off his old opinions, passions, tempers, of being ‘sanctified throughout in spirit, soul, and body’ without the constant and continued course of general self-denial.” (Circumcision of the Heart, II.8) Those who practice self-denial make use of the outward means ordained of God for the conveying of grace to our souls. (cf. The Means of Grace, I.1) Self-denial and the use of the means of grace are inseparable in a Wesleyan understanding of following Jesus. The habitual application of the means of grace is not the sign that one is holy, nor is it proof that one is a disciple. It is a means to holiness and mature discipleship. For a sign, we look for love of God and love of neighbor. Because the one who loves God obeys God, and the one who love one’s neighbor seeks the neighbor’s eternal good, those who are disciples make disciples. As my friend says, the evidence of a disciple is another disciple.

In North Carolina, we must intend this work. In North Carolina, we have begun this work. In North Carolina, we must continue this work.

Rev. David Banks,
Conference Superintendent

Church Vitality

We are incredibly excited about the work of the Global Methodist Church in the North Carolina Conference in partnership with Church Answers. Our inaugural year is to work with 41 churches selected across different regions, ministry contexts, and sizes. All of them were selected as they demonstrated momentum for growth, potential for increased church health, significant impact in their respective communities, and a willingness to participate in this focused learning community with an investment of time and resources. The churches were recommended by Presiding Elders and evaluated by a Church Revitalization Task Force that served as an extension of the Cabinet, who also finalized selection.

It is our hope and prayer that the approach of this learning community can be replicated in all of the 400+ churches of the NC Conference. This is one of the first opportunities of its kind where a new denominational entity can influence so many churches early in the organization's life. The chief components of the learning community are:

Intensive Coaching and Consultation for Pastors

This focus is the main priority during our time together. Each month, the 4 cohorts gather twice a month via Zoom for an intensive coaching hour covering a specific topic focused on revitalization. Church Answers assigns team members to serve as consultant/coach and facilitator for each monthly session. The areas covered are:

January: Introductions, expectations, and path for 2025.

February: Prayer and spiritual warfare in the local church.

March: The disciple pathway for your church, part 1.

April: The disciple pathway for your church, part 2.

May: The new member entry point for your church.

June: Understanding your community (each pastor will get a Know Your Community report).

August: Why groups are essential for your church.

September: The importance of having a Guest Services ministry in your church.

October: Understanding generosity to fund your church's ministry.

November: Putting it all together.

Each pastor is encouraged to make these sessions a priority, though they are recorded for those who absolutely must miss a session. Virtual office hours for all 12 months are included where team members will provide times when pastors can drop in virtually, ask questions, and get further insights.

Support for Church Leaders

Each pastor has been encouraged to recruit three people from his or her church. One person will be a partner leader in this project with the pastor. The pastor will share everything about the project with the revitalization partner. This person is welcome to come to any of the meetings the pastor desires. The second person recruited is someone in the church who has a background and/or passion for stewardship. The stewardship partner will be coached by one of the Church Answers team members who is an expert in church stewardship. Finally, the pastor recruits someone in the church who leads or could lead a hospitality (welcome) ministry. Church Answers provides a coach for this person as well.

Prayer and Evangelism Support

The Hope Initiative is a Church Answers prayer and evangelism support resource that has been made available to each participant to use within their congregation. A local community demographics report is also made available to each church leadership team.

Participating Churches for 2025

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Amy Kelly - Mr Carmel, Pikeville, Goldsboro District
Justin Welch - Temple Hill, Ronda, Statesville District
Wesley Daniels - Cornerstone, Edenton, Edenton District
David Nolan - Shiloh, Claremont, Hickory District
Greg Meadows - Asbury Community, Cove City, New Bern District
Marv Gordner - Black's Chapel, Dunn, Fayetteville District
Michael Larbi - Union, Lillington, Fayetteville District
Tim Fitch - Clarks Bethel, Salvo, Edenton District

COHORT 2 - 75-150 Worship Attendance

Michael Coppock - Bailey/Mt Pleasant, Bailey, Raleigh District
Cris Noble - Trinity, Belhaven, Washington District
Shelton Burkart - Zion, Norlina, Durham District
David Bradley - Providence, Statesville, Statesville District
Susie Fitch-Slader - Bethany, Wanchese, Edenton District
Jim King - Triplett, Mooresville, Statesville District
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Cory Oliver - Orange Chapel, Chapel Hill, Burlington District
Mark Weekly - The Road, Mint Hill, Concord District

COHORT 3 - 150-300 Worship Attendance

Jeff Severt - Saulston Community, Goldsboro, Goldsboro District
Jeremiah Chapman - Mt Zion, Hurdle Mills, Burlington District
Kerry Wood - Goldston, Goldston, Siler City District
Chris Eason - Lake Waccamaw, Lake Waccamaw, Wilmington District
Jason Guyer - Mays Chapel, Hickory, Hickory District
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- Approved \$10,000 to the Kentucky conference for disaster recovery
- Approved proposal for an executive assistant position to support the conference superintendent and the associate conference superintendent; a group was formed to define the proposal and recommend a search process

May 2025

- Approved \$25,000 to assist Providence Methodist Church in Asheville with pastor benefits beyond salary
- Subgroup formed to assist Greg Jenks with a proposal related to the leadership of global partnerships
- Approved regional seminars on church planting with Steve Cordell of the River Network, beginning in Asheville in September.

Work continues on many of these initiatives and more as we seek God's direction. Our goal is to be a nimble team whose work is based on a regular practice of prayer and deep consideration. We seek to make decisions in a timely manner as our conference experiences rapid growth, and we desire to honor God in all that we do. May God be glorified in every pew, every chair, every building, every service, and every heart in our conference as we watch over each other in love and take the Gospel to the ends of the earth!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dr. Tom Mabry
Chair – NC GMC Conference Leadership Team

Disaster Response

Press On, NC GMC!

Disaster Response in the Wake of Hurricane Helene

“Press On!” was the theme and rallying cry of the 2024 Annual Conference which carried us into the Convening Global Methodist Church in Costa Rica. For Jeff Brotherton and Greg Grabbs—delegates to the conference and co-chairs of the NC GMC Disaster Relief ministry—those words quickly became a call to action.

As the North Carolina delegation returned home on September 26, 2024, Hurricane Helene was slamming into Florida and shifting course toward Georgia, South Carolina, and Western North Carolina. Jeff Brotherton found himself stranded in Atlanta as flights to Asheville, Charlotte, and Greenville-Spartanburg were canceled. Rental car agencies refused one-way rentals into affected areas.

“The last communication I had with my wife was Friday afternoon—then everything went dark,” said Brotherton. “By the grace of God, I connected with Steve and Jill Mann, members of my church—Plains Methodist—who were nearby for their daughter’s graduation. They gave me a ride home.”

As they drove north, the storm’s destruction became clearer. By the time they crossed the Saluda Gap into Western North Carolina, it was undeniable—entire communities were devastated. When Jeff arrived home on Sunday, September 29, power and cell service were out, trees were down, landslides had blocked roads, and floodwaters lingered.

“I made sure my family was safe, then immediately began assessing where help was needed,” Jeff recalled. “My suitcase from Costa Rica sat unpacked for nearly three weeks as I worked 10–14-hour days, being the hands and feet of Jesus.”

Under the leadership of Pastor Farron Duncan, Plains Methodist became a hub of relief—offering food, water, shelter, generators, clothing, and non-perishables. This effort continued for months.

Support poured in from across the NC Global Methodist Church. “We had churches from Elizabeth City, Morehead City, Tabor City—and nearly every GMC church between there and WNC—responding,” said Jeff. “Our fellowship hall became a distribution center, and as quickly as supplies arrived, they were sent into the community.”

Eight months later, recovery continues. Some families are still living in campers, hotels, or makeshift shelters—waiting on aid from FEMA and state and local agencies. One mother with two children has endured winter and now summer in a pop-up camper, a testament to the resilience of mountain communities.

Thanks to generous donations from GMC churches across North Carolina and the nation, recovery efforts persist. Tiny home villages have emerged, donated campers have found families, and shed homes—built by GMC volunteers—are providing shelter and hope.

The work continues. And we, the NC GMC, will continue to Press On.

*Jeff Brotherton,
Disaster Response Co-Chair*

Disaster Response *(continued)*

In the aftermath of devastating storms that impacted Western North Carolina, our GMC family near and far mobilized to provide emergency shelter and rebuilding assistance through a partnership with Cabins4Christ (C4C), Samaritans Purse, Baptist on Mission, Habitat for Humanity, SouthEast Propane Alliance, Carolina Mule Packers, United Carolina Cavalry, and High Country Children's Foundation. This report details our response efforts, highlighting how God's power sustained and guided our ministry through times of despair, transforming both the lives of disaster victims and the hearts of our volunteers.

Our Commitment and Impact

Financial and Physical Investment

- **Funding Commitment:** 25 cabins fully funded, we have distributed supplies, propane, aid, housing, fuel, food, and rebuild material totaling over \$700,000 of the 1.3 million donated across the nation!
- **Direct Construction:** 12 cabins built by GMC church volunteers either at their church or our partner location below.
- **Partnership Location:** Providence Church in Forest City provided exceptional facilities for our building teams hosting over 100 volunteers from 10 different states.
- **Local Impact:** Direct service in Swannanoa and surrounding communities via equipment support: heavy equipment operations for debris clearing and road access restoration.

Our disaster response revealed the beautiful truth of the priesthood of all believers as volunteers from diverse backgrounds united in service:

- **Relationship Building:** Circle groups formed naturally as teams worked together
- **Hospitality Ministry:** Providence Church teams and visiting volunteers created lasting bonds
- **Local Partnerships:** Relationships formed with storm-impacted locals who continued serving others before addressing their own property damage

Expressions of Christ's Love

The cabins became more than temporary shelter; they were transformed into homes through:

- Handmade quilts crafted with love
- Custom curtains for windows
- Wooden crosses as reminders of hope
- Bibles placed in each dwelling
- Countless thoughtful gifts that spoke of Christ's care

Addressing Hidden Wounds

Local volunteers, having poured themselves into relief efforts for months, began opening up about:

- Post-traumatic stress disorder
- Depression and mental health struggles
- Daily stress from harsh elements and regulatory restrictions This vulnerability created opportunities for pastoral care and demonstrated that even those who serve carry burdens requiring Christ's healing touch.

Ongoing Ministry Expansion

Active construction and volunteer camps established in:
Banner Elk, Newland, Canton, Spruce Pines, Morganton

Strategic Partnerships

SEPA (Southeastern Propane Alliance): Crucial partnership providing fuel distribution and donating 100,000 gallons of propane to Western North Carolina relief efforts.

Leadership Development:

We have completed DRT training manuals and are equipping trainers for deployment to local churches to train volunteers. This will ensure safety for our conference and each volunteer and helps us strengthen our ability to serve alongside organizations on the ground, especially during the early phases.

Conclusion: His Will Be Done

This disaster response ministry exemplifies how God transforms tragedy into testimony, despair into hope, and individual suffering into community strength. Through our volunteer partnerships locally, as well as our other Annual Conferences support, we have witnessed the power of God prevailing in the darkest circumstances.

As we expand into new locations and train additional leaders, we move forward with the confidence that His will shall be done, and His people will continue answering the call to serve those in greatest need.

Our volunteers have experienced firsthand that in serving the least of these, we serve Christ Himself. This ministry has not only provided shelter for the homeless, but has also provided spiritual homes for volunteers whose faith has been deepened through sacrificial service.

“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’” - Matthew 25:40

Greg Grabbs
Disaster Response Co-Chair

Western NC Disaster Response Update

by the Disaster Response Team of the North Carolina Global Methodist Church:

Grace and peace to all! We appreciate the wonderful response from churches across North Carolina and across the Global Methodist Church! We wanted to detail where we've been working, and what the direction is going forward.

A Summary of our Efforts: **Spring of 2025.**

To date we have received donations from the following 21 states: Alabama, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Montana, Mississippi, New Jersey, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina. We have received a total of \$1,304,458.01.

These funds are being used to purchase and distribute:

- *Gift cards for basic needs and fuel
- *Clothing and Showering needs
- *Food/meals to provide for those in need when the Community Kitchen in Canton was destroyed
- *\$42,000 to Eight Days of Hope to assist with meal prep and beginning housing work
- *\$50,000 to Minneapolis Methodist Church providing food and clothing needs, cleanup and rebuilding materials
- *\$36,500 to Plains Methodist Church for assisting families with home repairs, food, rental assistance
- *\$125,000 to Cabins4Christ for building 25 cabins / temporary housing
- *\$40,000 to the Southeast Propane Alliance for the distribution of propane
- *\$2,500 in additional gift cards to distribute to individuals to assist with basic needs
- *\$150,000 to Mountain Projects (assistance with disaster response, unmet needs, winter warmth, etc)
- *50,000 to United Carolina Cavalry for SAR, mobilization of resources, aid, air support
- *50,000 to High Country Children's Foundation for mobilization of resources,

What's next?

Continue to watch the weekly Conference Newsletter for updates, as well as our social media pages. To sign up for the newsletter, go to ncglobalmethodist.org.

WORKTEAMS: We are developing plans for training and deploying our own workteams ALONG WITH partnering with established ministry partners. For more information, contact Greg Grabbs: 336-583-5557, Greg.Grabbs@NCGlobalMethodist.org



temporary housing, & county Christmas drive

- *\$100,000 to Mountain Strong for disaster relief in Yancy and Mitchell counties.
- *\$40,000-60,000 for material to construct temporary cabin homes
- *Additional funds to NC GM Church work teams to rebuild and repair.

Giving to the Relief Effort

Financial contributions are the best form of help so that we may be responsive to changing needs. 100% of your donations are going to fund help for people in need. (Any administrative costs of ours are being raised elsewhere.) Online monetary donations can be made here:

<https://www.NCGlobalMethodist.org/disaster-response>

Checks may be made payable to NCAC and mailed here: Carolyn Hindel, PO Box 667, Kings Mountain, NC 28086. Please put "Disaster Response" in the memo line on the check.

Please do not designate giving to a specific relief effort, so that funds are not tied up when needs change.



Hurricane Helene
Direct Online

Summary of Disaster Relief Operations by Plains Methodist Church of Canton

From our co-chair Jeff Brotherton:

Plains Methodist Church launched disaster relief efforts on September 30, 2024, in response to Hurricane Helene, and continues supporting the community. The initial 10 days were especially challenging due to widespread power, internet, and cellular outages, a shift to an all-cash economy, and fuel and food shortages

worsened by flooded roads, landslides, and misinformation.

Key Relief Activities:

- Partnered with Eight Days of Hope to provide mass feeding operations: over 15,000 meals served in 21 days.
- Assisted in establishing two warehouses for supplies: one for individual needs and basic necessities and another for agricultural aid; feed, hay, fencing, etc.
- Acted as a supply hub for multiple Global Methodist churches and NGOs.
- Hosted three clothing/supply giveaways and operated a 24/7 on-call assistance system.
- Delivered meals to frontline workers and muck-out crews.
- Coordinated pack mules and ATVs to reach remote or isolated communities.
- Distributed alternative heating sources and generators, especially critical during January 2025's extreme cold (single-digit nights).
- Provided blankets, firewood, and propane to those living in tents or makeshift homes.
- Coordinated delivery of five donated campers to displaced families.
- Distributed thousands of dollars in gift cards to quickly meet urgent needs for fuel, food, and supplies.

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What we're working on now:

From co-chair Greg Grabbs:

- Identified conference disaster response teams and resources.
- Coordinating supplies & donation distribution efforts
- Development of conference training program and oversight of volunteers
- Organizing base camp facilities for volunteers
- Coordinating resources and volunteer efforts meeting the basic needs of housing, heat source, and infrastructure.
- Organization and oversight of local volunteer coalition group efforts serving Swannanoa, Chimney Rock, Bat Cave, Black Mtn.
- Distribution of fuel funding for volunteer efforts
- Oversight of cabin build project: volunteer & materials
- Coordinating recovery efforts

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**We thank you for
your gifts, prayers,
and service in the
aftermath of
Hurricane Helene!**

Long's Chapel Church Also Reports:

Long's Chapel Methodist Church (a GMC Community) reports:

- Hosted 8 days of Hope for 3 weeks in October and November serving more than 3200 persons in disaster response with debris, damages, and disaster recovery. Providing meals for displaced, those without power and water, work teams, and search and rescue teams.
- Coordinated with Search, Rescue, and Recovery teams and provided space for staging and basic hospitality.
- Provided 8 community meals in the days following the hurricane serving a total of 2500 people with food, beverages and a place to charge cell phones, take showers and do laundry.
- Worked with 24 other teams or individuals through the winter and spring on projects for tear-out and clean-up or site prep.
- Helping to rebuild homes, churches, schools, and businesses.
- Coordinating disaster mental health care.
- Coordinating the obtaining of materials and supplies for teams and families affected by the disaster.
- Placed 7 families in campers and coordinated to provide heat and more than 1600 tanks of propane.
- Coordinating 20 teams of 600+ persons to come and work this summer on 85 rebuild sites and many ministry sites.
- Coordinating materials and donations for the rebuild. Still needing campers for temporary living while homes are being rebuilt.
- Longs Chapel has already spent probably around 100k of direct dollars towards immediate disaster assistance to affected families.

Any continued support for this community will be vital. Those who are back to normal are but so many still struggling in so many ways.

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Finance & Administration

The word of God for us the people of God from Philippians 1:3-6:

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

God initiates. We respond.

It has often been said about our new denomination, and specifically our Annual Conference, that we are building the plane while flying it. As we travel further along our journey, additional pieces are added to our skeletal structure. We have come a great distance since January 1, 2023, but our structure is not yet complete. Your Conference Finance & Administration Committee continues our diligent work to produce policies and procedures for our Conference life.

As our denomination has been convened and we have moved out of the transitional phase, we can move forward with a greater sense of structural stability. Missionally, we have partnered with Ugandan brothers and sisters to support their new beginning. At the same time, we have been blessed by the generosity from across the Conference and the connection in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. We have been blessed and entrusted with over \$700,000 of the Lord's funds to love our neighbors in need. We praise the Lord for these resources along with teams of volunteer servant ministers who have been and will continue to respond to the disaster. In response to this blessing, the Conference has established a Disaster Response Team for administration and coordination of our outreach to western North Carolina. Together, we are funding the administrative cost from our Conference budget to ensure 100% of the designated gifts are employed for direct neighbor assistance. As our Lord Jesus told us, *"To whom much is given, much will be required"* (Luke 12:48).

With the added stability, we will be able to sow seeds for new church starts, local church vitality, and the equipping of clergy to lead in disciple-making and spreading Scriptural holiness. Additionally, our conference is moving out of the transitional phase with respect to honoring and compensating the few who do the work on behalf of many. Due to the generosity of our churches contributing their Connectional Giving, the Conference is now able to reimburse the expenses of committee members and presiding elders who have sacrificially served in our start-up. We are also granting stipends to our presiding elders in appreciation for their extra hours and energy as they work for the vitality of their district's local churches. We are appreciative of the local churches who have supplemented the Conference by covering the expenses of their pastors and laity serving in Conference roles during our transitional time.

At the 2024 Annual Conference, a practice of tithing the previous year's Connectional Funding was announced and implemented. In 2024, the North Carolina people called Methodist contributed \$80,000 to the start-up of the Global Methodist Conference in the Republic of Congo. Another \$33,000, funded natural disaster assistance in Texas, Florida, and western North Carolina. In 2025, we continue to celebrate the ability to sow our Connectional Giving tithe. We contributed \$100,000 to produce the 2026 General Conference in Johannesburg, South Africa. We poured \$75,000 into new church starts. **God initiates. We respond.** We hold the remaining \$11,711 in prayerful reserve for the right opportunity.

Due to the faithfulness to Connectional Giving, the financial status of the North Carolina Conference of the Global Methodist Church is strong. Your Conference Finance & Administration Committee will bring you an audit report next year. We will be reviewing our fund balance in order to employ the entrusted resources for the benefit of the Kingdom of God. We will continue developing our policies and procedures to ensure good stewardship. We will be implementing a year-end statistical report to empower us to measure our fruitfulness.

While our financial status is strong, our Conference can be stronger. We encourage all our congregations to contribute their 3% Connectional Funding to the Conference. We celebrate the 333 churches of the North Carolina Conference who participated in 2024 Connectional Funding. We invite the other 73 churches to

share in our common connectional ministry. All of us have come through the tribulation of disaffiliation, and we understand some experienced the burden more than others. We encourage those who have not yet contributed to begin fulfilling our shared covenant.

We have a great calling and opportunity before us. From the 30,000 foot level, we see large areas across North Carolina without a Global Methodist church. Statisticians tell us there are ten million people who God loves without a community of faith. As we celebrate the fifteen new church starts we have planted to date, we know there is more work to be done. Jesus told us, “The harvest is plentiful” (Matthew 9:37). More resources will allow seeds of Global Methodist congregations to be sown into the barren land.

We are a blessed people. **God initiates. We respond.** Thank you for your faithfulness.

For our service to our Lord and each other, the Conference Finance and Administrative Committee proposes the following financial policies for the North Carolina Annual Conference:

1. For 2026, the connectional funding percentage is to be set at 3% of local church operating income by prior Annual Conference action. This funding percentage will be evaluated each year. (BDD 449.5b; 449.6)
2. The payments of connectional funding for the calendar year of 2026 should be received by the conference treasurer no later than January 30, 2027. (BDD 449.2)
3. The Conference will operate on a fiscal year which begins January 1 and ends on December 31.
4. The Annual Conference will maintain an Unrestricted Fund Balance at a goal level of no less than 25% of the current annual funds received from the local churches.
5. Each local church provides an estimate of Connectional Funding contributions to the Conference Treasurer no later than January 30 of the current calendar year to aid in the Conference’s financial planning. (BDD 449.2)
6. The Finance and Administration Committee compiles budgetary requests from Conference committees and staff. The Finance and Administration Committee reviews requests, adjusts, and proposes a zero-based, balanced budget to the Annual Conference for approval at its annual meeting. (BDD 709.2; 710.4)
7. The Finance and Administration Committee will review the monthly financial reports provided by the Conference Treasurer. The Finance and Administration Committee will provide regular updates to the Annual Conference concerning the Conference’s financial health.
8. Any new programs or emergency and/or additional funding for the current year which were not funded in the current budget approved by the Annual Conference shall be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee for review of budget needs and supplemental funds available. If the item is approved, it will be recommended to the Conference Leadership Team for approval to amend the current year’s budget. (BDD 710.1a.(2))
9. Any conference-related travel expenses of Conference employees and members of Conference committees will be reimbursed through an accountable reimbursement program based on the mileage reimbursement rates provided by the Internal Revenue Service. These reimbursements will not be factored into any compensation package by the Committee.
10. The Finance and Administration Committee is authorized to appoint a conference auditor to provide an annual financial audit.
11. The Finance and Administration Committee is responsible for designating depositories for conference funds and investments. The Finance and Administration Committee will establish policies and procedures for the collection and distribution of all funds and investments.
12. The Finance and Administration Committee will be responsible for the collection of annual statistical reports from each local church at the end of every year. (BDD 709.11)

*Dan Lyons,
Chairperson*

North Carolina Annual Conference Financial Statement & Proposed Budget

Resources	2024 actual	2025 budget	2026 proposed budget
Connectional Giving	1,867,112	2,035,000	2,140,000
Fund Balance			150,000 ^c
			2,290,000

Sowing	2024 actual *	2025 budget	2026 proposed budget
Missional Tithe	48,782	186,711	203,500
Partnerships within the GMC	80,000	-	200,000
Disaster Relief Administration	-	-	25,000 ^d
Uganda & Other	80,000 ^a	-	175,000
New Church Starts	10,000	34,000	228,000
Church Vitality	44,598	270,000	559,000
Clergy Development	18,097	100,000	-
Board of Ministry (clergy development)	-	^b	85,000
Board of Ministry (academic scholarships)	3,000	^b	40,000
Lay Ministry Development	13,055	70,000	70,000
Equipping Local Churches	-	100,000	100,000
Presiding Elders	10,446	-	264,000 ^e
Administration	645,900	1,151,580	1,100,000
Annual Conference	142,307	175,000	195,000
Called Annual Conference	14,130	-	-
General Conference	96,123	-	200,000
Salaries and Benefits	354,334	527,580	510,000
Bishop Discretionary	-	25,000	25,000
Information Technology/Website	16,439	45,000	30,000
Administration Expenses	13,619	179,000	110,000
Conference Committee Expenses	8,948	200,000	30,000
Total	829,280	1,642,291	2,290,500

(*) Rounded up to the dollar.

(a) In 2024, this was a non-budgeted expenditure distributed from the Missional Tithe. It is recorded here for illustrative purposes.

(b) The current year budgeted amount of the Board of Ordained are within the line "Conference Committee Expenses."

(c) The Proposed Budget calls for a draw of \$150,000 from the Fund Balance to cover a portion of the General Conference (GC) Expenditure. This proposal accompanies plans for future budgets (2027 onward) to have a line item for General Conference to be placed in a Reserve Fund to be drawn upon for GC expenditures, instead of hitting the Conference Budget with a large expenditure on GC years.

(d) This budgeted expenditure ensures 100% of designated giving for Disaster Relief goes directly to helping people.

(e) Beginning in 2025, our Presiding Elders are paid a monthly stipend plus expenses to support their ministry.

2024 General Conference Report

What a time to be a Methodist! We are blessed to be a part of this movement at such a time as this. The Global Methodist Church lives up to its name. It is global and growing exponentially globally. It is Methodist and reclaiming our Wesleyan history and heritage. It is the Church alive and active. All this was confirmed at the Convening General Conference held in Costa Rica, September 2024.

Originally, NC was allotted 24 delegates and 6 alternates, half laity and half clergy. During our called conference held in April of 2024, we elected 24 delegates, 6 alternates and eighteen reserves. Before General Conference took place, we were allotted 4 extra delegates which meant that those who had been elected as alternates became delegates and 4 who had been reserves were moved into alternate positions to travel to Costa Rica. Though some had to recuse themselves because of health and family concerns, by the time we traveled to Costa Rica, the following were members of our NC Delegation:

Laity Delegates: Mack Parker (Delegation Vice Chair), Yeh Say, David Spivey, Beth Woods, Dale McCoy, Herb Ormond, Jeff Brotherton, Angie Harrison, Greg Grabbs, Myra Houser, LizAnn Creef-Meekins, Heather Grabbs, Elizabeth Taylor, Jeff Isenhour

Laity Alternates: Ken Waters (became a voting delegate when one of the delegation had to return home for a family emergency), Charles Moore and Teresa Auten.

Clergy Delegates: Kari Howard (Delegation Chair), David Banks, Dalma Cribb, Branson Sheets, Connie Stutts, Cory Oliver, Powell Osteen, John Howard, Tom Mabry, Karl Neuschaefer, Earl Bradshaw, Sarah Williams, Luke Mitchell, Terry Moore

Clergy Alternates: Randy Foster, Paul Dunham, Will Van Wieren.

During the conference, Rev. John Howard was elected to serve as the Chairperson of the Administrative Agenda Committee and Rev. Sarah Williams was elected to serve as the Secretary of the Legislative Conferences Committee. We remain proud of these two young adults.

We were also blessed by a number of volunteers who offered to serve the General Conference in various ways. We are grateful for those members of our annual conference: Heather Carter-Young, Chad Cozad, Mike and Shirley Dominick, Eric Harrison, Carolyn Hindel, Jonathan Jeffries, Insung Kim, Jackie Swanick, Kerry and Debra Wood, John Woods, and to our spouses and others who traveled with us to support, encourage and volunteer in various ways.

I want to give a heartfelt “thank you” to the members of the annual conference who prayerfully and financially supported us. Without you, the work and representation of the NC Delegation would not have been possible. We are truly blessed to be in this covenant relationship together across North Carolina.

The theme of the General Conference was “So the World Will Know,” a reflection on the gospel message applied to the global nature of the GMC taken from John 17:23. The conference theme permeated our worship, our work and our witness. Prayer and worship were at the core of our gathering and kept us focused on Jesus Christ and His will for this movement. The concert of prayer in many languages gave a vision of what it will be like when we all one day are gathered around the throne described in Revelation 7:9-10, giving praises to God for our salvation.

Holy conferencing was experienced in a way that was God-honoring and likely would have made John Wesley proud. When it seemed unlikely for some of the African delegates to attend and participate, God blessed and made a way for them to attend and participate fully in the work of the Conference through the technology of the internet and Zoom. The work of the General Conference brought unity, clarity and reconciliation through the global collaboration and connection. Because of the desire to glorify God and cast vision for the momentum in the movement of the Global Methodists, the work was accomplished beautifully.

A few of the accomplishments of the General Conference included:

- **Constitution:** affirmed the Charge Conference is the connecting link between the local church, the annual conference and the general church. The local church is where the ministry happens.
- **Mission Statement:** *The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.*
- **Vision Statement:** *Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Global Methodist Church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.*
- **Intentionally Global:** From committing to holding the Convening and first General Conferences outside of the US, ensuring availability of representation from international delegates and encouraging global partnerships the GMC is committed to being a global movement.
- **A Book of Doctrines and Discipline:** We are no longer transitional but have affirmed the doctrine upon which we stand and the discipline upon which we bring order.
- **Bishops:** The confirmation of Bishops Scott Jones and Mark Webb to continue in their positions and the election of 6 part-time, non-residential bishops. We are grateful to Bishop Jones who served us in our formative time as well as Bishop Jeff Greenway who now leads us as we step into a new day. He will remain in Ohio, serving as Conference Superintendent for the Allegheny West Conference and bishop to the Heartland Conference as well as to the GMC development in Rwanda and Thailand.

Front and center on the stage of the General Conference was a beautiful wooden cross. What a special honor to find out that this had been donated from wood right here in NC. Further, the cup and chalice on the platform for communion had been loaned from NC. Our churches and laity were involved in sacrificial efforts known only by God.

It was a pleasure to serve as the delegation chair and to represent NC in Costa Rica. On behalf of the whole delegation, thank you again, for the service, encouragement and prayers across the conference that carried us through the week and into this new day of being the Global Methodist Church of North Carolina, one conference covering the whole state.

Peace and Grace to you!

Rev. Kari Howard

Chair of the 2024 General Conference Delegation

Global Partnership

Uganda-South Sudan GMC – North Carolina GMC

The vision of the Global Methodist Church includes establishing robust partnerships between Annual Conferences that emphasize genuine relationships and mutual edification.

The Uganda-South Sudan GMC Convening Conference was held April 10-12, 2025 in Kampala, Uganda. In mid-February it was anticipated that the Uganda-South Sudan Annual Conference would initially include 30-40 churches. By the time of the convening conference, 119 churches were part of this movement. By the middle of May, the U-SSGMC included 152 churches and 135 pastors!

The Missional Priorities of the Uganda-South Sudan GMC include:

- Training of clergy
- Church Planting
- Evangelism
- Church Construction
- Economic empowerment in parishes
- Care for vulnerable children

As we develop this partnership, we recognize that our partners have many gifts to share with the North Carolina Annual Conference. Their depth of spirituality, effectiveness in evangelism and concern for the poor stand as a witness to God's heart for a lost and broken world.

We envision the following connections with an emphasis on empowerment:

- Conference to Conference
- District to District
- Church to Church
- Pastor to Pastor

Already, the relationship between our conferences is bearing fruit. Leaders from Uganda-South Sudan and North Carolina have been linked in prayer partnerships. Our children are leading in a Bible collection project which will empower our partners in their pursuit to "spread Scriptural holiness across the globe!"

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will bind us together in love, in purpose and in ministry. Let us live into a bold vision that is worthy of the Global Methodist Church!

Greg Jenks,
Chairperson of the Global Partnerships Task Force

Lay Ministry

As I reflect on the past year of ministry together, I am filled with gratitude for how God is moving among us. Each week, I witness the way our congregations embody our mission to “make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.” These aren’t just words on paper, these are the living testimony of our church family.

We began workshops in the fall with a focal point on connecting with our leaders in each region of our state. It was evident that our laity leaders were all starving for the connection as well, so we restructured our convocation gatherings this year to meet your requests and needs. As we equipped our laity to “Pray and Go”, we then moved into the beginning of the year with our Catalyst workshops led by One Mission Society who focus on sending missionaries, and church multiplication, as well as helping you identify if you are not a sending church, how you can still be involved. As we are wrapping up Spring, we have just completed our first International Leadership Institute Training in the Burlington district. Our goal is to offer resources for effective lay ministry including teaching disciple making, koinonia/support/fellowship, mission outreach, stewardship of resources, and lay leadership development.

Our Certified Lay Ministry Training has officially launched! We started with refresher courses for our previous CLM’s in May and June, with a wonderful response. We are eager to introduce our Certified Lay Ministry program in the fall of this year!

I am thankful for my Lay ministry team, as we travel to different churches to visit and support, we are able to get a heartbeat with our church leaders and see how we can help support them. The need for connections among our local churches has never been more evident. Jesus doesn’t call us to do this work alone—we are part of a larger body of Christ that strengthens when we unite. This year, we’ve witnessed the power of collaboration as we’ve visited neighboring congregations, shared resources, and learned from one another’s successes and challenges. We especially enjoyed coming together to share about the different churches we are visiting and the new ministries that have emerged in our area. These opportunities to cross-pollinate ideas have been invaluable! When one congregation discovers an effective approach to youth engagement, community outreach, or spiritual formation, all can benefit from that wisdom. I’ve been encouraged to see how readily our church family embraces these opportunities to both teach and learn. These exchanges remind us that we’re not competing with other churches, we’re completing one another’s work in the kingdom.

As we enter a new year of ministry together, I invite you to renew your commitment not only to our mission but to the broader Christian community around us. Where might God be calling you to worship more passionately? How can you extend love more extravagantly? What bold witness awaits your courage? And how might we better connect with and support our sister churches? Remember that discipleship isn’t measured by perfection, but by direction. Each step toward Christ transforms not only us but also those around us. Together, as we follow Jesus more closely and join hands with believers across our community, we become a powerful testimony to God’s unifying love. It remains my deepest honor to serve alongside you as your lay leader. May God continue to form us into disciples who embody our mission in everything we do.

To Kim King: “Your retirement marks the end of an era, but your instrumental work in creating pathways for lay ministry will continue to bear fruit for years to come. Like Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians 3:6, you have planted seeds that others will water, trusting that God will give the growth as churches remain connected and strengthened through the foundation you’ve laid.”

*In His Glory,
Heather Grabbs
Conference Lay Leader*

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Stop by our booth and make sure you have our next conference events on your calendar!

Lay Ministry Convocation Gatherings:

Tender Hearts, Strong Faith: *The Ephesians 4:32 Experience*

Saturday, September 6th, 2025 9am – 3pm	First Methodist Church of Conover 410 First Ave North Conover, NC
Saturday, September 13th, 2025 9am – 3pm	Asbury Church 6612 Creedmoor Rd Raleigh, NC
Saturday, October 25th, 2025 9am – 3pm	First Methodist Church of Washington 304 W 2nd St Washington, NC

New Church Development

Evangelism and new church development are denominational priorities. However, in the Global Methodist Church, anyone may begin a new church under certain conditions. Our Book of Doctrines and Discipline states,

With the sponsorship of a Global Methodist local church or group of churches, a new local church may be planted by any lay person or clergyperson of the Global Methodist Church. (§450.1)

This innovative approach to starting churches – although it is not new but ancient – requires of our member churches and our church members a new set of spiritual tools. We must learn to see our communities through the lens of evangelism and church formation. We must learn to pray for new churches. We must learn to become co-workers and not feel threatened by others' effectiveness. We must learn to witness, to give a Christian testimony, and to invite others to Christ and His church.

According to Pew Research Center, 69% of North Carolinians identify with the Christian faith. Less than 1 in 4 attend worship at least once a month, and 42% never attend religious services of any kind. According to Churchtrak, never attenders were 13% in 2000.

Consider what this means in our population of eleven million people. 3,410,000 do not have any identification with Christianity. 4.62 million never attend worship, Sunday School, or funerals. Only 3.9 million might attend worship this month. That leaves over seven million others who need an invitation.

New churches have proven to be an effective way to offer the gospel of Jesus Christ and invite persons to faith in Christ and a life of maturing discipleship. We need new churches.

In the North Carolina Conference, we have fifteen new church starts. Faithfulness to Christ demands we start more.

What is asked of our 406 churches?

- We ask every church to pray for a new church by name in every worship service. A list of our new church starts concludes this report.
- We ask every church to make financial or material gifts to a new church monthly or at least yearly.
- We ask every church to seed new churches developing nearby with mature Christians who can help the church begin.
- We ask pastors and laity to attend one of four regional sessions designed and presented by The River Network to help us develop eyes to our communities as a mission field for beginning new churches.

These are our new church starts in the North Carolina Conference:

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| 1. Asheville District – Providence | 9. New Bern District – Solid Rock |
| 2. Boone District – Appalachian Chapel | 10. Raleigh District – Clayton |
| 3. Burlington District – New Beginnings | 11. Raleigh District – Risen Chapel |
| 4. Concord District – The Road | 12. Raleigh District – Wilson |
| 5. Concord District – The Journey Church of Kannapolis | 13. Wilmington District – Faith Community |
| 6. Concord District – Grace Church | 14. Wilmington District – Asbury (Shallotte) |
| 7. Edenton District – Cornerstone Church | 15. Wilmington District – Southport – Oak Island |
| 8. Edenton District – Gospel of Grace GM Church, Avon | |

David Banks,
Conference Superintendent

Our Beating Heart: Exploration of Children's Identity in the Global Methodist Church

"Jesus overheard them and said, 'I want little children to come to me, so never interfere with them when they want to come, for heaven's kingdom realm is composed of beloved ones like these! Listen to this truth: No one will enter the kingdom realm of heaven unless he becomes like one of these!'" Matt. 19:14-15, TPT

I have to hand it to Jesus for his communication skills. He was not ambivalent about children; he was clear and concise. Bring the children here to be loved at Jesus' feet. Even a casual reading of the Gospels shows that this is a priority for Christ. What would happen if we made children our priority? How would that affect our communities? Our culture?

Children's discipleship is not an optional activity. It is not an add-on to the Church. It is the reason we exist. Our faith will wither and die without careful dedication and orthodox teaching. Our children matter on every level: physical, mental, and spiritual.

Perhaps it's just me, but when I reflect on all that Jesus did during His life on earth, I immediately think of how He welcomed children. I also think of His angry response to the disciples, who would have shooed them away. Jesus showed us the importance of children. What would Jesus say about the way children are treated in your congregation?

To further that point, what could happen in our congregations if we followed Christ's example and loved children as He showed us? What if we fully accepted His teachings and acknowledged that children represent the Kingdom of Heaven? What if we genuinely grasped the value of our children?

Can Global Methodists, at the beginning of our movement, teach and love children as Jesus would want us to? We can and we must. Our children are too precious to lose.

To love children as Jesus instructed, we may need to change some of our actions, or take on tasks we've previously been reluctant to undertake. If our congregations have not embraced and served children as Jesus desires, we may need to adjust our approach.

What precisely must we do? What is needed to love our children and bring them to Jesus? How do we serve and encourage our children to be eager for His ways?

What vision has the Holy Spirit given you for children? Pray and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance to welcome more children and families into your congregation. How can you reach the children within your sphere of influence with your current resources and location? Let this be your motivation once the Lord provides you with a vision. Are there educators among you? Consider setting up an after-school homework station. Athletes? Engage in sports. However, remember that not every child is an athlete. Include children of all physical abilities, as well as those who are shy and academically talented. Utilize the people and resources you have.

Joy surpasses perfection. Encourage those who enjoy being around children to participate in any way they can. To love children towards Jesus, they need to be surrounded by smiling individuals who are delighted to see them and will demonstrate Jesus' love by living it out in front of them. Publicly, ask who in your faith community has a passion for children. Identify those who can patiently, with courage, strength, kindness, and fun, embody the Gospel's Good News while speaking of Jesus. It is not complicated. It is not difficult. It is a beautiful reflection of Jesus' love for the children brought to Him. To embody Jesus in this world, we must love the children who gather around us.

Recognize that children have varying needs at different stages of development. There isn't a universal program that will effectively serve all your children. Discipleship plans that consider the developmental stages of the children in your care are a crucial investment. This distinguishes merely keeping children occupied while

others attend Sunday School from genuinely guiding children to Jesus. We can continue to give sixth graders cartoon coloring sheets, thus neglecting their spiritual growth, or we can invest in, and develop engaging discipleship experiences. Numerous talented authors and creators have produced orthodox discipleship materials. Seek them out. Read and research. This ministry is essential. Commit to it diligently.

Seek assistance. In your area, enthusiastic, vibrant, and joyful Christian educators are eager to help you begin. If your church has a few children, and the church ten minutes away has a dozen children with an excellent adult leadership team, set aside your pride. Take your children to a church where they can receive an exceptional Christian education. Stay and contribute. Collaborate with another faith community. Develop where the Lord is already active. Create a group of adults who cherish children and children who love Jesus. Enjoy yourselves. Make friends. It will be fantastic!

Seeking children where they may be found is a mandate for our time. Our God commands us always to teach our children His ways and commandments, and to be faithful in instructing them in His word.

Children are expensive, noisy, and active. But teaching and loving them is essential. We must keep them safe from predators and show them that following Christ leads to a life of abundance and happiness. This is our purpose and our obligation.

Enjoy working for Jesus! Love the children as He did.

Teresa Auten

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Memoirs

Reverend Retired Colonel Raymond Lewis Burkart

November 8, 1955 – March 23, 2025

Rev. Raymond Lewis Burkart, 69 went to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, March 23, 2025 at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center surrounded by his family. Brother Ray served Bethabara and Cokesbury Churches from 2021 until his passing. Beginning as a Certified Lay Minister in the United Methodist Church, Ray discovered his calling in the churches he served. Through the completion of studies, the Board of Ministry of the NC Conference of the Global Methodist Church approved him to be ordained as a Deacon.



A Celebration of Ray's Life was held Thursday, March 27, 2025 at Salem Methodist Church in Eastover. Ray was a member of Salem, serving on the Finance Committee, Church Council, Methodist Men and playing basketball in the church gym with the youth every week.

Ray graduated from Indiana University, and he loved night basketball games. Ray also retired as a Colonel from the United States Marines and was the Pastor for Cokesbury Methodist Church, in Stedman, and Bethabara Methodist Church in Autryville, where he loved playing church bingo. Ray never met a stranger, was kind to everyone he met, and often invited people to his home on Thanksgiving and Christmas. He was one of a kind and will be truly missed by all who knew him.

He led his churches through disaffiliation and was to be ordained Deacon along with his son, Rev. Shelton Burkart at this Annual Conference. Ray disciplined young people.

He was born in Baltimore, Maryland to the late, Lewis Edward Burkart, Jr. and Jenna Lee Nicholson Burkart. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Asher Burkart.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Laura Hawkins Burkart; children, Jessie Wise (Joel), Emma Sills, Shelton Burkart, Harrison Burkart, Lelia Cortese (Tyler), Margaret Rostirolla (Daniel), Jenna Swaby (Raheim), Emma Welker (Drew), and Kayla O'Gorman (Brandon); grandchildren, May Sills, Remy Sills, Enid Wise, Topanga Swaby, and a Baby Boy Welker on the way; and his sister, Deborah Canonico.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cokesbury Methodist Church, 7536 Clinton Road, Stedman, NC 28391, or to Bethabara Methodist Church, 5316 Maxwell Road, Autryville, NC 28318.

Burial with full military honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

Rev. Dr. Jerry Dean Lewis

July 8, 1957 – November 26, 2024

Rev. Dr. Jerry Dean Lewis, at the age of 67, ran into the loving arms of Jesus on Tuesday night, November 26, 2024, in his home surrounded by his family.

A native of Morehead City, NC, he was the son of the late Jerry Thomas Lewis and Edna Fay Garner Lewis. Raised in the Promise Land, he had a special connection to the water and loved fishing. He married the greatest catch, and love of his life, Debby, wife of 45 years. They have raised 3 children, loving their spouses as their own children, and 7 grandchildren. He was a beloved Son, Brother, Cousin, Friend, Pastor, Devoted Husband, Daddy and Bopa (Grandfather).



Jerry answered the Lord's calling to be a Fisher of Men at a young age beginning his ministry as a United Methodist Pastor at Siler City and Buckhorn-Moncure. The Lord cast a big net that had him traveling

the globe for 30 years as a USAF Chaplain attaining the rank of Colonel. As a retired veteran, he preached and served at Northwoods UMC where he joyfully shared the Word and loved people. Most recently he was appointed by the Global Methodist Church to Trinity Methodist Church, Jacksonville NC where he served as Church Administrator. Jerry also served as a volunteer in a founding role of the Global Methodist Church for North Carolina as the First Chairman of the Board, First President, GMC NC Organizer, and Episcopacy Committee Chair for the North Carolina Provisional Annual Conference. During his battle with cancer, through the Holy Spirit, he started a new ministry, First Cup, sharing daily reflections and morning devotions.

Larger than life, Jerry was a faith-filled, spiritual leader among men. He boldly shared the Gospel, his testament of faith, and prayed with everyone. His high energy, passionate, outgoing, exuberant joy, and love of Jesus touched so many lives near and far. We take great comfort in knowing we shall see him again. If you close your eyes, you can hear him whooping, hollering and shouting, "Thank you Jesus! Praise the Lord!" We rejoice in knowing Jerry is home in the arms of Jesus, has received his crown, and has heard those words, "Well done good and faithful servant."

He is survived by his wife, Debby; children Jessica (Aaron) Hunt, Mary Elizabeth (Dale) Richardson, Aaron (Ashley) Lewis; grandchildren Hannah, Jaxon and Ansley Hunt, Zoey and Lexi Richardson, Austin and Amelia Lewis; siblings Susan (Chuck) Sinkler, Bill (Lucja) Lewis; in-laws Daniel & Patricia Prescott, Ray (Kelly) Prescott, Patrick (Susan) Prescott, and Danielle Prescott and he is survived by several loving nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The family received friends at Trinity Methodist Church (301 Marine Blvd, Jacksonville, NC) on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. for a Celebration of Life service officiated by Rev. Stephen Smith.

Historic Questions to be Asked of Ordinands

Historic Examination

These questions are the ones John Wesley asked of those he was admitting to full connection. These questions are rich in the DNA of what Wesley termed “the work of God called Methodism.” Include them in your spiritual reading. Discover what they mean. Pray in them. Let them inform and shape your ministry.

1. Have you faith in Christ?
2. Are you going on to perfection?
3. Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?
4. Are you earnestly striving after it?
5. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and His work?
6. Do you know the general rules of our Church?
7. Will you keep them?
8. Have you studied the doctrines of The Global Methodist Church?
9. After full examination, do you believe our doctrines are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures?
10. Will you preach and maintain them?
11. Have you studied our form of Church discipline and polity?
12. Do you approve our Church government and polity?
13. Will you support and maintain them?
14. Will you exercise the ministry of compassion?
15. Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?
16. Will you visit from house to house?
17. Will you recommend fasting or abstinence, both by precept and example?
18. Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?
19. Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in your work?
20. Will you observe the following directives?
 - a. Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed. Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any one place than is strictly necessary.
 - b. Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time. And do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience sake.

GENERAL EXAMINATION

My sisters and brothers in Christ, you have been called to an ordained or recognized status in set apart ministry. The church now confirms your calling. As ordained ministers, you are to be coworkers with all the people of God: With laity, bishops, elders, deacons, supply pastors, and with all who serve God in the church. Remember you are called to serve rather than to be served, to proclaim the faith of the church and no other, to share the gospel of Jesus Christ boldly and to equip the congregations you serve to look after the concerns of God above all.

So we may know you believe yourselves to be called by God, you profess the Christian faith, seek to walk as a disciple of Jesus Christ, we ask you:

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of ordained ministry?

Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Are you persuaded that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and are the unique and authoritative standard for the church's faith and life?

Will you faithfully proclaim and teach these Scriptures in the congregations and ministry setting to which you are appointed?

Will you be faithful in prayer and the holy disciplines, in the study of the Holy Scriptures, and in submission to the Holy Spirit allow the gift of God that is in you to be continually rekindled?

Do you commit to live your life under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and walk only in the Way of Christ, offering yourself as an example and pattern of a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ to the congregations and communities within which you serve?

Will you, in the exercise of your ministry, lead the people of God to faith in Jesus Christ, deepen the life of the community of faith through intentional discipleship practices, lead the church in the proclamation of the gospel for the conversion of the world, and through Christ work for peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

Will you be loyal to The Global Methodist Church, accepting and upholding its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline, defending it against all doctrines contrary to God's Holy Word, and committing yourself to be accountable in your discipleship and with those serving with you, and to the bishop and those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?

Will you maintain and demonstrate, as much as possible, peace, charity, and love among all Christian people, fellow clergy, and especially among those who are or shall be committed to your charge?

May God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who has given you the will to do these things, also give you the ability to perform them, that the work begun in you may be brought to perfection to the glory of God and the increase of the Lord's Kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven.

EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF DEACONS

It belongs to the office of a deacon to share in the humility and service of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the strengthening of the church. A deacon is called to the ministry of Word, Service, Compassion, and Justice, exemplifying and leading the church in the servanthood every Christian is called to in the waters of baptism. As you respond to the call of this office, I remind you that you are to follow Christ, above all, helping others to live the way of Jesus Christ, carrying the Gospel to the world. You are to care for the sick and needy, interpret the needs of the world to the church, and assist in administering the sacraments.

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of a deacon?

Let us pray. Almighty God, fill these your servants afresh with your Holy Spirit. Give to them the grace and power needed to uphold their ordination vows as they proclaim and embody the Gospel in word and deed. Empower them to live a life of holiness following in the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ who, in humble obedience, came not to be served, but to serve. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF ELDERS

It belongs to the office of an elder to proclaim God's Word fearlessly, to teach God's people faithfully, to administer the sacraments, to lead in discipleship, mission, and service, and to order the life of the church so that it may be both faithful and fruitful. As you respond to the call of God for this office, I remind you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to be a messenger and steward of the Gospel. The church and congregations you will serve are the bride of Christ, be careful not to damage the body of Christ and the witness of the church by your neglect or indifference. Bring your whole heart to the task of sharing the way of Christ, with your fellow clergy

and among those you serve. Live out your life in thought and deed according to the discipline of Christ. Finally, lead the people you serve to steadfastly live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with a broken and battered world. Know that you cannot accomplish any of this on your own, but only through the will and ability given by God. Therefore, pray for the Holy Spirit to shape your mind and strengthen your commitment.

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of an elder?

Historical Statement

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I. Composition

The North Carolina Annual Conference of The Global Methodist Church is composed of 15 new church starts, to date (see page 94 of the *2025 Conference Journal*) and churches formerly members of:

The North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church Southeast Jurisdiction which is successor to:

The North Carolina Annual Conference, Methodist Protestant Church, 1828-1939

The North Carolina Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, 1837-1844

The North Carolina Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1845-1939

Blue Ridge – Atlantic Annual Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, 1879-1939

Eastern District, North Carolina – Virginia Annual Conference, Central Jurisdiction, The Methodist Church, 1940-1967

and

The Western North Carolina Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church which is successor to:

North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church (1828)

North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1869)

Blue Ridge-Atlantic Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church (1879)

Western North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South (1890)

Western North Carolina Annual Conference of The Methodist Church (1939)

North Carolina Annual Conference of the Central Jurisdiction of The Methodist Church (1939) North Carolina-Virginia Annual Conference of The Methodist Church (1965)

See Appendix A of the *2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline*—A Brief History of the Global Methodist Church.

II. Organization

September 1, 2022, The NC Global Organizer, Rev. Jerry Lewis established the NC Transitional Advisory Team (NC TCAT) at their first in-person meeting, Friendship UMC, Burlington, NC.

The NC TCAT selected and approved members of supporting TCAT Boards and Committees.

October 5-7, 2023, the convening conference of the NC Provisional Annual Conference

June 20-22, 2024, the second annual conference, and the first regular session of the NC Provisional Annual Conference

June 25-28, 2025, the third annual conference, and the first regular session of the NC Annual Conference

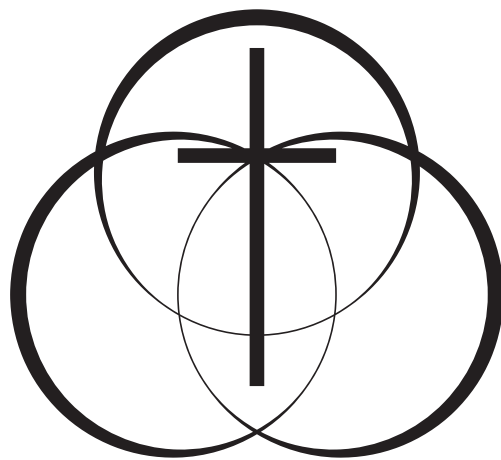
Sessions of the NC Provisional Annual Conference

Held	When	Bishop	Conference Superintendent	Assoc. Conference Superintendent	Secretary
1 Fayetteville	October 2023	Scott J. Jones	David Banks	Kari Howard	Shannon Medlin

Sessions of the NC Annual Conference

Held	When	Bishop	Conference Superintendent	Assoc. Conference Superintendent	Secretary
2 Winston-Salem	June 2024	Mark J. Webb	David Banks	Kari Howard	Shannon Medlin
3 Winston-Salem	June 2025	Jeffrey E. Greenway	David Banks	Kari Howard	Shannon Medlin

Service of the Ordination of the
Global Methodist Church



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the Global Methodist Church envisions multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ throughout the earth who flourish in scriptural holiness as we worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

INTRODUCTION

The church's ministry is derived from the ministry of Christ, who bids all people to receive salvation and follow Him as disciples in the way of love. This summons to ministry is to the whole people of God, or laity (laos) who are "a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession," charged to "declare the praises of Him who has called us out of darkness and into His wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9) Baptism initiates this call to ministry, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

There are some from among the laity who have been called out for particular service to God's church. Ordination is the action by which the church sets apart those who have been called to a particular order of ministry for the good of the whole church. The Global Methodist Church recognizes two clergy orders, deacon and elder. Ordination is conferred by the work of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands by a bishop and others among the people of God in conference.

The following pages contain the *Service of Ordination of the Global Methodist Church*. The liturgical color for the occasion is red, symbolizing work and power of the Holy Spirit. Deacon shoulder stoles and elder stoles, along with other paraments, should be red. Both white and black clergy robes and albs are appropriate for the service.

Throughout the liturgy you will see notes in red with additional information or suggestions for each act of worship. Logistical decisions will be made by each Annual Conference. Those planning the ordination services are expected to uphold the integrity of the language and liturgy of the service under the direction of the presiding bishop. A list of suggested hymns/songs and scriptures is provided at the end of the document to aid in worship planning.

It is strongly suggested that the ordinands gather with the bishop and other conference leaders for a spiritual retreat prior to ordination to receive prayer and instruction concerning the holy work and life of the ordained. Additionally, because of many logistical considerations, conference leaders should meet with the ordinands, worship leadership, and other participants for rehearsal prior to the ordination service.

ENTRANCE

** Indicates a posture of praise. Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.*

PRELUDE Joey Gore

***CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION** John Howard

Father Almighty, you said:
In the last days I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
**Men and women, young and old
from every tribe, tongue, and nation.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said: You will receive power
when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
and you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.
That every knee shall bow through God the Father
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We cry: Come, Holy Spirit! Renew your church
once again with holy fire and boldness for your gospel.
**Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us to go make disciples
of Jesus Christ of all nations, teaching and baptizing
in his name until your Kingdom comes.**

*** HYMNS of ADORATION** Community Choir
Holy Holy Holy
Goodness of God

OPENING PRAYER Sarah Williams

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you call the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers,
to equip your people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Grant that
your church would come to maturity and unity in the faith, reaching the whole measure of the
fullness of Christ for the sake of your mission in this world. In Jesus Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

GREETING AND WELCOME David Banks

**REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND THE
COMMON CALLING OF ALL BELIEVERS** David Banks
Kari Howard

People of God, this day we are invited to reaffirm our commitment
to follow and serve Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.
In the waters of baptism we are initiated
into a life of service to God as disciples of Jesus Christ,
united in Christ's death and resurrection,
incorporated into the Body of Christ,
and empowered through the work of the Holy Spirit
to live a life of holiness, going onto perfection.
**Through baptism we are marked as God's chosen people,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
declaring the praise of Him who called us
from darkness to light!**

Remember your baptism, and be thankful.

**We joyfully recommit ourselves to following Jesus Christ
and reaffirm our baptismal vows as God's holy people.**

Let us pray:

Holy God, we are no longer our own, but yours.

Put us to what you will, place us with whom you will.

Put us to doing, put us to suffering.

Let us be put to work for you or set aside for you,

Praised for you or criticized for you.

Let us be full, let us be empty.

Let us have all things, let us have nothing.

We freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OT LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8 Walter Lundy

***GOSPEL LESSON** Bishop Jeff Greenway

Mark 1:16-20

SERMON Responding to the Calls of God Bishop Jeff Greenway

***HYMN OF WORSHIP** O Worship The King

***THE NICENE CREED** Matt Nichols

In response to the Word of God let us profess the faith of the church
as contained in the Old and New Testaments.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through Him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and His kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen. * universal**

GLORIA PATRI

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE John Woods
Aaron Smith**

Bishop Greenway, we present these candidates
for ordination or recognition as deacons and elders
in The Global Methodist Church.
They have fulfilled all of the requirements
in the Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline
and have been found to live a life shaped by the holiness of God.
We present these persons for ordination and recognition as deacon.
We present these persons for ordination and recognition as elder.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we present these persons
to be ordained or recognized for set apart ministry.
The Global Methodist Church has discerned that they are
fully committed to Jesus Christ, holy in all manner of living,
educated in sound doctrine, and gifted by God
for ordination and recognition in the church.

Do you agree that these persons are called
to the ministry of ordination and recognition?
Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace,
to be ordained and recognized in God's holy church?

We do!

Will you pray for and support them in their ministry?

With God's help, we will.

GENERAL EXAMINATION

My sisters and brothers in Christ, you have been called
to an ordained or recognized status in set apart ministry.
The church now confirms your calling.

As ordained ministers, you are to be coworkers with all the people of God:
With laity, bishops, elders, deacons, supply pastors, and
with all who serve God in the church.

Remember you are called
to serve rather than to be served,
to proclaim the faith of the church and no other,

to share the gospel of Jesus Christ boldly
and to equip the congregations you serve
to look after the concerns of God above all.

So we may know you believe yourselves
to be called by God, you profess the Christian faith,
seek to walk as a disciple of Jesus Christ,
we ask you:

Do you believe that God has called you
to the life and work of ordained ministry?

I do so believe.

Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

I do so believe and confess.

Are you persuaded
that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments
contain all things necessary for salvation
through faith in Jesus Christ
and are the unique and authoritative standard
for the church's faith and life?

I am so persuaded, by God's grace.

Will you faithfully proclaim and teach these Scriptures
in the congregations and ministry setting to which you are appointed?
I will, by the help of God.

Will you be faithful in prayer and the holy disciplines,
in the study of the Holy Scriptures,
and in submission to the Holy Spirit allow the gift of God
that is in you to be continually rekindled?

I will, with the help of God.

Do you commit to live your life under the Lordship of Jesus Christ
and walk only in the Way of Christ, offering yourself as an example
and pattern of a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ
to the congregations and communities within which you serve?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you, in the exercise of your ministry,
lead the people of God to faith in Jesus Christ,
deepen the life of the community of faith
through intentional discipleship practices,
lead the church in the proclamation of the gospel
for the conversion of the world, and through Christ
work for peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you be loyal to The Global Methodist Church,
accepting and upholding its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline,
defending it against all doctrines contrary to God's Holy Word,

and committing yourself to be accountable in your discipleship
and with those serving with you, and to the bishop
and those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?

I will, with the help of God.

Will you maintain and demonstrate, as much as possible,
peace, charity, and love among all Christian people,
fellow clergy, and especially among those
who are or shall be committed to your charge?

I will, with the help of God.

May God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
who has given you the will to do these things,
also give you the ability to perform them,
that the work begun in you may be brought to perfection
to the glory of God and the increase of the Lord's Kingdom,
on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen.**

EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF DEACONS

It belongs to the office of a deacon to share in the humility and service of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the strengthening of the church. A deacon is called to the ministry of Word, Service, Compassion, and Justice, exemplifying and leading the church in the servanthood every Christian is called to in the waters of baptism. As you respond to the call of this office, I remind you that you are to follow Christ, above all, helping others to live the way of Jesus Christ, carrying the Gospel to the world. You are to care for the sick and needy, interpret the needs of the world to the church, and assist in administering the sacraments.

Do you believe that God has called you
to the life and work of a deacon?

Deacon Candidate(s): I do so believe.

Let us pray. Almighty God, fill these your servants afresh with your Holy Spirit. Give to them the grace and power needed to uphold their ordination vows as they proclaim and embody the Gospel in word and deed. Empower them to live a life of holiness following in the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ who, in humble obedience, came not to be served, but to serve. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF ELDERS

It belongs to the office of an elder to proclaim God's Word fearlessly, to teach God's people faithfully, to administer the sacraments, to lead in discipleship, mission, and service, and to order the life of the church so that it may be both faithful and fruitful. As you respond to the call of God for this office, I remind you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to be a messenger and steward of the Gospel. The church and congregations you will serve are the bride of Christ, be careful not to damage the body of Christ and the witness of the church by your neglect or indifference. Bring your whole heart to the task of sharing the way of Christ, with your fellow clergy and among those you serve. Live out your life in thought and deed according to the discipline of Christ. Finally, lead the people you serve to steadfastly live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with a broken and battered world. Know that you cannot accomplish any of this on your own, but only through the will and ability given by God. Therefore, pray for the Holy Spirit to shape your mind and strengthen your commitment.

Do you believe that God has called you
to the life and work of an elder?

Elder Candidate(s): I do so believe.

Let us pray. Almighty God, fill these your servants afresh with your Holy Spirit. Give to them the grace and power needed to uphold their ordination vows as they proclaim the Gospel, administer the sacraments, and shepherd your people. Empower them to serve you in a life of holiness following the sacrificial ministry of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

ORDINATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MINISTRY

Candidates come forward one by one and kneel in front of the bishop. The bishop places both hands on each candidate's head, prays the prayer of ordination, and speaks the authorization. First are those being ordained as Deacon only. Next will be those to be ordained as Deacon and Elder to be followed by those being ordained Elder only.

FOR DEACONS

Father Almighty, pour out your Holy Spirit on [Name] for the office and work of a deacon in Christ's holy church. **Amen.**

Full Name, take authority as a deacon
to proclaim the Word of God and to lead God's people
in ministries of compassion and justice;
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(Each Deacon is immediately clothed with a shoulder stole, and given a Certificate of Ordination and a Bible)

FOR ELDERS

Father Almighty, pour out your Holy Spirit on [Name] for the office and work of an elder in Christ's holy church. **Amen.**

Full Name, take authority as an elder
to preach the Word of God, to administer the Holy Sacraments
and to order the life of the church;
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

(Each Elder is immediately clothed with a stole and given a Certificate of Ordination)

RECOGNITION OF ORDERS

Brothers and sisters, let us celebrate the work of God in the church
and give thanks for our newly ordained and recognized deacons.

**Alleluia! Amen. May God fill you with the power and presence
of the Holy Spirit to serve Christ faithfully in life and ministry.**

Brothers and sisters, let us celebrate the work of God in the church
and give thanks for our newly ordained and recognized elders.

**Alleluia! Amen. May God fill you with the power and presence
of the Holy Spirit to serve Christ faithfully in life and ministry.**

INVITATION OF THE CALLED

***WORSHIP SONG** **Just As I Am**

***BENEDICTION** **Bishop Jeff Greenway**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

***RECESSIONAL** *(Please remain as Ordinands recess)*

***CLOSING SONG**

***GO IN PEACE**

*(*Families of ordinands meet upstairs)*

2025–2026 Appointments and Cabinet of Presiding Elders

Cabinet of Presiding Elders

Name	District
Randy Foster	Asheboro
	Asheville
Jock Ollis	Boone
Tom Newman	Burlington
Earl Bradshaw	Concord
Norma Roberts	Durham
Chris Aydlett	Edenton
Chris Leak	Elizabethtown
Gil Wise	Fayetteville
Stephanie Thompson	Franklin
Barry Drum	Gastonia
Jeff Johnsen	Greensboro

David Banks, Conference Superintendent
Kari Howard, Associate Conference Superintendent

Name	District
Jim Harry	Goldsboro
Jason Guyer	Hickory
Will Van Wieren	Mooreville
Connie Stutts	New Bern
Herbert Lowry	Pembroke
Michael Coppock	Raleigh
Stan Lewis	Roanoke Rapids
Linda Yow	Siler City
Chris Lakey	Statesville
Ken Hall	Washington
Tim Reaves	Wilmington
Doug Miller	Winston-Salem

Matt Seals, Dean
Kerry Wood, Secretary

Appointments

Asheboro District: Randy Foster, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Alleghany Methodist Church	Denton	Freddie Ingle	Deacon
Bethany Community Methodist Church	Franklinville	Jenna Grogan	Elder
Bethel Methodist Church	New London	Kevin McCormac	Elder
Brower's Chapel Community Church	Asheboro	Richard Routh	Elder
Canaan Church of Denton	Denton	Steve Roberts	TLP
Center Methodist Church	Troy	Freddie Ingle	Deacon
Central Methodist Church	Asheboro	Lonnie Pittman Open	Elder
Central Falls Methodist Church Inc	Asheboro	TBA	
Chandler's Grove	New London	TBA	
Chapel Hill Methodist Church	Denton	Chris Smith	Elder
Cid	Lexington	TBA	
Clear Springs Church	Denton	Steve Roberts	TLP
Concord Methodist Church of Coleridge	Ramseur	Samuel Harris	TLP
Denton First Methodist Church	Denton	Steve Roberts	TLP
First Methodist Church of Randleman	Randleman	Allen Hale	Supply
First Methodist Church Troy	Troy	Vanlene Nelson	TLP
Friendship Methodist Church	Albemarle	Dean Martin	TLP

Asheboro District: Randy Foster, Presiding Elder *(continued)*

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Gray's Chapel Methodist	Franklinville	Johnny Lord	Elder
Love's Grove	Stanfield	Patrick Ledford	Elder
Macedonia Methodist Church	Troy	Freddie Ingle	Deacon
New Hope Community Church of Seagrove	Asheboro	Richard Routh	Elder
New Hope Methodist Church	Denton	Dennis Gray	Elder
Palestine Community Church Inc	Albemarle	Kevin McCormac	Elder
Salem Methodist Church	Albemarle	Neil Shaw	Elder
Tabernacle Church of Trinity	Trinity	Lynn Chaney	Elder
Tabernacle Church of Trinity	Trinity	Bob Chaney	Elder
Tyro Methodist Church	Lexington	Randy Foster	Elder
West Bend Church	Asheboro	Richard Routh	Elder
West Chapel Church	Asheboro	Lynn Chaney	Elder
West Chapel Church	Asheboro	Bob Chaney	Elder

Asheville District: TBA

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Bethel Sonoma Methodist Church	Waynesville	Byron Lin Osborne III	Elder Senior
Francis Cove Methodist Church	Waynesville	Tim McConnell	Elder
Long's Chapel Methodist Church Inc	Waynesville	Chris Westmoreland	Elder
Long's Chapel Methodist Church Inc	Waynesville	Joey Webb	TLP
Plains Methodist Church Inc	Canton	John Farron Duncan	Elder
Providence Methodist Church	Asheville	Doug Love	Elder
Selica Methodist Church	Brevard	TBA	

Boone District: Jock Ollis, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Appalachian Chapel	Boone	Brad Farrington	Elder
Bethelview Methodist Church 7/1/2025	Boone	Leo Fair	Elder
Ebenezer Methodist Church	Granite Falls	Simon Chigumira	Elder
Gamewell Methodist Church	Lenior	Walter Lundy	Elder
Grace Chapel Global Methodist Church	Granite Falls	Phillip Hefner	Elder
Harper's Chapel Methodist	Lenior	Ron Setzer	Elder
Higgins Methodist Church	Burnsville	Burt Williams	Elder
Minneapolis	Newland	Jock Ollis	Elder
Mt. Zion Community Church	Spruce Pine	Jock Ollis	Elder
The Roan	Bakersville	James Durham	Elder
Trinity Methodist Church 7/1/2025	Lenior	Tom Jones	Elder
Trinity Methodist Church	Nebo	TBA	

Burlington District: Tom Newman, Presiding Elder

Church Proper Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Bellemont Methodist Church	Burlington	Richard Booker	Elder
Carr Methodist Church	Cedar Grove	Ronnie Byrd	Elder
Concord Church of Roxboro	Roxboro	Tom Newman	Elder
Concord Church of Roxboro	Roxboro	Karl Neuschaefer	Elder Senior
Friendship	Burlington	Mike Kelly	Elder
Grace Cavel Church	Roxboro	Patrick Sinclair	Elder
Hebron Community Church	Mebane	Dustin James	Elder
Hebron Methodist Church	Mebane	Ronnie Byrd	Elder
Helena Methodist Church	Timberlake	Marty Boddie	Elder
Mount Zion Church	Hurdle Mills	TBA	
New Beginnings Community Church of Efland 7/1/2025	Efland	Don Logner	Supply
New Sharon Church Inc	Hillsborough	Insung Kim	Elder
Oak Grove of Roxboro	Roxboro	TBA	
Orange Chapel Methodist Church	Chapel Hill	Cory Oliver	Elder
Phillips Chapel Methodist Church	Haw River	Mark Stephens	Elder
Rock Creek Methodist Church	Snow Camp	Anthony Westbrook	Deacon
Salem Church of Person County	Hurdle Mills	Curtis Hammock	TLP
Salem Community Church	Haw River	Denny Freeland	Elder
St. Paul's Community Church	Burlington	Michael Quintas	Supply
Trinity Crossroads Methodist Church	Oxford	Zach Julick	Assigned
Warren's Grove Methodist Church	Roxboro	Ann Benson	Elder

Concord District: Earl Bradshaw, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Antioch Methodist Church	Matthews	Larry King	Elder
Cold Springs Methodist Church	Concord	Cliff Wall	Elder
Crossroads Church	Concord	Lowell McNaney	Elder
Grace Methodist Church	Monroe	Kevin Greene	Supply
Grace Church	Concord	Michael Dominick	Elder
Harvest Grove Church	Indian Trail	Marty Barrett	Elder
Heath Memorial Methodist Church	Waxhaw	Dan Moore	Elder
Journey Church of Kannapolis	Kannapolis	Chad Cozad	Elder
Mill Grove Church	Indian Trail	Kevin Kurtz	TLP
Mineral Springs Methodist Church	Monroe	Leyton Alan Mears	Elder
Mount Mitchell Church	Kannapolis	Joel Locklear	Elder
Mount Pleasant Methodist Church	Mount Pleasant	Earl Bradshaw	Elder
Mount Pleasant Methodist Church	Mount Pleasant	Natalie Whitley	Elder
Roberta Church	Concord	Chad Irons	TLP
Stallings Community Church	Matthews	Ken Sides	TLP
The Road	Mint Hill	Mark Weekley	Elder
Weddington Methodist Church	Weddington	Terry Moore	Elder
Weddington Methodist Church	Weddington	Patsy Sorrell	Elder
Weddington Methodist Church	Weddington	Brad Hopper	Deacon
Westford Methodist Church	Concord	Jeffrey Rushing	Elder

Durham District: Norma Roberts, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Banks Methodist Church	Franklinton	Anita James-Carnes	Elder
Cokesbury Methodist Church	Henderson	Michael Edmondson	TLP
Community Methodist Church	Butner	TBA	
Hermon Methodist Church	Henderson	Frank Sossaman	Assigned
Jerusalem Methodist Church	Norlina	Perry Twisdale	Assigned
Middleburg Methodist Church	Middleburg	Norma Roberts	Elder
Shady Grove Methodist Church of Inez	Warrenton	Cindy Norwood	Assigned
Stem Methodist Church	Stem	TBA	
Tabernacle Methodist Church	Henderson	Tommy Privette	Elder
Warren Plains	Warrenton	Norma Roberts	Elder
Zion Methodist Church	Norlina	Shelton Burkhart	Supply

Edenton District: Chris Aydlett, Presiding Elder

Church Proper Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Bethany Church of Wanchese	Wanchese	Susie Fitch-Slater	Elder
Camden Methodist Church	Camden	Wayne Wood	TLP
Clarks Bethel Methodist Church	Salvo	Tim Fitch	TLP
Cornerstone Church	Edenton	Wesley Daniels	TLP
Duck Methodist Church	Duck	Chris Aydlett	Elder
Epworth Church of Sladesville	Scranton	TBA	
Fairfield Methodist Church	Fairfield	TBA	
Mt. Carmel Methodist Church	Manns Harbor	Daniel Burdette	Supply
Mt. Hermon Methodist Church	Creswell	Lee Wise	Elder
Sharon Methodist Church	South Mills	Wayne Wood	TLP
Soule Methodist Church	Swan Quarter	Jerald Craddock	Elder
Trinity Methodist Church of South Mills	South Mills	Wayne Wood	TLP
Watson's Chapel Global Methodist Church	Engelhard	Jerald Craddock	Elder
Windsor Methodist Church	Windsor	Wesley Daniels	TLP

Elizabethtown District: Chris Leak: Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Bethel Methodist Church	Clarendon	Gary Clore	Elder
Bethel Church of Mt. Olive	Mt. Olive	Gene Hunt	Assigned
Brownings Methodist Church	Mount Olive	Robert Faircloth	TLP
Centenary Methodist Church	Harrells	Chris O'Briant	Elder
Epworth Methodist Church	Clinton	Chris O'Briant	Elder
Evergreen Methodist Church	Evergreen	Marty Sellers	TLP
Faison Methodist Church	Faison	David Helbig	Elder
First Methodist Church	Clinton	Matt Seals	Elder
First Methodist Church	Clinton	Joel Wise	TLP
Goshen Methodist Church	Newton Grove	TBA	
Grace Methodist Church	Clinton	TBA	
Hopewell Methodist Church	Newton Grove	Timothy Seigh	Elder
Keener Methodist Church	Clinton	TBA	

Elizabethtown District: Chris Leak: Presiding Elder *(continued)*

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church	Lake Waccamaw	Chris Eason	Deacon
Lebanon Methodist Church	Clarendon	Jerry Dalton	Supply
Magnolia Methodist Church	Magnolia	Patrick Paresso	Supply
Maple Grove Methodist Church	Dunn	Chris Leak	Elder
Mishop Springs Community Church	Whiteville	Marty Sellers	TLP
Newton Grove Methodist Church	Newton Grove	Chris Leak	Elder
Peace Fellowship Church	Whiteville	Jerry Dalton	Supply
Rose Hill Methodist Church	Rose Hill	Thurman Horney	Elder
Sarecta Church Inc	Pink Hill	Bryan Sexton	Elder
Shiloh Memorial Methodist Church	Bolton	Kimberly Parker	Supply
St. Paul Methodist Church	Tabor City	Dalma Cribb	Elder
Trinity Methodist Church of Elizabethtown	Elizabethtown	Matthew Thorley	Elder
Trinity Methodist Church of Elizabethtown, Associate Thorley	Supply	Elizabethtown	Corbin
Trinity Methodist Church	Magnolia	TBA	
Unity Methodist Church	Warsaw	Jerry Sheffield	Elder
Woodland Church	Albertson	Bryan Sexton	Elder

Fayetteville District: Gil Wise, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Benson Methodist Church	Benson	William “Billy” Olsen	Elder
Bethabara Methodist Church	Autryville	TBA	
Bethany Crossroads Church	Stedman	Jennifer Wise	TLP
Beulah Methodist Church	Roseboro	Nancy Alexander-Storm	Elder
Black’s Chapel Methodist Church	Dunn	Gerald “Marv” Gordner	Elder
Coats Methodist Church Inc	Coats	Paul Cecil	Elder
Cokesbury Methodist Church	Stedman	TBA	
Corinth Global Methodist	Four Oaks	Gainus Sikes	Elder
Cumberland Methodist Church	Fayetteville	Bobby Herring	Elder
Elevation Methodist Church	Benson	Donald Sadler	Deacon
Gardner’s Methodist Church	Fayetteville	TBA	
Halls Methodist Church	Autryville	Jennifer Wise	TLP
Hope Mills Methodist Church	Hope Mills	Reggine Oxendine, Jr.	Elder
Leslie Methodist Church	Dunn	Wanda Berrier	TLP
New Life Church at Spout Springs	Cameron	Dante Poole	Assigned
Roseboro Methodist Church	Roseboro	Bobby Herring	Elder
Salem Methodist Church of Eastover	Eastover	Gil Wise	Elder
Salem Methodist Church of Eastover	Eastover	Mike Bass	Elder
Salem Methodist Church of Eastover	Eastover	Michael Sadtler	Deacon
Tabor Methodist Church	Fayetteville	Rufus Autry	Elder
Union Methodist Church	Lillington	Michael Larbi	Elder
Wesley Chapel Methodist Church	Godwin	TBA	

Franklin District: Stephanie Thompson, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Hickory Knoll Methodist Church	Franklin	Stephanie Thompson	Elder
Iotla Methodist Church	Franklin	Steve Miller	Elder
Maiden's Chapel Methodist Church	Franklin	Stephanie Thompson	Elder
Patton Methodist Church	Franklin	Jerry Evans	Elder

Gastonia District: Barry Drum, Presiding Elder

Proper Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Bradley Church	Gastonia	Debra Short	Senior Elder
Caroleen Methodist Church	Forest City	TBA	
Central Methodist Church	Kings Mountain	Perry Hines	Elder
Christ Church	Gastonia	TBA	
Dallas Methodist Church	Dallas	Billy Ervin	Elder
First Methodist Church of Mount Holly, Inc.	Mt. Holly	TBA	
Friendship Methodist Church	Fallston	James Brown	Valid Elder
Kistlers Chapel Methodist Church	Rutherfordton	James Powell	Elder
Lebanon Methodist Church, Polk	Mill Spring	Debbie Toney	Elder
New Covenant Church	Mt. Holly	Stuart Noell	Elder
New Hope Methodist Church	Rutherfordton	Debbie Toney	Elder
Providence Methodist Church	Forest City	Michael Harrill	Elder
Puett Chapel Church	Dallas	TBA	

Goldsboro District: Jim Harry, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Bethel Fellowship Church	La Grange	Joseph Franklin	Elder
Brogden Methodist	Dudley	Glen Pate	Elder
Daniel's Chapel	Goldsboro	TBA	
Eureka Methodist Church	Eureka	Brad Mitchell	Assigned
Garris Chapel Methodist Church	La Grange	Adam Brinkley	Elder
Hickory Grove Church of Bucklesberry	La Grange	Robert Flynn	Elder
Jefferson Methodist Church	Goldsboro	Steve Wellman	Elder
Mount Carmel Church	Pikeville	Amy Kelly	Elder
New Hope Church	Goldsboro	Steve Wellman	Elder
Pine Forest Church	Goldsboro	Tabitha Pate	Deacon
Providence Church	Goldsboro	David Pate	Elder
Saint Joseph Methodist Church	Pikeville	Phyllis Vail	Elder
Saint Paul Methodist Church, Lead Pastor	Goldsboro	James Harry	Elder
Saint Paul Methodist Church	Goldsboro	TBA	
Saulston Community Church	Goldsboro	Jeff Severt	Elder
Smith Chapel Methodist Church	Mount Olive	Deborah Sutton	Elder
Zion Methodist Church of Princetown	Mount Olive	Fred Douglas Johnson	Elder

Greensboro District: Jeff Johnsen, Presiding Elder

Church Proper Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Archdale Methodist Church	Archdale	Mike Lee	Elder
Bethel Methodist Church	Climax	Fred Zickefoose	Elder
Bethel Methodist Church	Oak Ridge	Charmaine Van Rooyen	Elder
Bethlehem Methodist Church	Reidsville	Juani Hernandez	Elder
Bethlehem Methodist Church	Climax	Joseph Fulk III	Elder
Eden Methodist Church	Madison	Keith Bradley	Deacon
Faifield Methodist Church	High Point	Rich Tuttle	Elder
Mayodan Methodist Church	Mayodan	Wendy Bishop	Elder
Mitchell's Grove Methodist Church	High Point	Tim Porter	Elder
Mizpah Methodist Church	Reidsville	Bethany Johnson	Elder
Mount Carmel Church	Reidsville	Timothy James	Elder
Mount Pisgah Church	Greensboro	Jeff Johnsen	Elder
Mt. Vernon Methodist Church	Trinity	Caroline Franks	Elder
Mt. Hermon Methodist Church	Madison	David Singletary	TLP
Mount Zion Methodist Church	Stokesdale	James Dodson	Assigned
Oak Ridge Methodist Church	Oak Ridge	Michael Carr	Elder
Pleasant Garden Methodist Church	Pleasant Garden	Bradley Scott	Elder
Pleasant Union Methodist Church	Liberty	Richard (Andy) Eppard	Elder
Prospect Methodist Church	High Point	Rodney Burton	Elder
Sandy Ridge Methodist Church	High Point	Vernon Farrington	Assigned
Shiloh Methodist Church	Liberty	Fred Zickefoose	Elder
Tabernacle Methodist Church	Greensboro	Matt Morris	Elder
Tabernacle Methodist Church	Greensboro	Joseph Essick	Elder

Hickory District: Jason Guyer, Presiding Elder

Proper Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Abernethy Memorial Methodist Church	Newton	Derek Cline	Elder
Arneys Fairview	Morganton	Steve Parker	Supply
Bess Chapel Methodist Church	Cherryville	Stan Nantz	Supply
Bethel Methodist Church	Morganton	Steve Parker	Supply
Center Church	Catawba	John Love	Elder
Concord Church	Catawba	Thomas Deane	Elder
Crowell Memorial Church	Lincolnton	Eric Kelly	Supply
David's Chapel Methodist Church	Lawndale	James Macy	Supply
First Methodist Church of Conover	Conover	John Woods	Elder
Friendship Church Newton Inc	Newton	Rick Auten	Elder Senior
Hopewell Methodist Church	Sherrills Ford	Tim Patrick	Elder
Ivey Memorial Methodist Church	Maiden	TBA	
Lebanon Methodist Church	Maiden	TBA	
May's Chapel Methodist Church	Maiden	Jason Guyer	Elder
Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church	Sherrills Ford	Byron Alexander	Elder
Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church	Sherrills Ford	Kaleb Setzer	Elder
Mt. View Claremont	Claremont	TBA	

Hickory District: Jason Guyer, Presiding Elder *(continued)*

Proper Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Pisgah Methodist Church	Catawba	Gary Fulker	Elder
Pisgah Methodist Church	Lincolnton	Christopher Humphreys	Elder
Plateau Community Church	Vale	Joseph Harding	Elder
Rhyne Heights	Lincolnton	Robert Griffin	TLP
Shiloh Methodist Church	Claremont	David Nolan	Elder
St Pauls Methodist Church	Newton	TBA	

Mooreville District: Will Van Wieren, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Asbury Methodist Church	Huntersville	Buddy Compton	Elder
Broad Street Methodist Church	Mooreville	Gary Sowell	Elder
Centenary Methodist Church	Mount Ulla	Brad Treece	Elder
First Methodist of China Grove	China Grove	Will Van Wieren	Elder
Gold Hill	Gold Hill	Beverly Maulden	Elder
Rockwell Methodist Church	Rockwell	Dale W. Bost	Elder
Rocky Mount Church	Mooreville	Jamie Hamrick	Elder
Rocky Mount Church	Mooreville	Scott Ireland, Interim	Elder Senior
Triplett Church	Mooreville	James King	Elder
Vanderburg Methodist Church	Mooreville	Melanie Nichols	Elder

New Bern District: Connie Stutts, Presiding Elder

Proper Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Asbury Community Methodist Church	Cove City	Greg Meadows	TLP
Beech Grove Methodist Church	New Bern	Connie Stutts	Elder
Bethlehem Methodist Church	Bogue	Tim Nichols	Elder
Bridgeton Methodist Church	Bridgeton	Walter Graves	Elder Senior
Cedar Island	Cedar Island	Nelson Koonce	Elder
Core Creek Methodist Church	Newport	Bryan Lassiter	Elder
Cypress Creek Methodist Church	Trenton	Pat Patton	Elder
Epworth Methodist Church	Vanceboro	D. Stephen Stutts	Elder
First Morehead Church	Morehead	E. Powell Osteen	Elder
First Morehead Church 7/1/2025	Morehead	Thomas Barnard	Elder
First Morehead Church	Morehead	Sarah Williams	Elder
First Morehead Church	Morehead	Patrick Whaley	Elder
Franklin Memorial Methodist Church	Morehead	Ron Gurganus	Elder
Garber Church	New Bern	Derek Warnick	Elder
Garber Church	New Bern	Matthew Atha (Assoc)	Elder
Harker's Island Methodist Church	Harkers Island	Lee Roy Pittard	Elder
Jerusalem Methodist Church	Snow Hill	Wade (Al) Sullivan	Elder
Lanes Chapel Church	Dover	TBA	
Merrimon Methodist Church	Beaufort	TBA	
Oak Grove Methodist Church	Havelock	Richard Smith	Valid Elder
Pollocksville Methodist Church	Pollocksville	George Gouge	Elder

New Bern District: Connie Stutts, Presiding Elder *(continued)*

Proper Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Reelsboro Methodist Church	Reelsboro	Joshua Nichols	TLP
Rhems Methodist Church	New Bern	Connie Stutts	Elder
Salter Path Methodist Church	Salter Path	TBA	
Sea Level Methodist Church	Sea Level	Nelson Koonce	Elder
Solid Rock	New Bern	Bryan Huffman	Elder
Stacy Methodist Church	Stacy	Bob Rose	Elder
Trenton Methodist Church	Trenton	Joan Fischer	Deacon
Vanceboro Global Methodist Church	Vanceboro	Eric Morphis	Elder
Wesley Covenant Church	New Bern	John (Mike) Eubanks	Elder
Williston Methodist Church	Smryna	Bob Rose	Elder
Woodington	Woodington	Mike Whatley	Elder

Pembroke District: Herbert Lowry, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Caledonia Methodist Church	Laurinburg	Robert (Bob) Ray	Elder
Central Church	Laurinburg	Robert (Bobby) Dean	Elder
Chestnut Street Methodist Church	Lumberton	Herbert Lowry	Elder
First Methodist Church	Rockingham	K. Darrel Bowles	Elder
Hopewell Methodist Church	Peachland	Luke Hyatt	Assigned
Mt. Pleasant of Ellerbe	Ellerbe	Luke Vuncannon	Assigned
St Paul Methodist Church	Maxton	Eleazar Partida	Elder
Trinity Methodist Church	Fairmont	Wayne Brewer	Assigned

Raleigh District: Michael Coppock, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Asbury Church	Raleigh	Jonathan Jeffries	Elder
Asbury Church	Raleigh	Andy Mannes	Elder
Asbury Church	Raleigh	Amy McPherson	Valid Deacon
Bailey Methodist Church	Bailey	Michael Coppock	Elder
Buckhorn Global Methodist Church	Kenly	David Arroyo	Elder
Clayton Methodist Church	Clayton	Dan Lyons	Elder
Clayton Methodist - Hispanic	Clayton	Javier Montanez	Elder
Ebenezer Methodist Church	Raleigh	Willie Murray	Elder
Elm City Methodist Church	Elm City	Roy Hilburn	Elder
Global Methodist Church, Wilson	Wilson	Joe Stallings	Elder
Holland's Church	Raleigh	Gregory Jenks	Elder
Holland's Church	Raleigh	Luke Mitchell (Assoc)	Elder
Holland's Church	Raleigh	Susan Hobbs	Elder
Kenly Methodist Church	Kenly	Paul Dunham	Elder
Layden Memorial Methodist Church	Raleigh	Marshall Stewart	Elder
Lucama Global Methodist Church	Lucama	Joe Stallings	Elder
Mount Zion Global Methodist Church	Garner	Leonard Rex	Elder
Mount Zion Global Methodist Church, Associate	Garner	Isaac Ryu	Supply Pastor
Mt Pleasant Methodist Church	Bailey	TBA	

Raleigh District: Michael Coppock, Presiding Elder *(continued)*

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Pleasant Grove Methodist Church	Bailey	Michael Coppock	Elder
Risen Chapel	Cary	Parker Coppock	Elder
Sims Methodist Church	Sims	TBA	
Stantonsburg Methodist Church	Stantonsburg	Barry Weyant	Elder

Roanoke Rapids District: Stanley (Stan) Lewis, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Calvary Methodist Church	Littleton	Becky Turner	TLP
Conway Methodist Church	Conway	Robert Hill	Elder
Corinth Methodist Church	Littleton	Becky Turner	TLP
Ebenezer Methodist Church	Littleton	John Taylor	TLP
Hawkins Chapel Methodist Church	Roanoke Rapids	Nancy Palmer	Elder
Hornes Methodist Church	Wilson	John Check	Elder
Jackson Community Church	Jackson	Sam Grist	Elder
Nashville Methodist Church	Nashville	Luke Whitehead	Elder
Nashville Methodist Church	Nashville	Scott Dodson	Elder
Pleasant Grove Methodist Church	Jackson	Robert Hill	Elder
Rehoboth Church	Jackson	Randy Crowder	Supply
Rich Square Methodist Church	Rich Square	Dusty Sprouse	Elder
Sandy Cross Methodist Church	Nashville	Jami Noble	Elder
Scotland Neck Methodist Church	Scotland Neck	Dusty Sprouse	Elder
Seaboard Methodist Church	Seaboard	Sam Grist	Elder
Shiloh Methodist Church	Gaston	TBA	
Smith Methodist Church	Roanoke Rapids	Stanley (Stan) Lewis, Jr.	Elder
Speight's Chapel Church	Whitakers	Michael Edmondson	TLP
Tabor Methodist Church	Littleton	Nancy Palmer	Elder
Weavers Chapel	Littleton	Stanley (Stan) Lewis, Jr.	Elder
White Oak Methodist Church	Nashville	John Check	Elder

Siler City District: Linda Yow, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Bascom Chapel	Robbins	Ron Scott	Elder Senior
Buckhorn Methodist Church 7/1/2025	Moncure	Barry Drum	Elder
Center Methodist Church	Snow Camp	Steven Taylor	Elder
Goldston Methodist Church	Goldston	Kerry Wood	Elder
Goldston Methodist Church	Goldston	Kim King	Deacon
Hickory Grove Church	Siler City	Carlos Castano	Elder
Hickory Grove Church	Siler City	Liliana Castano	TLP
Meroney Methodist Church	Bear Creek	Linda Yow	Elder
Mt. Vernon Methodist Church	Siler City	TBA	
Page Memorial	Biscoe	Rebecca Chapman	TLP
Piney Grove Methodist Church	Siler City	Andreas Kjernald	Elder
Sapling Ridge Methodist Church	Pittsboro	TBA	
West End Methodist Church	Siler City	Linda Yow	Elder

Statesville District: Chris Lakey, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Bethlehem Church	Statesville	Matt Nichols	Elder
Center Global Methodist Church	Yadkinville	Justin Douglass	Elder
Clarksbury Methodist Church	Harmony	Charlie Curtis	Elder
Cool Springs Community Church	Cleveland	Darren Custer	Supply
Friendship Methodist Church	Statesville	Bobby Lorton	Elder
Harmony Methodist Church	Harmony	Chris Lakey	Elder
Marvin Methodist Church	Stony Point	Jerry Rogers	Deacon
Mountain View Methodist Church	Statesville	Brian Braunschweiler	Elder
Mount Bethel Church Harmony	Harmony	Timothy Sink	TLP
Mt Bethel Methodist Church Hickory	Hickory	Bradley Caldwell	Elder
Mount Olive Church	Yadkinville	Kevin Jasper	Elder
Pisgah Methodist Church Inc	Hiddenite	Matthew Harrold	Supply
Providence Methodist Church	Statesville	David Bradley	Elder
Rocky Springs Methodist Church	Hiddenite	Jerry Rogers	Deacon
Rose Chapel Methodist Church	Statesville	Gary Camp	Elder
Sandy Ridge Methodist Church	Statesville	Mark Reavill	Elder
Shiloh Methodist Church	Statesville	Darren Custer	Supply
Stony Point Methodist Church	Stony Point	Mickey Moree	Elder
Temple Hill Methodist Church	Rhonda	Justin Welch	Elder
Trinity Methodist Church	Statesville	Frank (Moose) Holvalt III	Supply
Wesley Chapel Inc	Hamptonville	Brian Braunschweiler	Elder

Washington District: Ken Hall, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Asbury Methodist Church 7/1/2025	Washington	David Green	Elder
Bethany Methodist Church	Belhaven	William (Bill) Creech	Elder
Bethel Methodist Church of Pitt County	Bethel	Patrick Keely	Elder
Campbell 's Creek Methodist Church	Aurora	Todd McMillen	TLP
Covenant Church	Greenville	Branson Sheets	Elder
Covenant Church	Greenville	Joe Cox	Elder
Covenant Church	Greenville	Jay Buckingham	Elder
Farmville Methodist Church	Farmville	Daniel Pantoja Salazar	Elder
First Methodist Church Washington	Washington	Ken Hall	Elder
First Methodist Church Washington	Washington	Stephen Bazan	Elder
Hookerton Methodist Church	Hookerton	TBA	
Jamesville Methodist Church	Jamesville	Larris Tolson	Deacon
Siloam Methodist Church	Williamston	Larris Tolson	Deacon
Stonewall	Stonewall	Betty Joe Rodgers	Elder
Trinity Belhaven	Belhaven	Cris Noble	Elder
Vernon Chapel	Williamston	Brenda Lewis	TLP
Warren Chapel Methodist Church 7/1/2025	Blounts Creek	David Green	Elder

Wilmington District: Tim Reaves, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Andrews Chapel Methodist Church	Ash	John Bracey	Elder
Asbury Methodist Church	Shallotte	Judy Jeremias	TLP
Belgrade Methodist Church	Maysville	TBA	
Dixon Chapel Methodist Church	Supply	Joe (JB) Kennedy	Elder
Faith Community Methodist Church	Castle Hayne	Daniel Eplee	Elder
Herrings Chapel Methodist Church	Burgaw	William Pearsall Sr.	Elder
Jordan's Chapel	Burgaw	D. L. Page, Jr.	Supply
Lee's Chapel Methodist Church	Pollocksville	John Williams, Jr.	TLP
Maysville Methodist Church	Maysville	John Williams, Jr.	TLP
Midway Methodist Church	Stella	James L. (Jim) Stephens	Elder
Pine Valley Methodist Church	Wilmington	Tim Reaves	Elder
Pine Valley Methodist Church	Wilmington	Kim Collins	Elder
Pine Valley Methodist Church	Wilmington	Barry Stallings	Elder
Pine Valley Methodist Church	Leland	Sheena Smith	Deacon
Pine Valley Methodist Church	Wilmington	Cody Johnsen	Elder
Queens Creek Methodist Church	Hubert	TBA	
Richlands Methodist Church	Richlands	Steve Saunders	Elder
Rocky Point Methodist Church	Rocky Point	Thomas Melton	TLP
Sharon Methodist Church	Supply	TBA	
Shiloh Methodist Church	Leland	TBA	
Southport Oak Island Global Methodist Church	Oak Island	Rick Russell	Elder
Tabernacle Methodist Church	Maysville	TBA	
Trinity Methodist Church	Jacksonville	Steve Smith	Elder
Verona Methodist Church	Jacksonville	Mark Kennedy	Elder
Village Point Methodist Church	Shallotte	Shannon Owens Ross	Elder
Westview Methodist Church	Burgaw	Sherry Coombs	Supply

Winston-Salem: Doug Miller, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Baltimore Church	East Bend	Bruce Updyke	Elder
Bethel Global Methodist Church	Thomasville	Reuben Rinker	Supply
Bethesda Methodist Church	Madison	John Howard	Elder
Chestnut Grove Methodist Church	King	James Martin	Elder
Concord Methodist Church	Lewisville	Eddie Evans	Elder
Delta Methodist Church	Sandy Ridge	Evelyn Lemons	Elder
Elm Grove	Pfafftown	Eddie Evans	Elder
Fair Grove Church	Thomasville	Mark Helms	Elder
Fulton Methodist Church	Advance	Tim Fraley	TLP
Good Hope Methodist Church	Lexington	Ashlee Decker	Elder
Kingswood Methodist Church	Rural Hall	Mark Muckler	Elder
Midway Methodist Church	Lexington	Ron Garner	Elder
Mount Carmel Methodist Church		Mary Miller	Elder
Mount Pleasant Methodist Church	Tobaccoville	David Joyce	Supply

Winston-Salem: Doug Miller, Presiding Elder *(continued)*

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
New Hope Church	Winston-Salem	J.F.Howard	Elder
Palmyra Methodist Church Inc	Germanton	Alicia Bowman	Supply
Pine Grove Methodist Church	Kernersville	TBA	
Pleasant Grove Methodist Church	Thomasville	John Stein	Elder
Shady Grove Global Methodist Church	Winston-Salem	Tom Mabry	Elder
Shady Grove Global Methodist Church	Winston-Salem	Leigh Tuttle	Deacon
Shoals Methodist Church	Pinnacle	Richard Buffkin	Elder
Snow Hill Church of Stokes	Danbury	Keith Lawson	TLP
Tabernacle Church	Tobaccoville	TBA	
Trinity Methodist Church of Winston Salem	Winston-Salem	Douglas Miller	Elder
Whitaker's Chapel	Pilot Mountain	Richard Buffkin	Elder

Extension Ministries

Ministry Appointed	District	Name	Status
Pastoral Counselor	Concord District	Shelton Davis	Elder
Director of Church and Clergy Services	Conference	Dalma Cribb	Senior Elder
Social Worker for Children Advocacy	Concord District	Rocio Avila-Ramirez	Elder
Conference Evangelist	Winston-Salem District	Andy Lambert	Elder
Missionary to Thailand	Greensboro District	Anup Rai	Elder
Interim Pastor 7/1/2025	Asheboro District	Frank Hare	Elder
US Army Chaplain, South Carolina Guard	Fayetteville District	Robert Wilson	Elder
Traveling Interim Minister 7/1/2025	Wilmington District	Brian Simmons	Elder
Traveling Interim Minister 7/1/2025	Wilmington District	Joellen Simmons	Elder
Appointed outside the conference	Pembroke District	Prentis (Trey) Harris	Elder
US Army Chaplain, Germany	Raleigh District	Bradley Bruce	Elder

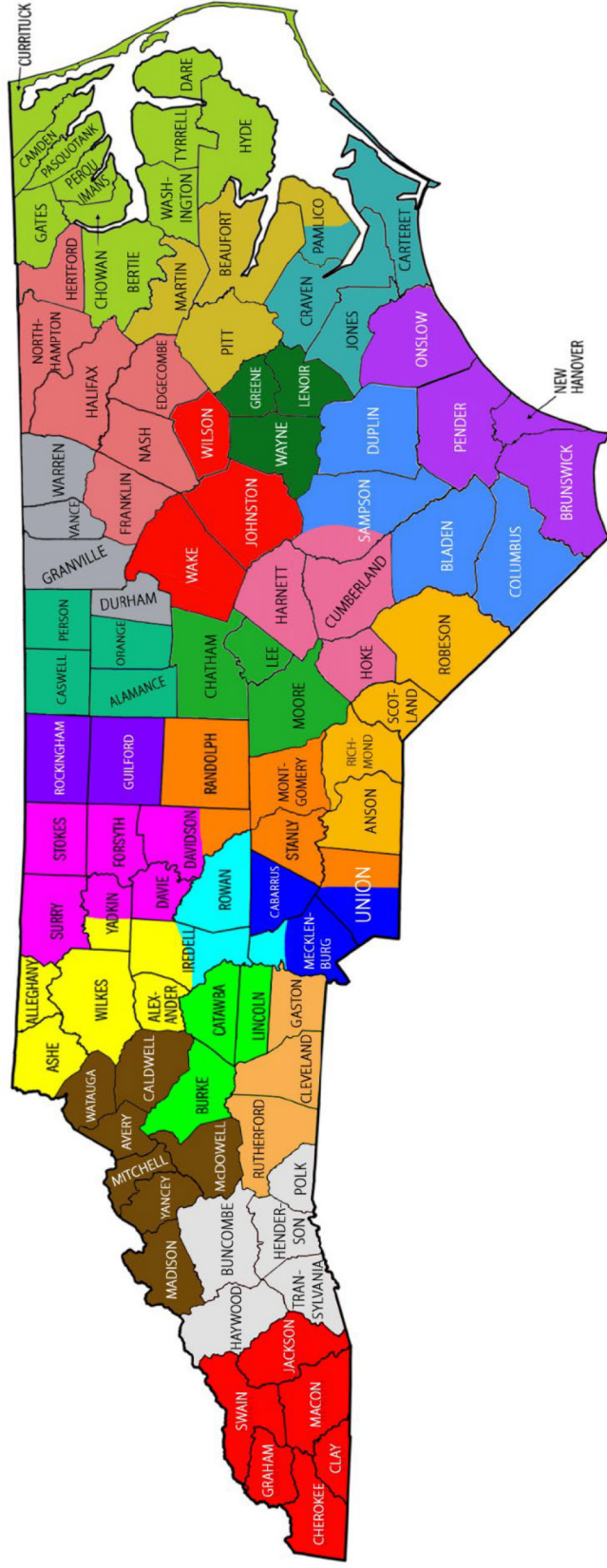
2024-2025 Disaffiliated Churches

Macon Methodist Church	Roanoke Rapids District, 5/18/2025
Mount Hermon	Winston Salem District, 11-17-2024
Louisa Chapel Methodist Church	Franklin District, 12-17-2024
Tabernacle Church	Goldsboro District, 1-31-25
Macon Methodist Church	Roanoke Rapids, 5-18-2025



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Asheville District	Concord District	Franklin District	Greensboro District	Pembroke District	Statesville District
Graham District	Durham District	Fayetteville District	Hickory District	Raleigh District	Washington District
Cherokee District	Edenton District	Gastonia District	Mooresville District	Roanoke Rapids District	Wilmington District
Clay District	Elizabethtown District	Goldsboro District	New Bern District	Siler City District	Winston-Salem District

