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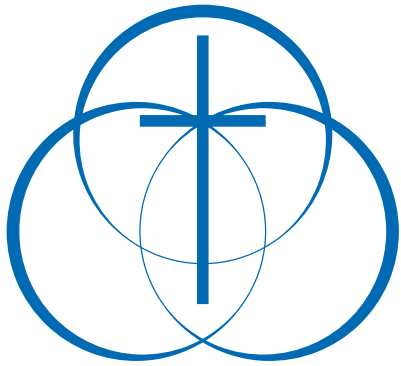
2026 WORKBOOK



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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.



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Mark Your Calendar!



Annual Conference 2027
June 16 – 19
Benton Convention Center
Winston-Salem, NC

The presence of each lay and clergy member is essential to the edification of all our churches and our thousands of laity.

Each is needed, and each needs the other.

Thank you for making plans now to attend next year.

“For the body is not one member, but many.” (c.f. 1Corinthians 12:12-31)

OUR MISSION

The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

At the heart of the Global Methodist Church is a deep desire to surrender fully to the one true God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—and to live out a passionate devotion to what matters most to Him.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we envision a worldwide movement of disciples who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. Jesus calls us to love God wholeheartedly and our neighbors as ourselves, and we strive to embody His extravagant love in all we do.

We are entrusted with a lifesaving, transforming message, and are committed to sharing the whole counsel of God with all peoples—boldly, fearlessly, and with unwavering faith.

Rooted in Scripture and led by the Spirit, we seek to advance God’s Kingdom in every culture and community. As a global church, we value the gifts of every member, walking together in mutual love, humility, and service—especially toward the vulnerable—as we partner in God’s mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ and transform the world.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers, Co-workers in Christ,

What a joy it is to greet you in the Name above all names, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, Savior of the world, and Lord of lords! Welcome to the 2026 session of the North Carolina Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

We gather as those who are SENT. Yes, the churches of North Carolina have sent us to this gathering. Yet, we gather not with the sense that our foremost reason for being present is that our churches sent us.

We gather, first and foremost, as those who are SENT by the Lord Jesus Christ. We are laity and we are clergy who are SENT.

We gather in the presence of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We gather to know the SENDER. We gather to honor His SENDING authority and to receive our orders from Him. We gather to receive the Holy Spirit's empowering, that we might fulfill His commission. We gather to encourage one another as we collaborate in this mission to which we are SENT. We gather to surrender to His will and purposes saying with Isaiah, "Here I am SEND me." (Isaiah 6:8)

The emphasis of our gathering is articulated in our theme from John 20:21, "Sent: Called, Equipped, Commissioned." Bishop Jeff Greenway will wonderfully lead us. We expect the Spirit of God to speak to our souls through Bishop Carolyn Moore and Rev. Tom Mabry. Others will teach us regarding the shape of our response in the breakout sessions. We will also make decisions that give shape to our obedience to His SENDING us as the Father has sent Him.

Through these days together, we hope to assimilate this truth to our own hearts and to our shared life; "we are SENT." We are SENT by the resurrected Jesus Christ with the Gospel of truth. We are called, commissioned, and given authority to speak and act in His Name. We are equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit. By our surrendered service, we bring glory to God the Father.

Thank you for your presence and thank you for sharing in this SENT life and ministry.

May the blessing of God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and upon us all.

In Christ,

Rev. David Banks and Rev. Kari Howard

SENT: Called, Equipped, Commissioned

During our 2026 Annual Conference, we invite you to gather to be renewed in your mission as one sent to share the Good News of Jesus Christ!

We have been SENT.

Jesus enters our lives like He did for the disciples on that resurrection day. Announcing, *“Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you” (John 20:21, NIV)*. We are reminded that their mission is our mission too. When Jesus comes into our space, the atmosphere changes. Where doors are shut, He opens minds. Where fear is felt, peace becomes prominent. Breathlessness meets fresh winds of the Spirit. Confusion turns to commissioning. The mission is made clear. He was sent to us. Disciples are sent to the world. We who believe today continue to be sent.

We are SENT by Jesus.

Jesus announced it early in his ministry. *“‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will send you out to fish for people’” (Matthew 4:19, NIV)*. Come to this annual conference to follow the Lord’s call, to follow Him. Gain refreshing. Time spent growing with other disciples results in fellowship of witness in the world. Let’s follow the call from Him so that we can be sent by Him.

We are Equipped to be SENT again.

The Holy Spirit is sent to equip us for the mission. *“And with that He breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit’” (John 20:22, NIV)*. Let’s come with anticipation. Come empty to leave full. Come to receive. Come for inspiration of the Spirit Himself as we worship together, study the Word of God together, and gain insights to witness to a lost world.

We are Commissioned.

The Great Commission. We have been called by Jesus, equipped by the Spirit, entrusted by God to share the Good News of salvation to all who believe. *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:19-20, NIV)*. As His disciples, we are commissioned to go and make disciples. We are called to be disciples who make disciples.

Discipleship for life is the normal lifestyle of those who call on the name of Jesus. Those **outside** of the **church** will never hear the Gospel unless those **inside** the **church** go and tell them. **YOU HAVE BEEN SENT.**

Our heartfelt prayer is that you will be *renewed, refreshed, and readied* to continue the mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to be vessels who spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

With hope and expectancy,
The 2026 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.

Book of Doctrines and Discipline

<https://globalmethodist.org/books-of-doctrines-and-discipline/>

Name Tags & Voting Information

Lanyards are colored to indicate your voting status. The lanyard color explanations are below. The voting method will be specified by Bishop Greenway and will be done by voice, raising hands, standing, or in writing. To be recognized to speak on an issue, raise your hand, be recognized, and come to one of the mics on the floor. **Please state your name, district, conference status, and church/charge before speaking.**

Please always wear your name tag and lanyard.

Upon leaving the Annual Conference, return your lanyard to the registration team or a Greeter.

Blue – Lay Members - Full voice and vote on all matters of Annual Conference.

(Except in the Executive Session related to clergy.)

See ¶1708.1 of the *2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline*

Blue – Active Elders - Full voice and vote on all matters of Annual Conference.

See ¶1510.2 of the *2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline*

Orange – Active Deacons

Full Voice and vote on all matters except for ordination and conference relations of Elders.

See ¶1509.3 of the *2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline*

Purple - Valid Deacon and Elder under appointment - Full voice and vote except for constitutional amendments, election of delegates to General or Annual Conferences, and all matters of ordination character and conference relation of ministers. **Unappointed have no status.**

See ¶1517.2. a-c of the *2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline*

Yellow – Transitional Local Pastors (TLP) under appointment

Full Voice and vote on all matters except for ordination and conference relations of deacons and elders. **Unappointed shall be laity.**

See ¶1521.2.b of the *2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline*

Green – Active Supply Pastor

Full voice and vote except for ordination and conference relations of deacons and elders.

Unappointed shall be candidates.

See ¶1512.1 of the *2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline*

Blue – Senior Clergy

Full voice and vote.

See ¶1520 of the *2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline*, (within 7 years of joining the Global Methodist Church and notified the conference secretary, or still under appointment.)

Red – Inactive Elders and Deacons - (Not serving under appointment), shall be classified as “inactive” and **no voice and vote except for GC delegates (Par. 518.2)**

See ¶1510.2 for Elders and ¶1509.3 for Deacons of the *2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline*

White – Candidate/Supply and Laity/Transitional Local Pastors and Not Under Appointment

Non-voting guest

No Voice or Vote

Special Offerings

“He Cares” in Thomasville, NC

Offering collected during communion, Thursday morning.

For more than 14 years, He Cares has faithfully served some of the most vulnerable people in the High Point and Thomasville communities by providing food and necessities every Saturday morning, 52 weeks a year. Led almost entirely by Mike Turner and a small group of volunteers, the ministry serves 150–200 people weekly — and sometimes as many as 300 — through free lunches, snacks, drinks, produce, and household supplies. Operating largely through donated and personally purchased goods, He Cares depends on financial contributions to continue meeting growing needs. Gifts of any size directly help provide food and other essentials for neighbors facing food insecurity and hardship.



Global Partnerships

Offering collected at the exits at the conclusion of the Friday morning session.

The North Carolina Conference of the Global Methodist Church is called to be more than a local expression of faith. We are called to the world. Through our Global Partnerships program, the NCGMC is walking alongside our African sisters and brothers in Uganda and the Kasai Region of the West Congo GMC, fulfilling the shared vision to “Make Disciples of Jesus Christ and Spread Scriptural Holiness Across the Globe.



Annual Conference Schedule

Wednesday, June 17

- 8:00 am Registration and Vendors Open – Piedmont 2 and 3
8:30 am Cabinet Meeting
3:30 pm Ordinands Meeting with Bishop – Ardmore 1
7:00 pm Clergy Executive Session (*closed session*) – Piedmont 1
Love Feast - Gaines Ballroom
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Congregational Hymn
Recognition of Certified Lay Ministers (CLM)
Small Group Prayer Time
Testimonies
Congregational Hymn
Doxology
Sending Forth with Blessings

Thursday, June 18

- 8:00 am Registration and Vendors Open – Piedmont 2 and 3
9:30 am Worship – Piedmont 4
Reading and Wesley Covenant Prayer Tom Mabry
Calling the Conference to Order David Banks
Conference Rules Reading 1 Shannon Medlin
Welcome Kari Howard
Board of Ministry John Woods
Certified Lay Minister Recognition Bishop Greenway
Memorial Recognition John Woods
Introduction of Ordinands John Woods
Historic Questions Bishop Greenway
Special Offering - He Cares Ministry, Winston-Salem, NC. . . Tom Mabry
Holy Communion David Banks and
Bishop Greenway
- 11:30 am Sending Forth with Blessings and Adjourn for lunch**
- 2:00 pm Breakout Session 1 – Group Session in Piedmont 4 with Bishop Greenway
3:00 pm Break
3:30 pm Breakout Session 2 – select Breakout from list in Conference Workbook pages 8-9
- 4:30 pm Sending Forth with Blessings and Adjourn for dinner**
- 7:00 pm Worship with Bishop Carolyn Moore

Friday, June 19

- 8:00 am Registration and Vendors Open
- 9:30 am Worship – Piedmont 4
- Conference Leadership Team ReportTom Mabry
- Lay Ministry ReportHeather Grabbs
- Cabinet ReportMatt Seals
- Finance & Administration ReportDan Lyons
- Nominations ReportKari Howard
- Global Partnerships Panel Discussions with Bishop Moore, Greg Jenks,
Kari Howard, and Bishop Greenway
- Special Offering, Global Partnerships
- 11:30 am Sending Forth with Blessings and Adjourn for Lunch**
- 2:00 pm Breakout Session 3 – select Breakout from list in Conference Workbook pages pages 8-9
- 3:00 pm Break
- 3:30 pm Breakout Session 4 - select Breakout from list in Conference Workbook pages pages 8-9
- 4:30 pm Adjourn for Dinner**
- 7:00 pm Worship with Rev. Dr. Tom Mabry and Angela Primm, Wilmington Celebration Choir

Saturday June 20 - Service of Ordination

- 8:00 am Ordinands Rehearsal
- 9:15 am Doors Open
- 10:00 am Service of Ordination
- 12:00 noon Adjourn**

2026 Annual Conference Breakouts

Annual Conference is offering three opportunities to participate in one of seven breakout sessions around topics that relate to our theme of being “Sent”. Those times will be Thursday afternoon from 3:30pm - 4:30pm and Friday afternoon from 2:00pm - 3pm and 3:30pm - 4:30pm. During each time those attending the conference may self-select which breakout they attend.

Sowing Seeds For Revival led by Dr. John Frank Howard, Sr

Location: Gains Ballroom

In this breakout, participants will be offered both biblical encouragement and practical guidance for churches that long to see God do fresh work in their midst. This session is designed to help pastors, leaders, and laypeople understand how the seeds they sow in the present can help prepare the ground for God’s renewing work in the future. With biblical inspiration and practical application, this breakout will help participants think about revival not only as something to hope for, but as something to prayerfully and faithfully prepare for. “Sowing Seeds For Revival” will encourage and equip anyone who longs to see the local church awakened, renewed, and ready for what God wants to do next.

Architecting a Sending Church: A Blueprint for Culture Change led by Rev. Chad Irons

Location Atkins 1

The Church is called, equipped, commissioned, and SENT to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Yet, many congregations struggle to move from sincere intention to sustainable disciple multiplication. Without structural alignment, disciple multiplication remains occasional rather than reproducible. Churches do not become sending churches by adding programs. They become sending churches by aligning culture, language, leadership, and systems around the Great Commission. Culture, not activity, determines whether disciple multiplication becomes normal or accidental. In this session, a pastor and certified lay minister share the early-stage implementation of a disciple-making ecosystem designed to move a congregation from maintenance patterns toward a sustainable culture of sending. Participants will examine how structural clarity supports the Church’s obedience to be SENT.

Introducing Engage: Pursuing Excellence in Global Methodist Missions led by Heather Carter-Young

Location: Ardmore 2

This breakout session will 1) encourage participants to envision a calling to strategic engagement in the Great Commission and 2) will mobilize them, their districts, and churches to cross-cultural missions by introducing Global Methodist Church missional vision and, specifically, the Engage training.

Living Into Reconciliation in a World of Conflict - Equipping Disciples to Become Multipliers Through Conflict Transformation led by Laura Greer

Location: *Ardmore 1*

This breakout will equip Church leaders, small group leaders, and lay members to live as those sent into a conflicted world as ministers of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-19). Rather than avoiding conflict, attendees will learn how to engage it as an opportunity for disciple-making, embodying Christ's peace in real relationships, will receive practical tools to navigate conflict, and multiply healthy discipleship practices.

The ABC's of Calling: Abide, Belong, Cooperate — Helping Others Discover Their Place in God's Mission led by Pam Bone & Anja Staten

Location: *Atkins 2*

Every follower of Jesus is called—and every disciple can help others recognize and respond to God's call. Yet, many believers struggle to discern their own calling or to encourage it in others. This interactive workshop introduces a simple, biblical framework for understanding and multiplying calling using three movements: Abide in Christ, Belong in community, and Cooperate with the Holy Spirit. Participants will explore how calling develops through relationship with Christ, confirmation within the body of Christ, and responsiveness to the Spirit's prompting. Through practical tools, reflective exercises, and guided conversation, attendees will learn how to recognize the early signs of calling in themselves and others, ask catalytic questions that draw out God's work in a person's life, and help people take their next faithful step in mission.

Banded Discipleship: The (Re-emerging) Power of the Methodist Movement led by Rev. Sean Glenn

Location: *Piedmont 1*

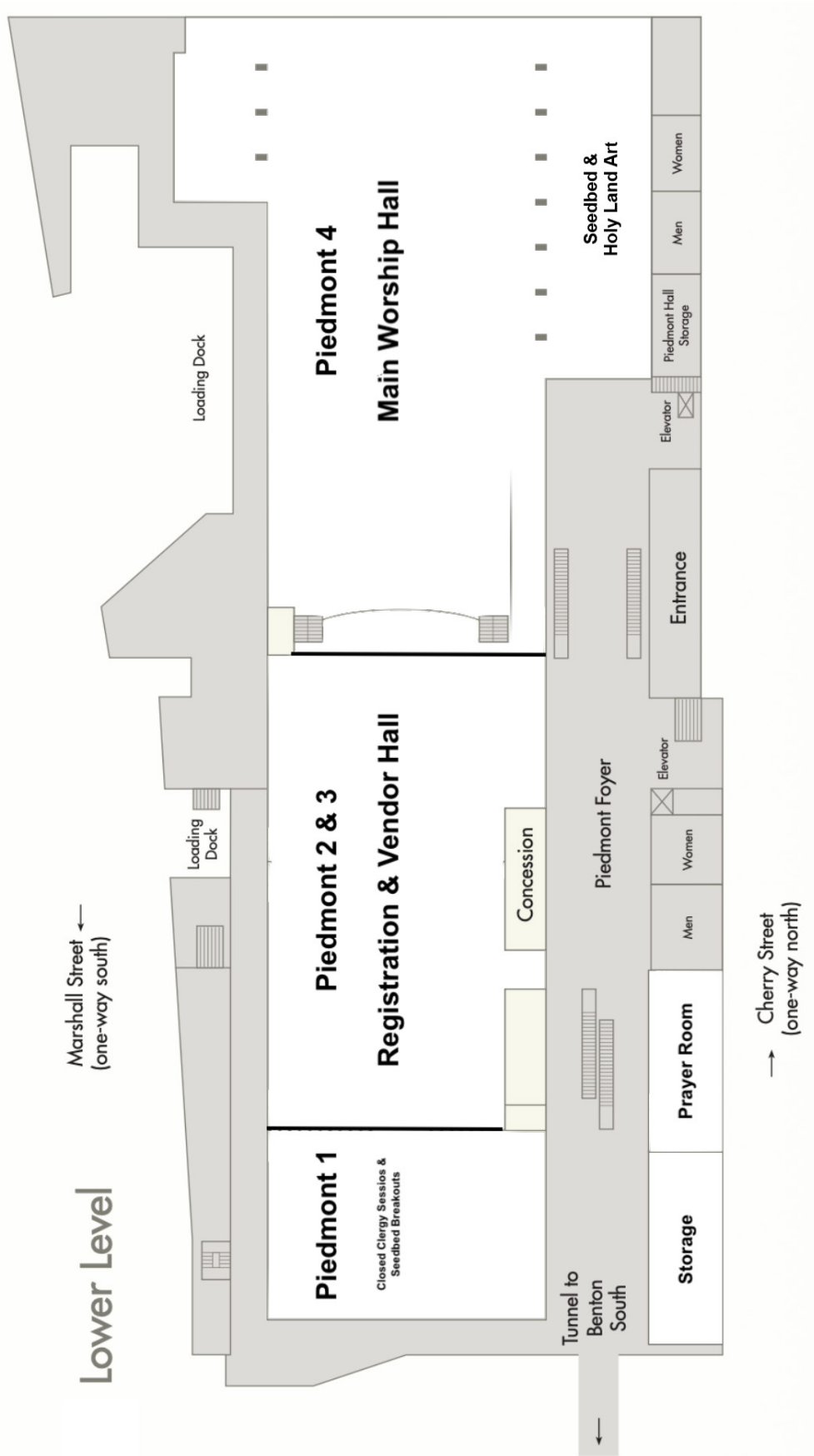
In this breakout, participants will explore the re-emerging power of the Methodist movement – banded discipleship. Early on, Wesley organized his people into class and band meetings. Class meetings were typically 7-12 people and Band meetings were 3-5 people. Faith is not a solo sport and neither is discipleship. In a culture where loneliness has reached epidemic levels and so many Christians struggle to appropriate and put into practice the things they say they believe, discipleship banding is an answer to both issues. The true work of faith, the place where awakening happens, is not in a large gathering of people on a Sunday morning. It is in the gathering of a few people who are open and honest before each other and before the Lord. Bands are a place to form deep connections and experience transformation. Participants will explore the origin and practice of both the Class meeting and the Band meeting.

Build A Pillar: Beyond Snacks, Stickers, and Stories: Children's Ministry That Makes Disciples led by Teresa Auten

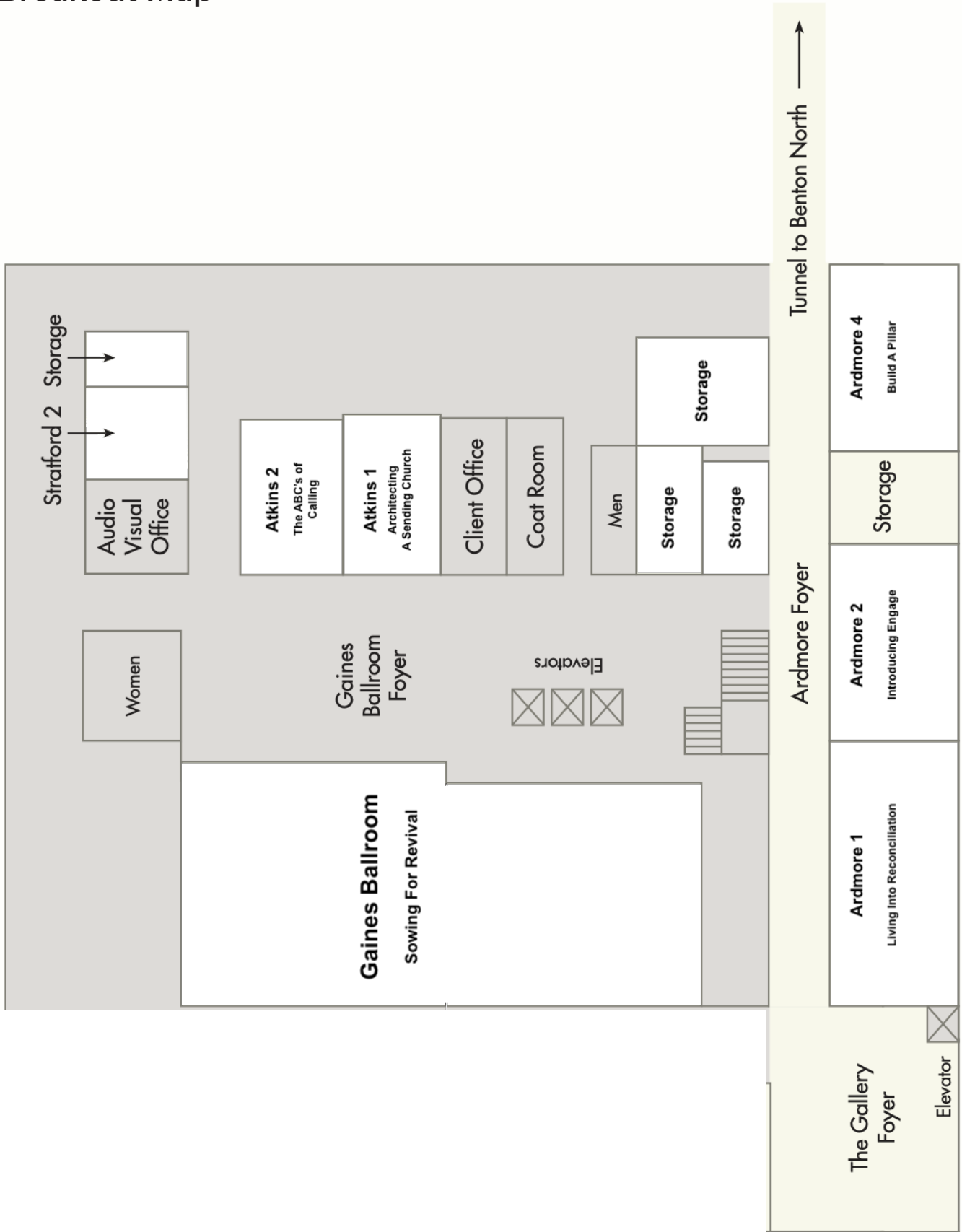
Location: *Ardmore 4*

Proverbs 22:6 says "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." Yet many in our local churches today struggle with discerning the best ways to reach and disciple the next generation. This breakout's goal is to equip leaders and volunteers to move from surface level engagement to making disciples of our children.

Benton General Map



Breakout Map



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.



Carolyn Moore

Bishop, SC & Alabama Conferences

Carolyn Moore is an ordained Elder in the Global Methodist Church, where she currently serves as Bishop of the following Annual Conferences: South Carolina, North Alabama, Covenant Philippines, Uganda and Western States. A two-time graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary, Carolyn has served in the local church since 1998 as pastor and church planter. She writes, preaches, and teaches widely on holiness, prayer, and the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

Find her podcasts and blogs at ArtOfHoliness.com. She is the author of four Bible studies (Encounter Jesus, Encounter the Spirit, Encounter the Father and Supernatural, and two books (The 19; and When Women Lead).

Carolyn has been joyfully married to Steve Moore for 39 years. Their family includes a daughter, son-in-law, two grandchildren, and some spiritual children they call their own.



Tom Mabry

*Senior Pastor at (Winston-Salem) Shady Grove
Chair, Conference Leadership Team*

Rev. Dr. Tom Mabry is in his eleventh year as Senior Pastor of Shady Grove Global Methodist Church in Winston-Salem. A native of Salisbury, he earned a Bachelor of Arts from Catawba College and a Master of Divinity from Hood Theological Seminary. He also holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from Asbury Theological Seminary, where he studied as a Beeson Scholar.

Rev. Dr. Mabry has played a significant leadership role in the formation and growth of the Global Methodist Church in North Carolina. He served on the Transitional Conference Advisory Team (TCAT), the body that helped establish the North Carolina Annual Conference in 2023. He was Vice Chair of the North Carolina Episcopacy Committee, the predecessor to the current Conference Leadership Team. For the past three years, he has chaired the Conference Leadership Team and also led the Annual Conference Task Force in 2024 and 2025.

In addition to his conference-level service, Rev. Dr. Mabry serves as Director of Global Methodist Studies at Hood Theological Seminary, where he recruited Global Methodist clergy to teach in the Global Methodist Certificate Program launched in 2025.

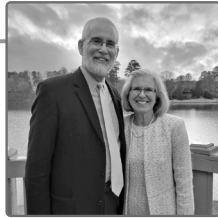
Tom and his wife, Adele, are the parents of four adult children and grandparents to ten grandchildren.



Conference Staff

David Banks

Conference Superintendent



Carolyn Hindel

Conference Controller



Kari Howard

Associate Conference Superintendent



Tammy Stott Lackey

Executive Assistant to Rev. David Banks and Rev. Kari Howard



Shannon Medlin

Conference Secretary



Greg Jenks

Coordinator Global Partnerships



Dalma Cribb

Director of Church and Clergy Services



Mitch Johnston

IT Administrator



Tellers

John Howard, Head Clergy Teller

Angie Harrison, Head Lay Teller

Name

Linda Black	Winston-Salem District
Elizabeth Bush	Boone District
Kamiel Carter	Raleigh District
Justin Douglass	Statesville District
Caroline Franks	Greensboro District
Angie Harrison	Mooresville District
Erik Harrison	Mooresville District
John Howard	Winston-Salem District
John Frank Howard Sr.	Winston-Salem District
Keith Nichols	Winston-Salem District

Name

Melanie Nichols	Winston-Salem District
Aaron Smith	Concord District
Gary Sowell	Mooresville District
Jackie Swanik	Burlington District
Charmaine Van Rooyen	Greensboro District
Sarah Williams	New Bern District
Sarah Beth Wood	Washington District
Beth Woods	Hickory District

Proposed Conference Rules

The conventions for proposed amendments to the rules:

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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)¹

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.”² 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

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.

State for North Carolina.

- 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 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)~~ **APPOINTED TRANSITIONAL LOCAL PASTORS, APPOINTED SUPPLY PASTORS, APPOINTED VALID DEACONS AND ELDERS** 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 a 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 **OR HIRED** by the Annual Conference to the following leadership positions shall serve as lay members of the Annual Conference: **THE CONFERENCE OPERATING OFFICER**, 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. by a charge or district or annual or general conference which includes laity. They may not be appointed by a clergyperson.

SECTION IV: PROCEDURES FOR SESSIONS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1 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.

1.1. THE HISTORIC AND ESSENTIAL PURPOSES OF GATHERING FOR CONFERENCE ARE:

1.1.1. INSPIRING AND REVIVING THE CONFERENCE’S SPIRITUAL LIFE AND VITALITY IN CHRIST,

1.1.2. CONNECTING TO ONE ANOTHER IN ACCOUNTABLE LOVE, AND

1.1.3. ORGANIZING OUR LIFE TOGETHER FOR EFFECTIVE OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST AS WE RECEIVE AND PURSUE THE MISSION OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH.

- 2 The Conference may meet for special sessions under the provisions of ¶708.7.
- 3 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.
- 3.1 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.
- 4 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.
- 4.1 The annual conference may direct the method of voting or a count of the vote by a simple majority.
- 5 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*.
- 5.1 The rule of a Quorum also governs all teams and task groups of the annual conference.
- 6 The Conference may from time to time choose to limit deliberation by a motion at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- 7 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.
- 8 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 5.1. Leadership of the delegation alternates between clergy and laity. The first elected lay person shall chair the delegation in 2026, and the first elected clergy person shall be vice-chair. **IN SUCCESSIVE GENERAL CONFERENCES AND THEREAFTER, THE CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON ALTERNATES BETWEEN THE FIRST ELECTED CLERGY AND FIRST ELECTED LAITY. (EX. THE NEXT GENERAL CONFERENCE CHAIR WILL BE CLERGY AND THE VICE-CHAIR WILL BE LAITY.)**
 - 5.2 Other leadership roles may be defined and elected by the delegation as the delegation determines.
- 6 The Annual Conference shall provide the means by which 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 or not to serve.
 - 6.5 If an elected person **DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE** discerns not to serve as a delegate or alternate, alternates and reserves, in the order of their elections, will be given the opportunity to move up a seat. **THE FIRST ELECTED ALTERNATE WILL BECOME A DELEGATE. THEN THE FIRST ELECTED RESERVE WILL BECOME AN ALTERNATE. IF THE FIRST ELECTED RESERVE CANNOT ATTEND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, THE OPTION TO GO WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT RESERVE ON THE LIST IN ORDER OF ELECTION.**
- 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 be 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 **RECOMMENDED** budget prepared must be a “balanced” budget.
 - 2.2 The budget is prepared as a “zero-based” budget.
- 2.3. THE FINAL, CONFERENCE APPROVED BUDGET MUST BE A BALANCED 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 a whole 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 **OF CONNECTIONAL GIVING** 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. (¶449.6)

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 **OR A DEFINABLE REGION**.
 - 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 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 EXTENSION MINISTRY OR IN** senior status is to name a charge conference to which he/she habitually relates.
 - 6.1. 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 **EXTENSION, SENIOR, TRANSITIONAL, AND** inactive deacons and elders **AND THOSE LAY PERSONS UNDER ASSIGNMENT.**
- 6.2. SUPPLY PASTORS WHO ARE IN TRANSITION TO A NEW APPOINTMENT REMAIN UNDER THE CARE OF THE PRESIDING ELDER AND CIRCLE LEADER. THOSE SUPPLY PASTORS WHO CEASE TO BE APPOINTED RETURN TO THEIR CANDIDACY STATUS AND THE CARE OF THE BOARD OF MINISTRY PROVIDED THAT A FORMER SUPPLY PASTOR REESTABLISHES HIM/HERSELF AS LAY A MEMBER OF A LOCAL GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH.**

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, or 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 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: (§ 710.1.a.6) the Chancellor, the Treasurer, the Dean of the Cabinet, and the chairpersons of Finance and Administration, the Board of Ministry, the Board of Directors, and the Superintendency Team.~~
 - ~~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.~~

A. THE STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT) (SEE THE DIAGRAM, APPENDIX A)

1 THE SLT FULFILLS THE REQUIREMENTS OF §710.1 OF THE 2024 BOOK OF DOCTRINES AND DISCIPLINE.

- 2 THE SLT SERVES AS THE CONNECTIONAL LINK TO OUR CONFERENCE BOARDS AND COMMITTEES, AND THE TEAM IS EMPOWERED TO MAKE NECESSARY CONFERENCE ORGANIZATIONAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND MINISTRY DECISIONS BETWEEN THE GATHERINGS OF OUR NC ANNUAL CONFERENCE AS DELIMITED IN ¶710.1.**
- 3 FOR THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, IN ORDER TO FULFILL THE MISSION OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH, THE SLT SETS VISION AND PRIORITIES; STRATEGIZES AND PLANS; COORDINATES COMMUNICATION; ENSURES A BROAD MINISTRY ALIGNMENT AND COOPERATION THROUGHOUT THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE; AND DELEGATES TACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION, OPERATIONS, AND ALIGNMENT TO THE MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAMS.**
- 4 WHILE SOME OF ITS DEFINED DUTIES ARE OPERATIONAL, THE SLT FOCUSES UPON TO THE FIRST ASSIGNED DUTY OF ENGAGING IN PROACTIVE STRATEGIC PLANNING, GROWTH IN DISCIPLESHIP AND MISSION, ESTABLISHING THE PRIORITIES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE, AND ENSURING A PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION. ¶710.1B(1)**

5 MEMBERSHIP

- 5.1 THE CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT, CHAIR ¶607.1(M)**
- 5.2 THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SECRETARY**
- 5.3 THE CONFERENCE LAY LEADER**
- 5.4 THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE SUPERINTENDENCY TEAM**
- 5.5 THE CHAIR OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**
- 5.6 THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF MINISTRY**
- 5.7 THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (TRUSTEES)**
- 5.8 THE DEAN OF THE CABINET**
- 5.9 ONE CHAIR FROM THE MINISTRY RESOURCES TEAM NOMINATED BY THE NOMINATIONS TEAM**
- 5.10 AT LARGE MEMBERS**
 - 5.11. PERSONS WITH VOICE WITHOUT VOTE**
 - 5.11.1. THE CONFERENCE OPERATING OFFICER**
 - 5.11.2. THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS**
 - 5.11.3. THE CONFERENCE CHANCELOR WHEN NEEDED**

6 AT-LARGE MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

- 6.1 THE SLT IS LIMITED TO BETWEEN 12 TO 14 VOTING MEMBERS.**
- 6.2 AT-LARGE MEMBERS ARE NOMINATED BY THE NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP TEAM AND ELECTED BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.**
- 6.3 AT-LARGE MEMBERS BRING LAY-CLERGY EQUALIZATION, RACIAL/ETHNIC REPRESENTATION, SKILLS, GIFTS, AND EXPERTISE.**
- 6.4 AT-LARGE MEMBERS SERVE UP TO SIX-YEAR TERMS**
- 7 THE SLT MAY ADDITIONALLY ORGANIZE THEMSELVES FOR EFFECTIVENESS INCLUDING ELECTING A VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY.**

B. MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAMS (MLT) (SEE THE DIAGRAM, APPENDIX A)

- 1 THE TACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY, PRIORITIES AND PLANS SET BY THE SLT IS DELEGATED TO THE MINISTRY LEADERSHIP TEAMS CHAIRED BY CONFERENCE OPERATIONS OFFICER.**

2 THE MLT IS CONSTITUTED AS TWO SUB-TEAMS COMPRISED OF THE CHAIRPERSONS OF THESE MINISTRY TEAMS.

2.1 MINISTRY RESOURCES

2.1.1 EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP

2.1.2 MISSIONS

2.1.3 CHURCH MULTIPLICATION / NEW CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

2.1.4 DISASTER RECOVERY

2.1.5 LAY MINISTRY

2.1.6 GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

2.2 MINISTRY SUPPORT

2.2.1 BOARD OF MINISTRY

2.2.2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS (TRUSTEES)

2.2.3 PERSONNEL

2.2.4 ANNUAL CONFERENCE PLANNING TEAM

2.2.5 FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION.

3 AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CONFERENCE OPERATIONS OFFICER, THE MLT MAY MEET, WHEN NEEDED, AS AN ENTIRE TEAM OR AS SUB-TEAMS.

4 THE PRIMARY TASK OF THE MLT IS TO ALIGN AND GUIDE THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY TEAMS IN FULFILLING BOTH THE MISSION OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH AND THE VISION, PRIORITIES, AND DIRECTION SET BY THE SLT.

5 THE MLT AND SUB-TEAMS MAY ADDITIONALLY ORGANIZE THEMSELVES FOR EFFECTIVENESS INCLUDING ELECTING A VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY.

C. CONFERENCE TEAMS SET BY THE 2024 BOOK OF DOCTRINES AND DISCIPLINE

1 ***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)

1.1 The Board of Ministry shall be set at no more than 42 members. (§ 709.5 “Annual Conferences shall set the number of members of the Board.”)

1.2 The Board of Ministry is divided into classes of 3-5 9 persons per year for six years terms of service.

1.3 The Board of Ministry may conduct its interview work by means of four or more regional interview teams.

1.4 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.

1.5 § 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 BDD.

2 ***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.

- 2.1 The Superintendency Team shall be composed of five (5) lay and five (5) clergy persons.
- 2.2 ¶ 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 BDD.
- 3 **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.
 - 3.1 The membership of Finance and Administration Team shall be set at 16 persons.
 - 3.2 Officers serve a two-year term and they may succeed themselves. However, succession cannot be used to extend the term limits set by *The Book of Doctrines and Discipline*.
- 4 **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.
 - 4.1 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.
 - 4.2 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 Book of Doctrines and Discipline*.
- 5 **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.
- 6 **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).
- 7 **Trustees / Board of Directors** (¶ 1006, 1012; By-laws, Article V. Section 8)
- 8 **The Conference Chancellor** (¶ 708.3)
- 9 **The Conference Treasurer** (¶ 710.4.a)
- 10 **The Conference Secretary** (¶ 710.1.a.4; By-laws, Article V, Section 1.A.4; Article VI, Section 4)
- 11 **The Conference Lay Leader** (¶ 710.a.5; By-Laws Article V, Section 1.A.5 and Article VI, Section 5)

D. 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~~ **STRATEGIC**

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 OPERATIONS OFFICER**, The CLF **STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM** chairperson or designate, the conference lay leader, Director of Church and Clergy Services, and Conference Secretary are members of this Task Force.
 - 2.3 The task force on the Annual Conference is responsible, in conference with the CLF **STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM** 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 leadership team and elected by the Annual Conference.
 - 2.5 Between sessions of the Annual Conference, the CLF **STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP TEAM** may fill vacancies or supplement the task force's membership.
- 3 ***New Church Development Team*** (NCDT) (§450 BDD) – in order 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~~ **STRATEGIC 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 **EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP TEAM (EDT)** ~~Local church vitality team (LCVT)~~ – in order 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 **BY MEANS OF INTENTIONAL EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP**.
 - 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 **EDT** should recommend to the churches an effective and functional criteria of an active member of the local church. (§ 422)
 - 4.3 Until the **EDT** 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*** – in order 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.

E. 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~~ **STRATEGIC 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.
- 5. THOSE ELECTED BY THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE TO ANY TEAM BEGIN THEIR SERVICE ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION.**
- 6. ALL COMMITTEES HAVE THE EXPECTATION OF ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION. REPEATED ABSENCE IS UNDERSTOOD AS A MEMBER'S INABILITY TO SERVE.**

SECTION IX: MISSIONAL PRIORITIES

- 1 The mission of the Global Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to spread scriptural holiness across the globe. (§ 401)
- 2 Global Methodist Church priorities
 - 2.1 Biblical preaching and teaching;
 - 2.2 Transformational and accountable discipleship;
 - 2.3 Multiplication by evangelism and new church development;
 - 2.4 Global partnerships;
 - 2.5 Ministry to all people
- 3 North Carolina Global Methodist Church additional priorities
 - 3.1 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)
 - 3.2 Prayerful living and prayerful discernment (Philippians 4:4-9; James 5:13-18)
 - 3.3 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*.

Board of Ministry Report — 2026

The North Carolina GMC Board of Ministry is a 42-member leadership team composed of both lay and clergy representatives. Our Board is charged with the recruiting, nurturing 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 progressive evaluation through a series of steps as they seek to embody that call. Along the path, those who have discerned the Lord's call must be affirmed by their local church and pass criminal and financial checks, as well as psychological testing. Candidates then undergo a period of directed mentoring and the review of educational requirements. Finally, they meet with the Board of Ministry for both a written and oral evaluation. To help candidates with their education expenses, a biannual scholarship was established by our NC GMC Conference.

Our Board of Ministry is sub-divided into four sub-regions. To help the Board work in an efficient manner, we have established ministry groups who focus on the needs of the Board, including vetting clergy applicants from other denominations, evaluating psychological test results, processing Educational Reimbursement applications, and scheduling interview times.

All clergy who are still in process must come before the Board of Ministry for an annual review. Additionally, we are responsible for the support and credentialing of Certified Lay Ministers as well as those seeking membership into our NC GMC Conference. Moreover, all Board of Ministry members are assigned candidates to personally pray for, support, regularly contact, and encourage.

This year, the Board gratefully anticipates the ordination of 15 candidates for ministry:

nine who will be ordained Deacon, four who are to be ordained first as a Deacon then an Elder, and two candidates who will be ordained as Elders.

The Board of Ministry is also responsible for overseeing all clergy changes in conference relations. Over the past year, 20 ministers have transitioned from active to senior status. We honor their faithful leadership and role in building the Kingdom of God and in keeping our North Carolina GMC strong and vibrant.

Sadly, we report that four of our ministers, Patricia B. Looper, Arval L. Rushing, James L. Powell and Phillip R. Hefner 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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. John Woods
Board of Ministry Chair

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?

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: Whenever 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

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

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 Post-Communion Prayer

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.

Conference Leadership Team

When the Provisional North Carolina Annual Conference was formed in 2022, our primary task was to unite two Annual Conferences into one. To support that effort, the Conference established the roles of Conference Superintendent and Associate Conference Superintendent, filled respectively by David Banks and Kari Howard. Through their leadership, and with the faithful work of both laity and clergy, we have reached a meaningful place of unity as the North Carolina Conference. As a result, we no longer believe the position of Associate Conference Superintendent is necessary.

In recent months, the Conference Leadership Team has engaged in extensive discussion regarding the Conference's future needs in staffing, structure, and processes. Our current structure has developed over the past four years—beginning as a Provisional Annual Conference and transitioning, following the 2024 General Conference in Costa Rica, to a fully established Conference. We believe this is the right time to take the next step.

A thoughtful restructuring at the Conference level will enable more effective decision-making, strengthen communication, and provide clearer direction for the many ministry teams serving more than 400 local churches across North Carolina. The goal is to separate strategic work from tactical work; currently the Conference Leadership Team works at both levels, which is not ideal.

Upon David Banks's retirement, a new Conference Superintendent will be appointed by Bishop Jeff Greenway. At that time, the position of Associate Conference Superintendent will be discontinued. In its place, a new role—Conference Operations Officer—will be created, and a search for the right candidate will begin immediately. In addition, a Director of Communications will be hired as soon as possible to strengthen and coordinate communication across the Conference.

Upon approval of the revised Conference Rules, the transition to the new leadership structure will begin with the hiring of the Conference Operating Officer. This new organizational structure is illustrated in the chart that follows and can be understood as follows:

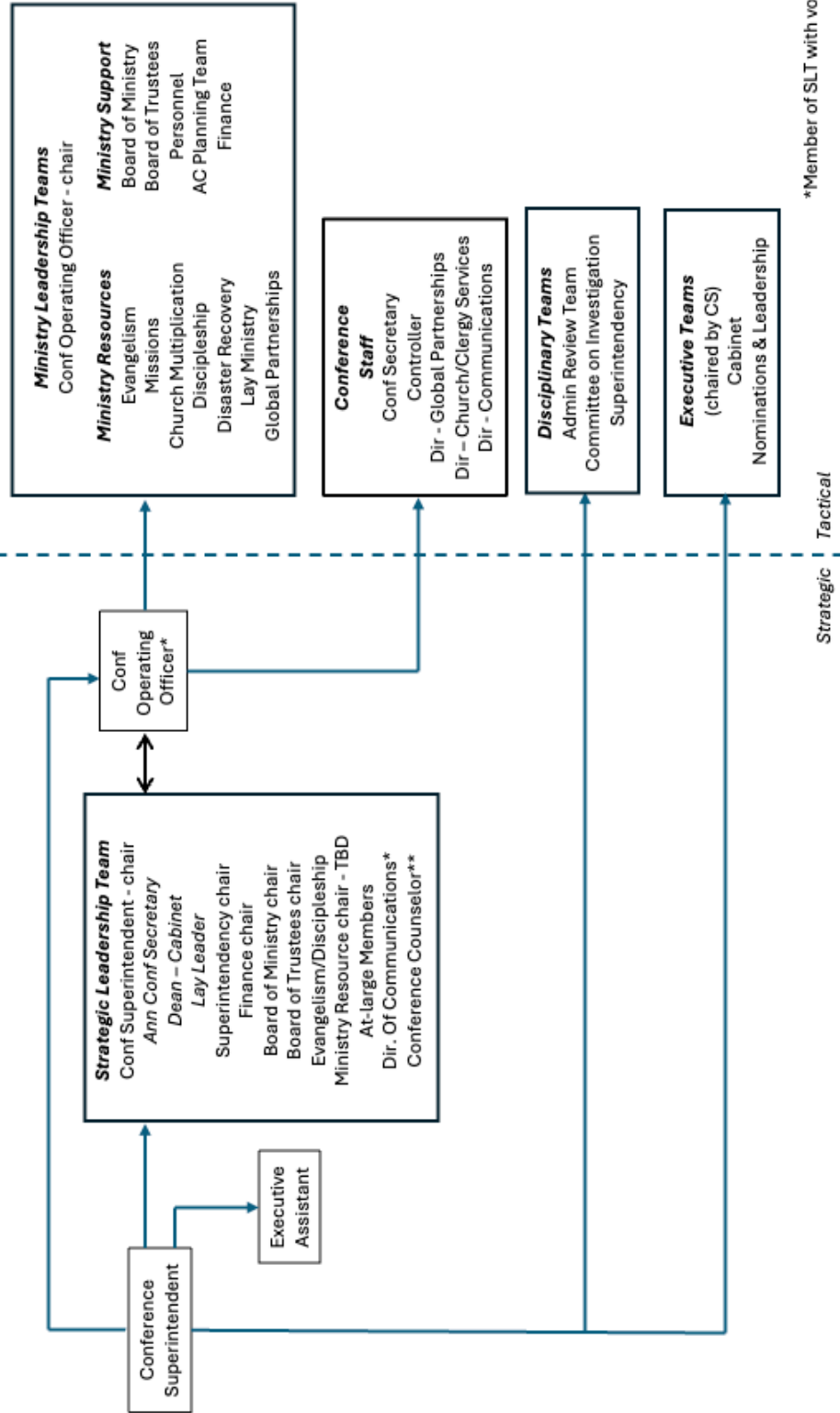
- **Strategic Leadership Team:** Chaired by the Conference Superintendent and supported by the Executive Assistant, this team will focus on proactive, forward-looking strategic planning. Its primary responsibility is to discern and establish the priorities of the Annual Conference. (See Conference Rules, Section VIII: Teams, Positions, and Roles, A. for membership and detailed responsibilities.)
- **Ministry Leadership Teams:** Chaired by the Conference Operations Officer, these teams are responsible for developing and implementing tactical plans for each ministry area that align with the strategic priorities set by the Strategic Leadership Team. The Ministry Leadership Teams include both Ministry Resource and Ministry Support functions. (See Conference Rules, Section VIII: Teams, Positions, and Roles, B. for membership and detailed responsibilities.)
- **Conference Staff:** Reporting to the Conference Operations Officer, the Conference Staff will include the Conference Secretary, Controller, Director of Church and Clergy Services, Director of Global Partnerships, and the Director of Communications.
- **The Disciplinary Review Teams and Executive Teams** are required by the Book of Doctrine and Discipline and function outside the authority of the Strategic and Ministry Leadership Teams.

The purpose of this new structure is not simply to streamline operations. Rather, it is to strengthen decision-making at every level, clarify roles and lines of authority across all teams, establish clear reporting relationships, and enhance the overall effectiveness of the conference.

It has been an honor to serve the conference, and I look forward to the future as we grow in grace, love and service!

Regards,
Rev. Dr. Tom Mabry
NC Conference Leadership Team chair

Proposed NC Conference Leadership Structure Annual Conference 2026



* Member of SLT with voice and no vote

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Lay Ministry

As we reflect on where we have been and look ahead to where God is leading us, one truth stands clear: **we are better together.**

Following AC25, we experienced a powerful season of gathering with youth, young adults, laity, and clergy coming together across our conference for worship, teaching, and connection. In those moments, we saw a glimpse of what lay ministry is truly meant to be: not separate efforts, but a unified movement of people growing, serving, and leading side by side.

Throughout this year, one question has continued to surface:

What does it mean to live out scriptural holiness in our everyday lives?

Scripture reminds us:

“But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do.” (1 Peter 1:15–16)

This calling is both simple and deeply challenging. It is lived out in our homes, our workplaces, our churches, and our communities. It is shaped through discipleship, strengthened through connection, and sustained through shared mission.

That is why this year, our focus is clear:

to equip, to connect, and to build together

Across our conference, ministries are not only growing—they are linking arms. Leaders are collaborating, new opportunities are emerging, and lives are being transformed.

This overview is more than a collection of updates—it is a glimpse into a movement. I encourage you to explore these ministries, connect with their leaders, and prayerfully consider where you are called to engage.

Together, we are building something meaningful. Together, we are answering the call.

Ministry Highlights & Vision

Certified Lay Ministry Submitted by Dottie Brogden dottie.brogden@ncglobalmethodist.org

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The Certified Lay Minister program continues to be a powerful force in raising up equipped and confident leaders. Through both in-person and online courses, hundreds have been trained, with participation extending beyond our conference and even across the globe.

As the program grows, so does its impact—expanding curriculum, increasing accessibility, and strengthening leadership within local churches. This ministry is not only developing leaders, it is shaping the future of the Church.

Children’s Ministry Submitted by Teresa Auten Teresa.auten@ncglobalmethodist.org

Our Children’s Ministry continues to focus on building meaningful connections with churches across our conference. We remain committed to encouraging, supporting, and equipping leaders as they nurture the faith of our youngest disciples. Through ongoing communication and shared resources, we are helping create spaces where children can grow in their understanding of God’s love in ways that are both engaging and age-appropriate.

Youth Ministry *Submitted by Kamiel Carter kamiel.carter@ncglobalmethodist.org*

Youth Ministry continues to grow as we focus on bringing students together across districts for worship, fellowship, and spiritual development.

Upcoming highlights include:

- **Second Annual RE Youth Retreat** (Sept. 25–26, Concord, NC)
- **First-Ever Youth & Young Adult Gathering** (Aug. 29, Raleigh, NC)

These events are designed not only to connect youth, but to help churches build and strengthen their own youth ministries.

Young Adult Ministry *Submitted by Sarah Beth Wood sarah.beth.wood@ncglobalmethodist.org*

Young Adult Ministry is entering an exciting season of growth and collaboration. With new leadership and a strong partnership with Youth Ministry, efforts are focused on building sustainable and meaningful connections.

Key initiatives include:

- **“Round The Fire Retreat”** (Nov. 22–24, Lake Norman)
- Fall Zoom study on *The Class Meeting* by Kevin Watson
- Joint worship and fellowship events with Youth Ministry

The vision is clear: to help young adults grow in faith, form authentic community, and step into their calling.

Men’s Ministry *Submitted by Pastor John Bracey john.bracey@ncglobalmethodist.org*

The Men of Iron movement is about more than events—it is about lasting transformation.

Each gathering is designed to:

- Inspire spiritual growth
- Build authentic brotherhood
- Launch ongoing discipleship within local churches

The goal is for every church to develop a Men of Iron presence that continues long after the conference ends.

Missions Mobilization *Submitted by Pastor Paul Dunham paul.dunham@ncglobalmethodist.org*

A new and strategic effort is underway to strengthen missions across our conference.

The Missions Mobilization Team (MMT) is focused on:

- Equipping churches for local and global missions
- Building networks of trained facilitators
- Supporting Acts 1:8 missional engagement

With a shift toward “connectional giving,” local churches now play a vital role in sustaining and expanding mission work.

The upcoming **ENGAGE Training Retreat (August 11-13, 2026)** will serve as a major launch point for this initiative.

Prayer & Evangelism *Submitted by Pastor Cory Oliver cory.oliver@ncglobalmethodist.org*

Baptized in prayer, the North Carolina GMC has completed comprehensive training through the International Leadership Institute (ILI). Our global partnership prepares leaders for impactful discipleship multiplication ministry. This evangelist model empowers leaders through immersion in the eight core biblical values of Christian leadership.

This ministry is focused on equipping both clergy and laity to lead with confidence and spiritual depth.

Women's Ministry *laura.greer@longschapel.com*

Say hello to Laura Greer! We're so excited to welcome her into this role this year. Laura is looking forward to connecting with women across our conference, and we think you'll love getting to know her, take a peek at her bio below!

Laura Greer serves as Director of Discipleship and Events at Long's Chapel Methodist Church in Waynesville, North Carolina, where she leads with a passion for spiritual growth and equipping others for ministry. She is a Certified Master Life Coach, trained in Women's Ministry, Spiritual Growth, Conflict Transformation and Reconciliation, and Stephen Ministry. Laura integrates biblical truth with practical tools to support women in personal and relational healing. She is the founder of Mom Mindset Reset, a resource that helps moms of teens and young adults prepare for the empty nest by rediscovering their identity and embracing their inherent worth. Her work, rooted in her own journey of transformation, equips women to step into their God-given purpose with authenticity, grace, and hope.

Moving Forward—Together

Each of these ministries tells part of a larger story—but none of them stand alone.

They are connected.

They are collaborative.

They are united in purpose.

This is the heart of lay ministry: not isolated efforts, but a shared mission to build the Church, make disciples, and reflect Christ in all we do.

As you engage with this work, we invite you to take the next step—connect with a leader, support a ministry, or step into a role where you are called to serve.

Because the work ahead is not meant for a few.

It is meant for all of us.

And together, we will continue building something that lasts.

*Blessings,
Heather Grabbs
Conference Lay Leader
General Conference Delegation Chair*

Report of the Cabinet

Go and be my witnesses... Acts 1:8

We have been sent. We are being sent. We are called, equipped, and commissioned for a work far greater than any of us can accomplish on our own, yet made possible by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit at work within us.

In Acts 1:8, before His ascension, Jesus calls the disciples to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. In Acts 2, they are equipped through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim the gospel. This raises a defining question for us: *What are we sent to do?*

John Wesley, in his *12 Rules to Helpers*, gives a clear and compelling answer in Rule 11:

“You have nothing to do but to save souls. Therefore spend and be spent in this work. And go always, not only to those that want you, but to those that want you most... It is not your business to preach so many times, and to take care of this or that society; but to save as many souls as you can; to bring as many sinners as you possibly can to repentance, and with all your power to build them up in that holiness without which they cannot see the Lord... Therefore you will need all the sense you have, and to have all your wits about you!”

Over this past year, the Cabinet of the North Carolina Conference has sought the wisdom of God and the leading of the Holy Spirit in discerning where God is sending, into the mission fields of the local church, pastors who will spend themselves in the work of saving souls.

Our Conference year began with a retreat alongside the Board of Ministry, where our Conference Superintendent and Bishop led us in teaching and reflecting on our shared roles. This was a meaningful time of growth and partnership; strengthening the vital connection between the Board’s work of recognizing and preparing those called to ministry and the Cabinet’s work of appointing them for service.

We continue in ongoing appointment conversations. Each month, we gather in prayer and discernment over available churches and those to whom God may be raising up to serve. We continue to remind ourselves that appointments are not made by us alone, but through the guidance of the Holy Spirit working in and through the local church and pastors. The reality of this season is clear: we have a puddle, not a pool. We do not have a pool of people from which to discern, but rather a small list of people to consider. Yet, even here there is good news, your next pastor may already be sitting in your congregation.

One of our primary goals is to reignite a culture of call within our local churches. Who in your congregation or community is sensing God’s call, but simply needs someone to name it? Who needs encouragement to take the next step? Alongside this, we encourage a renewed practice of sharing call stories. Every servant of Christ has had a moment or a series of moments when God’s call became clear. These testimonies matter. Pastors, your congregations need to hear your call stories.

The appointment process remains a careful, prayerful journey, undertaken in consultation with each church’s Staff-Parish Relations Committee. We ask every local church to cover this process in prayer—before, during, and after—trusting that God is at work in every placement.

Since our last Annual Conference Session, there have been changes within the Cabinet as some have stepped away or transitioned to other opportunities in ministry. We give thanks for the faithful leadership and service of Stan Lewis (Roanoke Rapids), Tom Newman (Burlington), Jock Ollis (Boone), and Barry Drum (Gastonia). Their contributions have been a blessing to this conference. We also have welcomed to the Cabinet this year, Richard Booker (Burlington), Brad Farrington (Boone), and Perry Hines (Gastonia). We also welcomed two new Presiding Elders, Linda Yow (Siler City) and Chris Leak (Elizabethtown); allowing myself, Dean of the Cabinet, and Kerry Wood, the Cabinet Secretary, to focus on our roles in leading and equipping the Cabinet.

As we look ahead, we are discerning how God is sending us into the mission field, and how we might more effectively equip our pastors and congregations for fruitful ministry. In the coming months, we are going to continue the appointment work and focus on ways to encourage, enhance, and equip circle ministry throughout the Conference. Circles in the district are where we can come together to strengthen ministry in and around our communities. Circle ministry is where we find encouragement, help; and where we hold one another accountable in Christian love to the mission and ministry that Christ has called us, and the Spirit is empowering us.

Finally, a change that will take place effective July 1 is outlined in the following pages. After much prayer and discernment, the Cabinet felt God say it was time to redraw some district lines, so we can increase ministry opportunities and open doors for more of God in each district. We want our churches to be sending churches: sending people into the mission field to be spent in the work of making disciples. The District Realignment proposal that follows, outlines one step in that direction. It is our prayer that these changes will foster greater connection, encourage growth, and strengthen our shared mission across the Conference.

*In Christ,
Rev. Matt Seals
Dean of the North Carolina Conference Cabinet*

New Alignment

District Realignment for the North Carolina Annual Conference

In an effort to cultivate effective leadership and greater vitality across our Annual Conference, the Cabinet has prayerfully discerned the need to realign several of our district boundaries. At the heart of every conversation has been a central question: What is best for the local church and how can its ministry be strengthened?

When our district lines were drawn we were not sure of how many churches we would be receiving at the time. Three years later we look across the state and celebrate what God is doing in the North Carolina Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

Our desire is that these changes will help foster stronger connections among pastors and congregations through circle ministry, shared leadership, and accountable discipleship. By thoughtfully adjusting the districts, we believe churches and pastors will be better positioned to collaborate in mission and support one another in ministry.

In the following pages, I will begin along the eastern coast of the state and move westward toward the mountains, noting the changes district by district. Any church name appearing in bold indicates a congregation that is newly assigned to that district. Please note the churches are listed individually and not by charges where two congregations might share a pastor.

1. Edenton District:

Chris Aydlett - 12 Churches

1. Bethany (Wanchese)
2. Clarks Bethel
3. Cornerstone
4. Duck
5. Epworth
6. Fairfield
7. Gospel of Grace
8. Mount Carmel
9. Mt. Hermon
10. Soule
11. Watson's Chapel
12. Windsor

2. Washington District: Ken Hall - 16 Churches

1. Asbury (Washington)
2. Bethany
3. Bethel
4. Campbell's Creek
5. Covenant
- 6. Epworth**
7. Farmville
8. First Methodist (Washington)

9. Hookerton

10. Jamesville

11. Reelsboro

12. Siloam

13. Stonewall

14. Trinity (Belhaven)

15. Vernon Chapel

16. Warren Chapel

3. New Bern District:

Connie Stutts - 10 Churches

1. Asbury Community
2. Beech Grove
3. Bridgeton Methodist
4. Garber Church
5. Pollocksville Methodist
6. Rhems Methodist
7. Solid Rock
8. Trenton Methodist
9. Vanceboro
10. Wesley Covenant

**4. New District-
Crystal Coast: PE to be named - 16 Churches**

1. **Belgrade**
2. **Bethlehem**
3. **Cedar Island**
4. **Core Creek**
5. **First Methodist (Morehead City)**
6. **Franklin Memorial**
7. **Harkers Island**
8. **Lee's Chapel**
9. **Maysville Methodist**
10. **Merrimon**
11. **Oak Grove**
12. **Salter Path**
13. **Sea Level**
14. **Stacy**
15. **Tabernacle**
16. **Williston**

**5. Wilmington District:
Tim Reeves - 19 Churches**

1. Andrews Chapel
2. Asbury (Shallote)
3. Dixon Chapel
4. Fatih Community
5. Herring's Chapel
6. Jordan's Chapel
7. Midway
8. Pine Valley (Leland)
9. Pine Valley
10. Queens Creek
11. Richlands
12. Rocky Point
13. Sharon
14. Shiloh
15. Southport/ Oak Island
16. Trinity
17. Verona
18. Village Point
19. Westview

**6. Goldsboro District:
Jim Harry - 16 Churches**

1. Bethel
2. Brogden
3. **Cypress Creek**
4. Eureka
5. Garris Chapel
6. Hickory Grove
7. Jefferson
8. **Jerusalem**
9. Mount Carmel
10. New Hope
11. Pine Forest
12. Providence
13. Saint Paul
14. Saulston
15. St. Joseph
16. **Woodington**

**7. Clinton District:
Chris Leak - 19 Churches**

1. Bethel
2. Brownings
3. Centenary
4. Epworth
5. Faison
6. First Methodist (Clinton)
7. Goshen
8. Grace
9. Hopewell
10. Keener
11. Magnolia
12. Maple Grove
13. Newton Grove
14. Rose Hill
15. Sarecta
16. **Smith Chapel**
17. Trinity Methodist
18. Unity
19. **Zion**

8. Raleigh:
Michael Coppock - 22 Churches

1. Asbury
2. Bailey
3. Buckhorn (Kenly)
- 4. Buckhorn (Moncure)**
5. Clayton
6. Ebenezer
7. Elm City
8. Hollands
9. Hornes Methodist
10. Kenly
11. Layden
12. Lucama
13. Mount Zion
14. Mt. Pleasant
- 15. Nashville**
16. Pleasant Grove
17. Risen (Cary)
- 18. Sandy Cross**
19. Sims
20. Stantonsburg
- 21. White Oak**
22. Wilson

9. Pembroke District:
Herbert Lowery - 15 churches

- 1. Bethel (Clarendon)**
2. Caledonia
3. Central
4. Chestnut Street
- 5. Evergreen**
6. First Methodist (Rockingham)
- 7. Lake Waccamaw**
- 8. Mishop Springs**
- 9. Peace Methodist**
- 10. Shiloh**
- 11. St. Paul (Tabor City)**
12. St. Paul (Maxton)
13. Trinity (Fairmont)
- 14. Trinity (Elizabethtown)**
- 15. Lebanon**

10. Fayetteville District:
Gil Wise - 20 Churches

1. Benson
2. Bethabrara
3. Bethany
4. Beulah
5. Black's Chapel
6. Coats
7. Cokesbury
- 8. Corinth**
9. Cumberland
10. Elevation
11. Gardner's
12. Halls
13. Hope Mills
14. Leslie
15. New Life
16. Roseboro
17. Salem
18. Tabor
19. Union
20. Wesley

11. Siler City:
Linda Yow - 13 Churches

- 1. Bethany Community**
2. Center
- 3. Central Falls**
- 4. Concord (Coleridge)**
- 5. First Methodist (Randleman)**
6. Goldston
- 7. Grays Chapel**
8. Hickory Grove (Siler City)
9. Meroney
10. Mt. Vernon
11. Piney Grove
12. Sapling Ridge
13. West End

12. Asheboro:
Randy Foster - 22 Churches

1. Alleghany
- 2. Bascom Chapel**
3. Brower's Chapel

4. Caanan Church
5. Center (Troy)
6. Central (Asheboro)
7. Chandler's Grove
8. Chapel Hill (Denton)
9. Cid
10. Clear Springs
11. First Methodist (Denton)
12. Farmer
13. First Methodist (Troy)
14. Macedonia
15. New Hope Community
16. New Hope (Asheboro)
17. Oak Grove (Denton)
- 18. Page Memorial**
19. Tabernacle
20. Tyro
21. West Bend
22. West Chapel

**13. Roanoke Rapids:
Norma Roberts - 27 Churches**

1. Banks
2. Calvary
3. Cokesbury
4. Community
5. Conway
6. Corinth
7. Ebenezer
8. Hawkins
9. Hermon
10. Jackson Community
11. Jerusalem
12. Middleburg
13. Pleasant Grove
14. Rehoboth
15. Rich Square
16. Scotland Neck
17. Seaboard
18. Shady Grove
19. Shiloh
20. Smith
21. Speight's Chapel

22. Stem
23. Tabernacle
24. Tabor
25. Warren Plains
26. Weavers Chapel
27. Zion Methodist

**14. Burlington:
Richard Booker - 20 Churches**

1. Bellemont
2. Carr
3. Concord (Roxboro)
4. Friendship
5. Grace Cavel
6. Hebron Community (Mebane)
7. Hebron Methodist (Mebane)
8. Helena
9. Mt. Zion
10. New Beginnings
11. New Sharon
12. Oak Grove
13. Orange Chapel
14. Phillips Chapel
15. Rock Creek
16. Salem (Hurdle Mills)
17. Salem (Haw River)
18. St. Pauls
19. Trinity Crossroads
20. Warren's Grove

**15. Greensboro:
Jeff Johnsen - 22 Churches**

1. Archdale
2. Bethel (Climax)
3. Bethel (Oak Ridge)
4. Bethlehem (Climax)
5. Bethlehem (Reidsville)
6. Eden
7. Fairfield
8. Mayodan
9. Mitchells Grove
10. Mizpah
11. Mount Carmel
12. Mount Pisgah

13. Mount Zion
14. Mt. Hermon
15. Mt. Vernon
16. Oak Ridge
17. Pleasant Garden
18. Pleasant Union
19. Prospect (High Point)
20. Sandy Ridge
21. Shiloh
22. Tabernacle

16. Winston-Salem:

Doug Miller - 23 Churches

1. Bethel
2. Bethesda
3. Chestnut Grove
4. Concord
5. Delta
6. Elm Grove
7. Fair Grove
8. Fulton
9. Good Hope
10. Kingswood
11. Midway
12. Mount Carmel
13. Mount Pleasant
14. New Hope
15. Palmyra
16. Pine Grove
17. Pleasant Grove
18. Shady Grove
19. Shoals
20. Snow Hill
21. Tabernacle
22. Trinity (Winston-Salem)
23. Whitaker

17. Statesville District:

Chris Lakey - 22 Churches

1. Baltimore
2. Bethlehem
3. Center (Yadkinville)
4. Clarksbury
5. Cool Spring

6. Friendship
7. Harmony
8. Marvin
9. Mount Bethel (Harmony)
10. Mount Olive
11. Mountain View
12. Mt. Bethel (Hickory)
13. Pisgah
14. Providence
15. Rocky Springs
16. Rose Chapel
17. Sandy Ridge
18. Shiloh
19. Stony Point
20. Temple Hill
21. Trinity (Statesville)
22. Wesley Chapel

18. Mooresville:

Will Van Wieren - 12 churches

1. Asbury (Huntersville)
2. Broad St.
3. Centenary
4. First Methodist (China Grove)
5. Gold Hill
- 6. Journey**
- 7. Mt. Mitchell**
- 8. Oak Grove**
9. Rockwell
10. Rocky Mount
11. Triplett
12. Vanderburg

19. Concord:

To Be Named - 20 Churches

1. Antioch
- 2. Bethel**
3. Cold Springs
4. Crossroads
- 5. Friendship**
6. Grace (Concord)
7. Grace (Monroe)
8. Harvest Grove
9. Heath Memorial

10. Loves Grove

11. Mineral Springs
12. Mill Grove
13. Mount Pleasant

14. Palestine

15. Roberta

16. Salem

17. Stallings
18. The Road
19. Weddington
20. Westford

20. Hickory:

Jason Guyer 20 Churches

1. Abernathy Memorial
2. Bess Chapel
3. Center
4. Concord
5. Crowell
6. David's Chapel
7. First Methodist (Conover)
8. Friendship
9. Hopewell
10. Ivey Memorial
11. Lebanon
12. Mays Chapel
13. Mt. Pleasant
14. Mt. View
15. Pisgah (Catawba)
16. Pisgah (Lincolnton)
17. Plateau
18. Rhyne Heights
19. Shiloh
20. St. Pauls

21. Gastonia:

Perry Hines - 13 Churches

1. Bradley
2. Caroleen
3. Central Methodist
4. Christ Church
5. Dallas
6. First Mount Holly
7. Friendship

8. Kistlers
9. Lebanon
10. New Covenant
11. New Hope
12. Providence
13. Puett

22. High Country:

Brad Farrington - 14 Churches

1. Grace Chapel
2. Minneapolis
3. Appalachian Chapel
4. Arney's Fairview
5. Bethel
6. Bethelview
7. Ebenezer
8. Gamewell
9. Harpers Chapel
10. Higgins
11. Mt. Zion
12. The Roan
13. Trinity (Lenoir)
14. Trinity (Nebo)

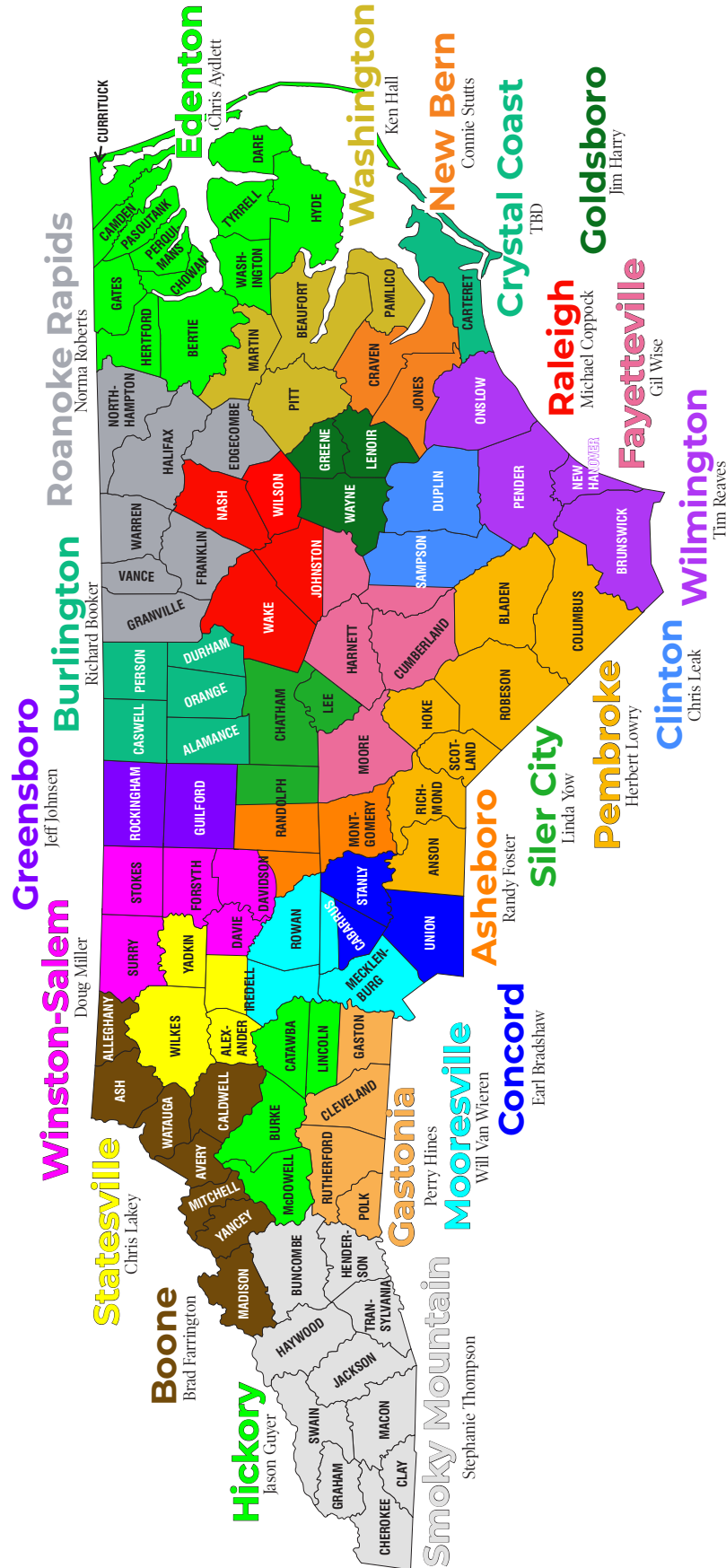
23. Smoky Mountain District:

Stephanie Thompson - 10 churches

1. Bethel Sonoma
2. Francis Cove
3. Hickory Knoll
4. Iotla
5. Longs Chapel
6. Maiden's Chapel
7. Patton
8. Plains
9. Providence
10. Selica

New District Map

Bishop Jeff Greenway
Conference Superintendent David Banks
Assoc. Conf. Superintendent Kari Howard
Cabinet Dean Matt Seals
Cabinet Secretary Kerry Wood



Finance & Administration

The NC Global Methodist Conference began operations on January 1, 2023, without a dollar in the bank and no assets. By faith, we answered the Lord's call to begin a new expression of the people called Methodists. As we started, we pledged to be different from which we came. We promised to be a church of the willing rather than the constrained. This value would be demonstrated financially by asking local churches to contribute a portion of their operating income as connectional funding. We would trust our brothers and sisters to participate. We would build our budgets for the work of the Annual Conference based on actual receipts. Invoices would not be sent to local churches for their apportioned share of expenses calculated for them to fund the dreams, wishes, and desires of a higher office. The Lord called us to be different.

We believe the local church is where the most fruitful ministry happens in making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness. Financially, this means more dollars remain in the local church for local decisions about where to deploy the resources provided to them. Connectional funding is significantly lower than from which we came – 3% for the conference plus 1% for the general church. The financial asking structure in the Global Methodist Church is based on real, actual dollars at the time the local church contributes to connectional funding. The local church does the simple math rather than the Conference figuring an apportionment based on a formula. Conference servant leaders trust the faithfulness of the local church servant leaders and will make adjustments to the budget plan based on actual receipts.

Local churches have been faithful in their connectional funding. Many churches began contributing from their first day as Global Methodists. Others were given grace in their recovery from their exorbitant disaffiliation exit charges and given temporary waivers. In 2025, over 93% of our local churches (380 of 406) participated in connectional funding. As we begin 2026, we expect near full participation in connectional funding as the period of temporary waivers has concluded. The exception is the five local churches formally designated as missional churches (BDD ¶1449.8) and exempt from paying connectional funding for a period of time.

Our current 2026 plan of sowing resources is the first budget developed on actual receipts of connectional funding. The previous budgets (2023-2025) were built on blind estimates without a contribution history to guide expectations. At the last Annual Conference, we approved a budget continuing this practice. However, earlier this year, the 2026 conference budget was amended by the Conference Leadership Team, upon recommendation of the Finance and Administration Team, to account for actual 2025 connectional funding resources received. This adjustment added \$213,000 of resources, which have been allocated to be sown into ministry support.

The proposed 2027 budget of resources and sowing has been developed on the actual receipts of the 2026 first quarter connectional funding and giving patterns. Using actual connectional funding receipts from the previous

North Carolina's Unique Situation

There is one additional area of conference collective ministry unique to NC Global Methodist "for such a time as this." Since September 2024, we have been actively aiding our neighbors in western NC in disaster relief and recovery in the wake of Hurricane Helene. As of December 31, 2025, the NC GMC has been a repository for \$1,800,700.26 in donations sent in from our own local churches, other annual conferences, and individuals from across the country. With a commitment to our belief in the local church as the most effective ministers in their areas, the annual conference has partnered with local churches. These funds support the outreach to our neighbors by the local churches in the devastated areas. To ensure all of these funds provide assistance to those affected by the storm, the conference budget provides funds for administrative support in partnership with local churches.

year will be our budgeting practice moving forward.

As the local church has been charged by the Holy Scriptures and the Book of Doctrines and Discipline to conduct ministry and mission in their local setting, we believe the annual conference exists for the support of endeavors beyond the capacity of the local church. The proposed 2027 annual conference budget represents five priorities:

- Working in relationship with other conferences to extend the reach of the church beyond the boundaries of the annual conference through Global Partnerships.
- Strategizing and planting new churches within the annual conference area.
- Examining and deploying clergy to serve the local church.
- Creating opportunities for the local church to resource their leaders through the Lay Ministry Council.
- Administering this work on behalf of the local church.

The development of the budget continues to be a work in progress as we are striving to find the right balance between these priorities.

The Annual Conference is slowly emerging from the small start-up to a medium-sized enterprise. Everyone working on behalf of our new Methodist expression is grateful for the faithful local churches. In our first three years, connectional funding contributions into the NC Global Methodist Conference yielded almost \$5.4 million, of which less than \$2.8 million was sown into ministry.

Because of the faithfulness of local churches, we are honored to report that as of December 31, 2025, the assets of the NC Global Methodist Conference have gone from zero to almost \$3.5 million in 36 months. Included in these funds are the resources collected from designated giving. These funds await to be sown into missions, primarily Disaster Relief and Global Partnerships. The remainder of these funds are the connectional funding resources not yet deployed for our shared ministry as seen in the figures in the previous paragraph. The balance has built up as the Annual Conference has been in the start-up phase. The reasons for the balance accumulation have been three-fold.

1. Ministry strategies were slower on the uptick than the faithful giving of the local churches.
2. Policies and procedures for sowing resources were and still are being developed.
3. Staffing needs were and still are being discerned for effective and fruitful support of the conference.

After the Unrestricted Fund Balance of \$590,000 required by policy #4 below, the fund balance designations as of December 31, 2025, were:

New Church Starts	\$10,560.70
Disaster Response	\$540,186.02
Global Partnership Missions	\$85,276.63
Short-Term Missions	\$40,755.56
Global Partnership Staffing *	\$242,134.00
General Conference Reserve *	\$124,840.84
Clergy Development (Coaching) *	\$6,000.00
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Total	\$1,049,753.75

(* Funds designated by the Conference Leadership Team)

The additional \$1,847,145.85 has been identified by the Conference Leadership Team as “Future Ministry and Support.” The conference ministry coordinators, the Cabinet, and the Conference Leadership Team are developing plans to sow these resources into the five priorities of the Annual Conference identified in the fifth paragraph of this report. Until such time, a portion of these funds have been invested in U.S. government bonds to earn additional resources for ministry. The Finance and Administration Team has developed an Investment

Policy Statement, which is included following this report. We are working with a portfolio manager from Kestrel Wealth Management, a division of KS Bank, Inc. The assets held at Kestrel reported on December 31, 2025, were:

Cash & Equivalents	\$943,654.53
Fixed Income	\$885,407.75
Total	\$1,829,062.28

All other cash funds (checking and money market) are held at Truist Bank.

As a blessed people, we remember: *The Lord calls us. The Lord equips us. The Lord sends us.*

Thank you for the trust and privilege of serving you in our finance ministry. The Finance and Administration Team is appreciative of the service of Carolyn Hindel, Controller, and Jennifer Lineberry, Treasurer, working on behalf of the NC Global Methodist Church.

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

1. For 2027, 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 2027 should be received by the conference treasurer no later than January 30, 2028. (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. The Finance and Administration Team compiles budgetary requests from Conference committees and staff. The Finance and Administration Team 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)
6. The Finance and Administration Team will review the monthly financial reports provided by the Conference Treasurer. In preparation, the Conference Treasurer, the Finance and Administration Chairperson, and the Conference Superintendent shall have read-only access to the financial activity records, physical or electronic, (BDD 607.1(d)). The Finance and Administration Team will provide regular updates to the Annual Conference concerning the Conference's financial health. This information can be viewed on the Conference website, under the "Finance & Giving" tab.
7. 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 Team for review of budget needs and supplemental funds available. If the item is approved, it will be recommended to Conference Leadership Team for approval to amend the current year's budget. (BDD 710.1a.(2))
8. 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.
9. For all Conference-wide offerings, the Finance and Administration Team has the responsibility for vetting mission partners outside of the Global Methodist connectional system for consistency with Global Methodist Church values, fruitfulness, and use of resourced funds, including but not limited to percentage used for administrative costs. These findings and evaluation will be reported to the Conference Leadership Team, who has the final authority about offering calls and mission partners.

10. The Finance and Administration Team is authorized to appoint a conference auditor to provide an annual financial audit.
11. The Finance and Administration Team is responsible for designating depositories for conference funds and investments. The Finance and Administration Team will establish policies and procedures for the collection and distribution of all funds and investments. The Finance and Administration Team will review the Conference Investment Policy Statement as well as all financial policies and procedures annually.
12. The Finance and Administration Team 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

2027 Proposed Budget

*an expanded budget is available for viewing on the Conference website
under the "Finance & Giving" tab*

Resources	2027 Budget
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Connectional Giving	2,650,000
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Sowing	2027 Budget
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Missional Tithe	265,000
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Partnerships within the GMC	250,000
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WNC Disaster Recovery	86,000	
Global Partnerships	164,000	

New Church Starts	228,000
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New Church Start Assistance	60,000	
Future Opportunities	128,000	
Training & Support	40,000	

Church Vitality	545,000
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Board of Ministry	83,500	
Scholarships	55,000	
Lay Ministry Council	35,000	
Youth & Young Adult Ministries	25,000	
Mission Mobilization	7,500	
Presiding Elders Support	289,000	
Cabinet Support	50,000	

Administration	1,362,000
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Annual Conference Meetings	222,500	
2032 General Conference	50,000	
Salaries and Benefits	794,000	
Office Cost	58,200	
Management Fees	4,500	
Liability & Property Insurance	8,500	
Storage	2,100	
Audit	40,000	
Superintendency-Discretionary	25,000	
Information Technology	35,000	
Administrative Committees	15,000	
Developing Ministries & Support	107,200	

Total	2,650,000
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Investment Policy Statement

North Carolina Conference of the Global Methodist Church Investment Policy Statement

Purpose

The purpose of this Investment Policy Statement is to assist the North Carolina Conference of the Global Methodist Church (the “NC GMC”), its Conference Leadership Team, and Finance and Administration Team in effectively supervising, monitoring, and evaluating the investments of the NCCGMC. Accordingly, this Investment Policy Statement shall:

- Provide a clear distinction between the responsibilities of the Conference Leadership Team and the Finance and Administration Team, as well as the service providers hired to help implement our policies;
- Provide the NC GMC’s risk tolerance, as defined by the asset classes that are considered allowable investments and the range of percentage allocations to each asset class; and
- Provide rate-of-return objectives and establish formal criteria to monitor and evaluate the performance results achieved by the investment managers.

This Investment Policy Statement (“IPS”) is to provide standards ensuring compliance with all legal, fiduciary, prudence, and due-diligence requirements that experienced investment professionals strive to achieve. The Finance and Administration Team will comply with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations from various local, state, and federal entities that may have an impact on NC GMC assets.

Objectives

The investment objectives of the NCCGMC are to be based on current and projected financial requirements. These objectives are to:

- Maximize return within reasonable and prudent levels of risk;
- Preserve inflation adjusted capital, seeking preservation of capital with a consistent, positive return on NCCGMC assets;
- Consideration of risk which may be assumed for appropriate return anticipated;
- Control costs of administering the investment program; and
- Consideration of equity or corporate debt security investment from companies whose values are in line with the Social Witness of the Global Methodist Church. (¶301,302 2024BDD)

Roles and Responsibilities

Conference Leadership Team: The Conference Leadership Team is responsible for establishing principles, policies, standards, and guidelines for the investment management of all monies, assets, and properties of the NCCGMC. The Conference Leadership Team may delegate these duties to the Finance and Administration Team.

Finance and Administration Team: The responsibility of the Finance and Administration Team is to recommend investment policy for approval by the Conference Leadership Team and administer the approved policy. Other responsibilities of the Team include:

- To approve an Investment Manager(s) and to hire and discharge Investment Manager(s) as needed;
- To approve the investment limitations that apply to the portfolios managed by Investment Manager(s) and,
- To review the performance results achieved by the Investment Manager(s) each quarter.

This Team has created a sub-committee, the Investment Team, to monitor and review the Investment Manager(s), providing information to the Finance and Administration Team regarding the performance of the investments. The Investment Team also monitors and reviews the Investment Portfolio, working with the Investment Manager(s) regarding duration, types of investments, and concentration of those types. The Investment Team will report to the Finance and Administration Team a minimum of each quarter.

Investment Managers: Investment Manager(s) will act as “prudent experts” by investing assets in accordance with the investment policies determined and in accordance with their own judgments concerning relative investment values. The Investment Manager(s) are responsible for making investment decisions in a discretionary manner, within the guidelines established by the Team, and within the provisions of all applicable laws. The Investment Manager(s) is/are responsible for investment strategies and will communicate with the Finance Team (or their sub-committee) as requested.

Investment Policy Guidelines

Asset Allocation Guidelines: The Finance and Administration Team has established six asset classes as allowable asset classes into which could be invested and allocated as below:

- U.S. Equity – Large Capitalization 10 - 20%
- U.S. Equity – Small/Mid Capitalization 0 - 8%
- International/Emerging Markets 0 - 8%
- Cash or Cash Equivalents 1 - 5%
- Fixed Income securities 20 - 80%
- Inflation Protection securities. 0 – 15%

Investment manager(s) shall place emphasis on broad portfolio diversification, unless under the circumstances it is not prudent to do so. The investment managers shall be given full discretion to manage the assets under their supervision subject to this Investment Policy Statement and all applicable laws.

Review Procedures

The Finance and Administration Team shall formally review this Investment Policy Statement annually in April. Any modifications shall be reviewed and discussed as needed with the investment managers.

This Investment Policy Statement has been formally adopted and become effective by the Leadership Team, following the adoption by the Finance and Administration Team, of the North Carolina Conference of the Global Methodist Church on the dates shown below:

April 17, 2026

(Date Adopted)

April 20, 2026

(Date Effective)

Policy for Conference-Wide Offerings

The Conference Leadership Team (CLT) may call for a Conference-wide free will offering from local congregations and members to extend our mission of making disciples and spreading scriptural holiness across the globe. All Conference offerings will be consistent with one or more of the missional priorities of the Global Methodist Church and the North Carolina Conference: Biblical teaching, transformation discipleship, new church development, local church vitality, global partnerships with other Global Methodist conferences, reconciliation, prayer, and lay ministry (Conference Rules, Section IX). A Conference-wide free will offering may also be received to answer the call of Christ (Matthew 25:31-46) for the cause of the poor, widows, orphans, prisoners, and the sojourners among us. Additionally, the CLT may call for a Conference-wide free will offering from local congregations and in response to a natural or man-made disaster. The Conference Finance and Administration Team (CF&A) has the responsibility for vetting mission partners outside of the Global Methodist connectional system for consistency with Global Methodist Church values, fruitfulness, and use of resourced funds, including but not limited to percentage used for administrative cost. The CF&A will report its findings to the CLT in a timely manner. The final decision about offering calls and mission partners is the responsibility of the CLT. A Conference ministry and/or local church may work through the CLT to initiate a Conference-wide free will offering. A Conference-wide free will offering can be called for at the Annual Conference meeting or as the need presents itself.

CLT Approved October 17, 2025

2026 – 2027

Nominations and Leadership

Conference Leadership Team (§1710.1)

Year	Name	Demographics
2028	Tom Mabry [Chairperson]	Elder
2028	Mack Parker [Vice-Chair]	Lay
2028	Stephanie Thompson	Elder
2031	Jan Comer	Lay
	Ex-Officio with vote:	
	Conference Superintendent, David Banks	Elder
	Conference Secretary, Shannon Medlin	Lay
	Conference Chancellor, James (Jim) Seay	Lay
	Conference Treasurer, Jennifer Lineberry	Lay
	Conference Lay Leader, Heather Grabbs	Lay
	Dean of Cabinet, Matt Seals	Elder
	Chair CF&A, Dan Lyons	Elder
	Chair Board of Ministry, John Woods	Elder
	Chair Board of Directors, Parker Coppock	Elder
	Chair of Superintendency Team, Kim Collins	Elder
	Chair of Annual Conference Planning, Chris Eason	Deacon
	Evangelism and Discipleship, Andy Lambert *	Elder
	Global Partnerships, Greg Jenks *	Elder
	Mission Teams, Paul Dunham *	Elder
	Church Multiplication, TBD *	
	Ex-Officio with voice without vote:	
	Disaster Response Co-Chair, Jeff Brotherton	Lay
	Disaster Response Co-Chair, Greg Grabbs	Lay
	Conference Staff with voice without vote:	
	Kari Howard, Associate Conference Superintendent	Elder
	Carolyn Hindel, Conference Controller	Clergy
	Dalma Cribb, Director of Church and Clergy Services	Elder
	Tammy Stott, Exec. Asst. to the Conference Superintendent and Associate Conference Superintendent	Lay

**Refer to minutes from 2025 Annual Conference Journal Page 46-47*

Superintendency Team

Year	Name	Demographics
22030	Kim Collins [Chairperson]	Clergy
2030	Luke Whitehead	Clergy
2030	Evelyn Lemons	Clergy
2030	Jan Comer	Lay
2031	Nicky Watts	Lay
2031	Willie Murray	Clergy
2031	Jackie Swanik	Lay
2031	Beth Woods	Lay

Board of Ministry

Year	Name	Demographics
2027	Leonard Rex	Elder
2027	John Howard, Jr.	Elder
2027	Stuart Noell	Elder
2027	Matthew Nichols	Elder
2028	Kim King	Deacon
2028	Tim Porter	Elder
2028	Powell Osteen	Elder
2028	Billy Olsen	Elder
2029	John Woods [Chairperson]	Elder
2029	Caroline Franks	Elder
2029	Jonathan Jeffries	Elder
2029	Sarah Williams	Elder
2029	Denny Freeland	Elder
2029	Johnny Lord	Elder
2030	Shirley Davenport	Lay
2030	Walter Lundy	Elder
2030	Ken Waters	Lay
2030	Charmaine Van Rooyen	Elder
2030	Teresa Auten	Lay
2030	Angie Harrison	Lay
2030	Jennifer Grogan	Elder
2030	Bethany Johnson	Elder
2030	Cory Oliver	Elder
2030	Tom Carey	Lay
2031	Linda Black	Lay
2031	Aaron Smith	Lay
2031	Doug Meekins	Lay
2031	Daniel Pantoja	Elder
2031	Amy Kelly	Elder
2031	Jonathan Everson	Lay
2032	Bryan Sexton	Elder
2032	Steve Bazan	Elder
2032	LizAnn Creef-Meekins	Lay
2032	Ann Clarke	Deacon
2032	Elizabeth Bush	Lay
2032	Justin Douglas	Elder
2032	Reuben Rinker	Elder
2032	Jackie Swanik	Lay
2032	Andreas Kjernald	Elder
2032	David Spivey	Lay
2032	Patrick Sinclair	Lay
2032	Ingrid McCaw	Lay
Staff Support: Rev. Dalma Cribb, Director of Church and Clergy Services		

Board of Directors

Year	Name	Demographics
2028	Kerry Wood	Elder
2028	Dale McCoy	Lay
2028	Tim Horton	Lay
2028	Parker Coppock [Chairperson]	Elder
2031	Stan Lewis	Elder
2031	Art Simpson	Lay
2031	DL "Dusty" Herring	Lay
2031	Alicia Bowman	Clergy
2032	Gary Sowell	Clergy
2032	Eric Harrison	Lay

Fianance and Administration

Year	Name	Demographics
22028	Joan Fisher	Elder
2028	Cris Noble	Elder
2028	Dan Lyons [Chairperson]	Elder
2031	Jeff Johnsen	Elder
2031	Charlie Curtis	Elder
2031	Roger Dunn	Lay
2031	Jennifer Casey	Lay
2032	Richard Buffkin	Elder
2032	Angie Harrison	Lay
2032	Angela Sowell	Lay
2032	Jeff Isenhour	Lay

Nominations and Leadership Team

Year	Name	Demographics
	Chair - Conference Superintendent ¶710.5.c	
2028	Branson Sheets	Elder
2028	Mack Parker	Lay
2028	Dale McCoy	Lay
2030	Melanie Nichols	Elder
2030	Steve Smith	Elder
2030	Andy Lambert	Elder
2032	Renee Nicholson	Lay
2032	Myra Houser	Lay
2032	Cory Oliver	Elder
2032	Dottie Brogdon	Lay
	Dean of Cabinet or Designee	
	Ex. Officio: Kari Howard, Associate Conference Superintendent	

Lay Ministry Team

Name
Conference Lay Leader, Heather Grabbs [Chairperson]
Lay Ministry Education, Wade Loftin
Lay Ministry Education, Dottie Brogdon
Youth Leader, Kamiel Carter
Young Adult Leader, Sarah Beth Wood
Children's Ministry Leader, Teresa Auten
Prayer and Evangelism, Cory Oliver
Women's Ministry Leader, Laura Greer
Men's Ministry Leader, John Bracey
Missions, Paul Dunham
Jackie Swanik, At Large

District Lay Leaders

Committee Name	Name
Asheboro	TBD
Asheville	TBD
Boone	TBD
Burlington	Bryant Dodson
Concord	Marshall Ward
Durham	Mark Lawhorne
Edenton	Keith Moul
Elizabethtown	Beth Taylor
Fayetteville	Art Simpson; Elizabeth Mitchell
Franklin	Dana Biggerstaff
Gastonia	Glenda Painer
Goldsboro	Mike Smith
Greensboro	Tammy Cox
Hickory	Dale Sherrill
Mooresville	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

Name	Demographics
Conference Chancellor, James (Jim) Seay	Lay
Conference Lay Leader, Heather Grabbs	Lay
Conference Secretary, Shannon Medlin	Lay
Conference Treasurer, Jennifer Lineberry	Lay

Committee on Investigations

	Name	Demographics
<i>Clergy</i>	Jim King	Clergy
	Karl Neuschaffer	Clergy
	Rick Auten	Clergy
	Cliff Wall	Clergy
<i>Lay</i>	Steve Medlin	Lay
	Elizabeth Thomas	Lay
	Brian Russell	Lay
<i>Clergy Alternates</i>	Jim White	Clergy
	David Bradley	Clergy
	Keith Nichols	Clergy
	Darrell Bowles	Clergy
<i>Lay Alternates</i>	Peggy White	Lay
	Ed Koontz	Lay
	David Maulden	Lay

Administrative Review Committee

	Name	Demographics
	Steve Wellman	Elder
	Thurman Horney	Elder
	Deborah Toney	Elder
<i>Alternates</i>	Kim Collins	Elder
	Paul Dunham	Elder

Committee on the Annual Conference

Name	Demographics
Chris Eason [Chairperson]	Deacon
Steve Ashby	Elder
Dalma Cribb	Elder
John Howard, Jr.	Elder
Matt Morris	Elder
Kamiel Carter	Lay
Kaleb Setzer	Elder
Ex Officio by virtue of an office:	
Conference Superintendent	
CLT Chairperson	
Conference Secretary	
Conference Lay Leader	

**Additional Ministry Reports
2026**



Conference Superintendent

The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to spread scriptural holiness across the globe. ¶401 2024 Book of Doctrines and Discipline

I begin my report with gratitude. Over the last year, key leaders have strengthened the ability of the North Carolina Conference to fulfill the mission of the Global Methodist Church. I am grateful for the work of Kari Howard, Tom Mabry, Dan Lyons, John Woods, Matt Seals, and every Presiding Elder. With them, I am grateful for Jeff Greenway, our bishop, who has guided us with love and skill.

I am grateful for every lay and clergy leader, whose service enables our ministry and administrative teams to remain focused, and to serve effectively. I am grateful for our wonderful staff who seeks humbly to honor Jesus Christ and to help the churches keep their first love.

Our journey this year has given attention to a more effective organization. In the words of our Bishop, we needed to leave our “mom and pop” style of function, and become more effectively entrepreneurial. This we are doing, not that we may be focused on the organization; but, that we may be focused upon serving the churches, making disciples, and spreading scriptural holiness.

As we improve and strengthen the operations of the Annual Conference, we remain mindful that the local church is central to the Global Methodist Church’s self-understanding. Our constitution is clear in ¶206, “The purpose of all Global Methodist Church organizations is to strengthen and support the work of the local church.” Therefore, it is essential that the Annual Conference does not usurp the responsibilities and duties given by the Bible to the local churches.

The Annual Conference cannot make disciples and spread scriptural holiness. That is the essential work of the local church. While the Conference has its role in reminding the church of the mission, worship, teaching, evangelizing, and outreach ministry of the local church; the local church is the God-ordained location of this impact. The Conference seeks to support and strengthen this effectiveness, but it cannot replace the local church and its essential place in the mission of the Church.

The Annual Conference is not the center of the call to ministry. That too, is the local church. Local churches help persons hear the call of God. Local churches discern the call and guide in ministerial formation. Local churches openly receive the ministry of the called. Pastors come from and are sent to local churches. The Conference does not supply the pastors, local churches do. The Conference receives what begins in the local church, and the Conference deploys pastors to the local church. However, pastors arise from churches.

Even as we emphasize the centrality of the local church in God’s plan, we believe that the New Testament witnesses to a connectional life among the churches. Throughout the Scriptures, there is an apostolic authority that binds the numerous churches into unity. The office of our Bishop and the structure of our Conference are always to be connectional especially in an era and a culture that elevates independence among the pastors and among the churches.

In forming the Global Methodist Church, we intentionally repudiated coercive authority over the churches and pastors. However, we also retained connectionalism. For this new expression to thrive, there must be a return to self-denial. Personal preferences, likes and desires, must become surrendered to Christ as we accept the cost of discipleship.

John Wesley preached a sermon entitled the “Causes of the Inefficacy of Christianity.” He explores why Christianity is not explosive in its impact. He asks, “If the medicine is good, why is the patient sick?” To apply the question, we ask, why are millions of North Carolinians not hearing and responding to the good news of Jesus Christ? In answering, Mr. Wesley calls for right doctrine, right discipline, and self-denial.

We became Global Methodists to protect the truth of the Gospel and right doctrine. Since our beginning we have taught accountability and offered a new pattern of discipline to our laity and clergy. However, we must pay

attention to self-denial. Mark 8:34 is instructive. “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.”

This is my final opportunity to write to you and I thank you for reading and considering my thoughts. I thank my God in Jesus Christ for all the churches, pastors, and laity of the North Carolina Conference of the Global Methodist Church. I am humbled to have been given the opportunity to serve you.

May the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you all, both now and forever.

David A. Banks
Conference Superintendent
The North Carolina Conference
The Global Methodist Church

Associate Conference Superintendent

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In serving the Lord through the North Carolina Conference of the Global Methodist Church, I have been reminded again and again of Jesus' words to Martha in **Luke 10:42: "One thing is needed."** That one thing is vision. More specifically, it is knowing where to fix our gaze. And for us, the vision is not merely about what we are building, where we are going, or how we are growing. The vision is focused on a Person. The vision is Jesus.

This past year has given me many opportunities to help bring that vision into clearer focus. With more than 400 churches across our state, my desire has been to strengthen the connection among our congregations and help us live more fully into the mission of the Global Methodist Church: to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe. That has meant visiting churches, accepting invitations to preach and teach, meeting with circle groups, and gathering with districts whenever schedules have allowed.

As I have visited approximately 55 of our churches in the past year. I have been warmly welcomed and deeply encouraged. Worshiping with you has given me a greater appreciation for the faithfulness, strength, and hope present across our conference. We are blessed with congregations that are excited about the future, committed to the Gospel, and growing deeper in discipleship every day.

I am grateful for the many opportunities I have had to preach in Sunday morning services, special gatherings, laity events, women's retreats, revivals, and other conference settings. Each invitation has been a gift. Each setting has reminded me that the Gospel is still changing lives, deepening commitment, and drawing our churches into a stronger connection with one another.

Teaching has also been a meaningful part of this work. Whether with laity, clergy, or combined groups, I have had the opportunity to offer teaching around our mission, the early management of conflict, and the life of an accountable disciple. These conversations matter because we are not simply trying to manage institutions. We are seeking to grow together in Christ, **"speaking the truth in love" and growing "up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).**

One of the great highlights of this year was visiting the churches of the Uganda Conference of the Global Methodist Church and seeing firsthand the ministry of our partners in Uganda. It was a joy to witness the faith, worship, and witness of our brothers and sisters there. In those moments, I was reminded of the heavenly worship described in **Revelation 7:9, where people from "all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues" stand before the throne and before the Lamb.** What a blessing to see a glimpse of that Kingdom reality in the life of our global connection.

I remain thankful for the work shared with the Conference Leadership Team, the Cabinet, and other committees. This has been a year of continued growth, refinement, and faithful discernment. I was both encouraged and challenged as a member of the Lombard Peace Center where I worked with the Cabinet on the subject of conflict transformation. I have also been grateful to participate with conference leaders in important conversations about our future and to join in a day of mission in the mountains, where recovery efforts continue following Hurricane Helene in the fall of 2024.

It was also an honor to serve as Interim Conference Superintendent during February and March while our gifted Conference Superintendent, David Banks, was recovering from surgery. During that season, I was grateful for the opportunity to help keep our Conference leaders moving forward as we continued refining the vision for the NC Conference, assisted local congregations and pastors in finding faithful solutions to important situations, and partnered with Conference leaders to develop the leadership needed for the next chapter in our shared life and ministry. I am thankful that David has recovered and I join with the Conference in celebrating his leadership, strength, and service.

It has been a busy year, but it has also been a focused year. Through church visits, preaching, teaching, global

It has been a busy year, but it has also been a focused year. Through church visits, preaching, teaching, global partnership, leadership development, and shared conference work; the “one thing” remains before us: Jesus Christ and the mission of His Gospel. May we continue to fix our eyes on Him, follow where He leads, and participate together in the work of making disciples and spreading scriptural holiness across the globe.

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:13).

*Rev. Kari Howard,
Associate Conference Superintendent*

Global Partnerships

The North Carolina Global Methodist Church (NC GMC) officially entered into a covenant relationship on November 15, 2025, with the Uganda Global Methodist Church, formalized by a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This year, we celebrate the growth of these global ties as we ask the Annual Conference to affirm a second covenant partnership—this time with the West Congo Global Methodist Church.

There is much to celebrate from this past year. Our 2025 Bible drive exceeded all expectations, collecting enough funds and Bibles to distribute over 12,000 copies in Uganda. Because of your overwhelming generosity, we extended this reach into the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), bringing the total to well over 13,000 Bibles.

One story from this effort beautifully illustrates a hunger for the Word of God that should cause us to pause. When a “Bible Runner” reached a remote village, he found the bridge washed out by heavy rains. He shouted to the church members 70 feet across the swollen river, promising to return when the water subsided. These believers refused to wait. Three swimmers plunged into the current, retrieved the boxes, wrapped them in plastic, and swam back to deliver the Word of God to an exuberant congregation.

As we chart this new course, our guiding principle is partnership, not paternalism: we do ministry, with rather than for our partners. Following deep discernment with our Ugandan friends, we are supporting their initiatives in four key areas:

- Clergy Training
- Church Planting
- Children and Youth Ministry
- Economic Empowerment

We are equally excited to expand this vision to the Kasai region of the DRC, with a Memorandum of Understanding scheduled for signing this July.

We recognize that we often have more to learn from our African partners than they do from us. Many of their leaders have sacrificed in ways we have never experienced. They plant churches with few resources, but immense faith. Their witness challenges us to deepen our own commitment to Scriptural Holiness. To foster this mutual growth, we are linking pastors and churches in prayer partnerships, and looking forward to a Ugandan pastor teaching in our Lay Ministry training in 2027.

For all of this, I give thanks to God. What a blessing to belong to a church that truly lives into its vision of being *Global*.

The Rev. Greg Jenks
Conference Coordinator of Global Partnerships

Mission Mobilization Team

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The NC GMC Missions Mobilization Team is forming — and we want YOU to be part of building it.

We exist for one reason: to equip and mobilize every NC GMC local church for Great Commission missions — locally and globally.

In the GMC, global missions is funded by local churches — not the Conference. If your church doesn't engage, it doesn't happen.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere — in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 (NLT)

This is the mission of every NC GMC local church — Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. The MMT exists to equip and mobilize every congregation to live that out.

WHAT WE'RE BUILDING

- **A team of equippers — not a missions committee** — The MMT doesn't do missions on behalf of the Conference. If local churches don't engage in missions locally and globally, it doesn't happen. We exist to make sure they can and do.
- **A statewide network of trained ENGAGE facilitators** — Leaders equipped to bring GMC missions mobilization training to every District, Circle, and local church in NC.
- **A resource hub for local churches** — Connecting congregations with tools, training, vetted missional partners, and pathways for Acts 1:8 engagement at every level.
- **A culture of local church missional giving** — In the GMC, “connectional giving” replaces the old apportionment system — intentionally freeing local churches to direct their missional dollars where God leads. That freedom comes with responsibility: global missions now depends entirely on local church engagement. No conference budget funds it. No committee does it for you. It rises or falls with the local church.
- **A partner alongside — not a replacement for — other Conference teams** — The MMT works collaboratively with Global Partnerships, Disaster Response, Evangelism & Discipleship, and the Board of Ministry. We serve the same mission from different lanes.

This is new. And it matters.

In our previous denominational life, a portion of every church's giving was directed to Conference and denominational missions through apportionments. That system is gone.

In the GMC, “connectional giving” is voluntary and local. The difference — what used to go to apportionments — now flows directly from local churches into missions. Our Missions now only get funded through the local church.

That is why mobilizing the local church is not optional. It is the whole game.

OUR GOALS

- **Every NC GMC local church engaged in missions** — With a clear, active strategy for outreach — locally AND globally — and every member equipped to be part of it.
- **Every NC GMC church on the path to Acts 1:8 Certification** — A KAC* (page 68) -developed pathway

recognizing churches actively witnessing at all four levels: Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the Ends of the Earth. We would love to have the first churches to earn this designation recognized at the next Annual Conference. Just going through the certification process should help your church identify and fix missional blind spots.

- **A well-organized, fully operational MMT** — With clear guidelines, trained facilitators across the state, and strong connections to vetted missional partners — ready to serve churches, Circles, Districts, and the Conference.

WHAT'S ALREADY IN PLACE

The groundwork is laid. Here's what's ready:

- **12 Mission Catalyst Workshops completed** — Delivered across NC before the MMT formally existed — same DNA as ENGAGE training.
- **Local Church Mission Engagement Assessment** — A KAC tool ready to deploy — helps church teams honestly evaluate their missional health across Prayer, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness, and develop a church-specific strategy.
- **Acts 1:8 Missional Congregation Certification** — A KAC pathway available now — giving churches a clear framework and recognition for engagement at all four levels of Acts 1:8.
- **Active missional partnerships** — Including Project AGAPE (Armenia), Storm Relief Clean-Up Kits, and KAC-vetted Missional Partners through the Wesleyan Network for Global Missions.
- **A forming team** — Drawing from workshop host churches, Disaster Response, Unreached People Groups outreach, International Partnerships, and Evangelism & Discipleship. Diverse. Lay and clergy. Statewide. And growing. Do YOU want to be a part of the Team?

OUR FIRST STEP TOGETHER

We're launching the MMT with a Conference-wide ENGAGE training event in August. This is where the team forms — and where you come in.

ENGAGE: Pursuing Excellence in Global Methodist Missions

MMT Formation Retreat & ENGAGE Trainer Certification

August 11–13, 2026

Shady Grove Global Methodist Church • Winston-Salem, NC
167 Shady Grove Church Rd., Winston-Salem, NC 27107

Arrive Tue. August 11 at 4:00 pm • Depart Thu. August 13 at Noon

At this retreat you will:

- Receive full ENGAGE training — all nine modules
- Be certified as an ENGAGE trainer for NC
- Help formally organize the NC GMC Missions Mobilization Team
- Connect with missions-minded leaders from across the state
- Leave equipped to bring ENGAGE training to your District, Circle, or church

Ready to help build this? Here's how to respond:

1. Join the Missions Mobilization Team

Email us: Missions@NCGlobalMethodist.org

2. Register for ENGAGE — August 11–13, 2026

Register online: form.jotform.com/261191528806056

Questions? Missions@NCGlobalMethodist.org • 252-414-0558 • tinyurl.com/NCGMCMissions

KEY TERMS & PARTNERS

For readers who want more context on the organizations and terms referenced in this report:

***KAC — Kingdom Advancement Commission** The GMC's denominational commission overseeing Evangelism, Church Multiplication, Mission Mobilization, Unreached People Groups, and Disaster Response. The KAC developed ENGAGE training, the Acts 1:8 Missional Congregation Certification, the Local Church Mission Engagement Assessment, and the Wesleyan Network for Global Missions. The MMT works in partnership with and under the framework of the KAC.

****MMT — Missions Mobilization Team** The NC Annual Conference team being formed to equip and mobilize local churches for Acts 1:8 missions engagement. The MMT does not do missions on behalf of the Conference or local churches — it equips churches to do their own Great Commission work, locally and globally. Critically, in the GMC, global missions is not funded at the Conference level. The shift from apportionments to voluntary “connectional giving” was intentional — designed to free local churches to direct their missional dollars where God leads. That means the responsibility for funding and doing global missions now rests entirely with local congregations. The MMT exists to ensure they are equipped and mobilized to meet that calling.

Connectional Giving vs. Apportionments In the United Methodist Church, apportionments were required financial contributions from local churches to the denomination and annual conference, a portion of which funded Conference and denominational missions programs. In the Global Methodist Church, this system has been replaced with voluntary “connectional giving.” The difference is now the local churches direct and fund ALL missions. This is by design: the GMC believes local churches should discern and direct their own missional giving. The result is that global missions no longer has a guaranteed Conference budget. It is funded church by church, decision by decision. This is both a profound freedom and a serious responsibility.

CLT — Conference Leadership Team The governing leadership team of the NC Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church. The MMT relates to the Lay Ministry Team, which relates to the CLT. Global Partnerships reports directly to the CLT.

Global Partnerships A separate NC Annual Conference team that manages the Conference's direct international relationships and partnerships. Global Partnerships reports directly to the CLT. The MMT and Global Partnerships are peer teams that work collaboratively — both share a heart for the nations, but serve different functions.

ENGAGE: Pursuing Excellence in Global Methodist Missions

A two-day intensive missions mobilization training developed by the GMC Kingdom Advancement Commission. ENGAGE equips conference and local church leaders in the biblical foundations of missions, Acts 1:8 engagement, building healthy partnerships, and connecting with vetted missional partners. It provides a train-the-trainer experience for participants.

Acts 1:8 Missional Congregation Certification A KAC-developed pathway encouraging and recognizing GMC congregations that are actively engaged at all four levels of Acts 1:8: Jerusalem (local outreach and evangelism), Judea (regional ministry), Samaria (cross-cultural engagement), and the Ends of the Earth (ministry among unreached peoples and 10/40 Window nations). Churches apply annually through their Annual Conference.

Project AGAPE A religious humanitarian organization that has partnered the Methodists of North Carolina with the Armenian Apostolic Church since 1993. Project AGAPE provides humanitarian aid, vocational training, and Christmas shoeboxes to families in Armenia. It operates as a separate 501(c)(3) with a Board of Directors that includes representation from both UMC and GMC conferences in NC, making it a direct expression of our conference's continuing global commitment. See the Missions Table at Annual Conference to speak with Director Nara Malkonyan on Friday of the Conference. Your ongoing support of this mission is critical right now. Contact: projectagapearmenia.org

Wesleyan Network for Global Missions (WNGM) A KAC initiative building a network of vetted GMC and pan-Wesleyan missional partners, along with a multi-language resource library. Local churches can access the WNGM to discover partnership opportunities for Samaria and Ends of the Earth engagement. Access at: globalmethodist.world

Disaster Response

Disaster Response Team (DRT) Missions Annual Report June 2025 – April 2026

“Go where and when God leads, offering a caring Christian presence as His hands and feet — sharing the love of Jesus, especially to those in need.”

(Core mission statement and guiding principles of the Franklin District, NC GMC)

“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.” — Romans 11:36

Introduction

Since the 2025 Annual Conference, the Disaster Response Team (DRT) of the North Carolina Annual Conference has faithfully answered the call to be **SENT — Called, Equipped, and Commissioned** to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus in the disaster field.

From **June 2025 through April 2026**, our mission has remained steadfast: to go where and when God leads, bringing help, hope, and healing to those impacted by disaster.

This year’s efforts were largely shaped by the devastating impact of **Hurricane Helene**, which initiated a sustained and expanding **Long-Term Recovery** Response across Western North Carolina.

Ministry Overview

The DRT has engaged in a wide spectrum of disaster response and recovery work, including:

- Muck outs and debris removal
- Mold remediation
- Major repairs and tear-outs
- New construction and rebuilding
- Placement of temporary and permanent shelters
- Tiny home construction
- Shower trailer deployment
- Supply distribution
- Spiritual care and crisis intervention

Each effort has been grounded in sharing the love of Christ through both **practical service and personal presence**.

Ministry Impact Summary

Response Activity

Category	Total
Projects Completed last 12 mo.	640+
Projects Remaining (2026)	170
Families & Individuals Served	6,000+
Counties Served	16+
Community Partnerships Formed	140+
Bibles & Tracts Distributed	Thousands
Volunteer Engagement	220 teams hosted

Over **6,000 individuals** and families have been directly impacted by the presence of the Global Methodist Church—through both the North Carolina Conference and teams from across the United States.

Most weeks from now through November already have **teams or individuals scheduled**, and new inquiries continue to come in weekly. The **summer schedule is nearly full**, reflecting strong and growing engagement.

Financial Stewardship

The DRT remains committed to faithful stewardship of all resources entrusted to this ministry:

- **Designated gifts are used first** for their intended purposes
- **Material donations are leveraged whenever possible**
- Partnerships help reduce costs and expand impact

Connectional Impact

Disaster response contributions across the Global Methodist Churches to the Kingdom Advancement Team (National GMC) have totaled:

\$1,570,535.17

This reflects a deep and ongoing commitment to serving both **national and global disaster needs**. There are 7,111 GMC churches around the globe and each have the potential be a part of disaster ministry or be impacted by disaster.

Partnerships

Over the past year, the DRT has established **140+ new community partnerships, including:**

- Local churches across North Carolina
- GMC churches from across the United States
- Community agencies and Local Non-Profits
- Construction vendors and suppliers
- State and federal resource organizations
- As a GMC conference we are partnered with: Faith Responders, Samaritan's Purse, Eight Days of Hope, and Convoy of Hope

These partnerships have significantly expanded the operational reach, capacity, efficiency, and sustainability of the overall response.

Leadership and Staffing

The ongoing work in Western North Carolina is supported by a dedicated leadership structure:

- **Jeff Brotherton NC Conference DRT Co-Chair (Volunteer)**
Oversight of operations and finances in WNC
- **Greg Grabbs, NC Conference DRT Co-Chair (Volunteer)**
Operations, Training, certification, and development of standard operating procedures
- **Myra Steadman (Volunteer)**
Operational and financial coordination
- **Nathalie Dendy (Paid Staff)**
Case management, daily client communication, and coordination with vendors and partners
- **Disaster Construction Manager (Approved March 2026 – Paid Staff)**
Responsible for assessments, material procurement, site preparation, and coordination with mission teams
- **Rev. (Ret.) Fred Buchanan**
Volunteer trainer assisting with certifications, badging, and training development

Stories of Impact

While much of the work is physical, the greatest impact has been spiritual.

In home after home, survivors have expressed gratitude not just for repairs—but for **being seen, cared for, and remembered.**

A common testimony shared:

“You were the hands and feet of Jesus when we needed Him most.”

Thousands of Bibles and tracts have been distributed, and countless moments of prayer, encouragement, and crisis care have taken place.

Challenges, Gaps, and Risks – Volunteers Needed

Current Gaps

- Administrative and coordination volunteers
- Grant writing and communications support
- Adequate volunteer housing (potential partnership under consideration)
- Additional support for indigent and marginalized populations
- Trainers and team leaders
- Disaster ministry branded materials

Key Risks

- Readiness for future disasters requires trained and mobilized volunteers
- Need for improved alert and notification systems for the NC Conference Local Churches
- Identifying and equipping leaders across local churches
- Tracking and deployment of resources (tools, shower trailers, supplies, donations)

It is not a matter of if, but when the next disaster will occur.

Strategic Focus Moving Forward

Immediate Priorities

1. Develop rosters of trained volunteers
2. Strengthen assessment and deployment systems
3. Increase training and certification opportunities
4. Host quarterly engagement and update meetings
5. Leverage gifts and leadership within local churches
6. Expand coordination across the GMC connection

A Testament to the Church

The success of this ministry is a direct reflection of the faithfulness of the Local Church.

There has not been a time when a request for help was made that was not met with response, generosity, and coordinated effort from:

- Local pastors
- Lay leaders
- Conference leadership
- Mission teams
- Individual volunteers

This unified response has been vital to every success experienced this year.

Closing Reflection

The Disaster Response Team is more than a ministry of rebuilding structures.

It is a ministry of:

- Compassion
- Presence
- Healing
- Witness
- Hope

We are committed to continuing this work—serving our neighbors, strengthening the Church, and responding wherever God calls next.

“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.”

Submitted By

Jeff Brotherton and Myra Steadman

On behalf of the Disaster Response Team

North Carolina Annual Conference

Global Methodist Church

May 1, 2026

Board of Directors

To God's holy people across the North Carolina Annual Conference, the faithful in Christ Jesus: *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ* (Ephesians 1:1-2).

The Board of Directors joyfully continues its work of stewarding and safeguarding the resources entrusted to our Annual Conference. In gratitude for the growth God has given us, and as we did last year, the Directors spent time discerning the necessity and nature of an essential physical footprint for the Annual Conference, including, but not limited to, acquiring land or building space for Conference use. In short, we remain consistent and unified in our discernment that there is currently no need to develop such a footprint. We believe this reinforces the centrality of the local church in our grassroots, Spirit-led movement, and ensures that resources are allocated to areas that effectively advance our Kingdom-building mission and vision. On this, we give thanks to God for the generosity of each church that has willingly opened its doors to host Conference events and meetings, in the spirit of connection. We especially thank Beech Grove (New Bern), Harmony (Statesville), and Shady Grove (Winston-Salem) Methodist Churches for offering their spaces for official Conference use. Yet, because our Annual Conference does not own any real property, we deemed it necessary to lease a storage unit in Winston-Salem to house all Annual Conference materials and supplies in a centralized location. We will update our detailed list of items stored at the facility in the days following our Annual Conference session.

Continuing, the Directors reviewed and renewed our commercial general liability/crime insurance policies with GuideOne, which run through the end of this calendar year. We have also arranged to add several policies covering various aspects of our conference operations, including coverage for the mission shower trailers used by our Disaster Response Team, Workers' Compensation for our conference staff, a supplemental umbrella policy, and a policy that protects us from cyber-related incidents. On this, we are also reviewing options to extend coverage and protections for our leaders who travel internationally and in support of our global partnerships.

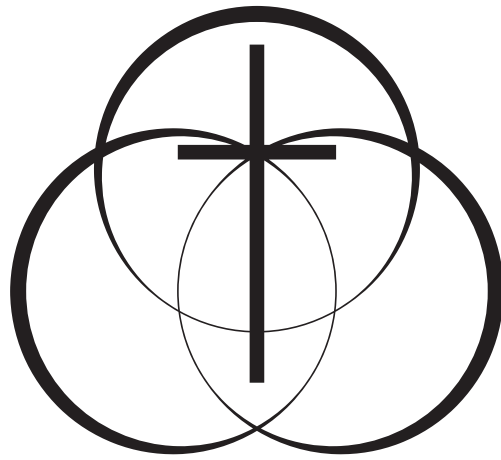
Lastly, we have been working to strengthen our relationships with teams and ministries across the Annual Conference. First, we are working with the Cabinet on ways to support them, and local churches that are prayerfully considering disaffiliation. While we pray that disaffiliation is increasingly rare, as a reminder, 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). However, we are developing a checklist to aid departing churches in discontinuing the use of Global Methodist intellectual property (IP) and tax-exempt status, and in amending their bylaws regarding these matters. Second, we have worked with ministry teams, including Disaster Response, in conjunction with Long's Chapel (Waynesville) and Plains (Canton) Methodist Churches, to facilitate hiring for the Disaster Response Support Associate and Disaster Relief Construction Manager Positions. These positions support ongoing and emerging recovery efforts in Western North Carolina and ensure such work is done efficiently and effectively. Lastly, we have had fruitful conversations with Conference Finance and Administration to finalize a process for receiving bequests and gifts – outlined in last year's report – and the possibility of creating scholarships and endowments to further the core emphases of our Annual Conference: biblical preaching and teaching; transformational and accountable discipleship; multiplication by evangelism and new church development; global partnerships; and ministry to all people. At this time, there are no scholarships, endowments, securities, funds, or properties held in trust that require our direct oversight (cf. ¶ 1012).

On a personal note, I would like to acknowledge each member of the Board of Directors by name in this report: Tim Horton (Vice President), Kerry Wood (Secretary), Alicia Bowman, David Pate, Patrick Ledford, Stan Lewis, Dale McCoy, and Art Simpson. Such work would be very difficult to accomplish, not only without God, but also without the talented and exceptional members of our team. I give thanks and praise to God for each of these individuals and their faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ and His church.

As we worship this week and are reminded of what it means to be called and sent forth in the name of our Lord Jesus, to make disciples who make disciples, and to spread scriptural holiness across this great land through passionate worship, extravagant love, and bold witness, *may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13).*

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

**SERVICE OF ORDINATION
OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH**



**GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH**

The Mission: The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread spiritual holiness across the globe.

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 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 Sarah Williams

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 Holy Holy Holy

OPENING PRAYER David Spivey

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 Angie Harrison

SCRIPTURE LESSON Bishop Jeff Greenway
Leviticus 8:22-24

SERMON I Want You to Remember Bishop Jeff Greenway

*HYMN OF WORSHIP O Worship The King

*THE NICENE CREED Caroline Franks

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

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 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..... Bishop Jeff Greenway

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 given a deacon sash, certificate or 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, given a certificate of Ordination, and a Bible)

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)*

Ordinands

Elder

David Norris Helbig

Anthony Lee Westbrook II

Deacon and Elder

Kimberly Leigh Kiefer

Keith Alan Nichols

Isaac Jiwon Ryu

David Alan Thompson Jr.

Deacon

Jerry Willis Dalton

Samuel Ludiger Ferreira

Donna Graham Hammond

John Michael Holmes Jr.

Judy Chandler Jerermias

Harvey Dean Martin

Todd Matthew McMillen

John Arthur Williams Jr.

Jennifer Louise Wise

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NC Conference Cabinet and Appointments

David Banks, Conference Superintendent

Matt Seals, Dean of the Cabinet

Kari Howard, Associate Conference Superintendent

Kerry Wood, Secretary of the Cabinet

Presiding Elders

Name	District
Randy Foster	Asheboro
	Asheville
Brad Farrington	Boone
Jock Ollis	Boone
Richard Booker	Burlington
Earl Bradshaw	Concord
Matt Seals	Dean
Norma Roberts	Durham
Chris Aydlett	Edenton
Chris Leak	Elizabethtown
Gil Wise	Fayetteville
Stephanie Thompson	Franklin
Barry Drum	Gastonia
Perry Hines	Gastonia
Jim Harry	Goldsboro

Name	District
Jeff Johnsen	Greensboro
Jason Guyer	Hickory
Will Van Wieren	Mooresville
Connie Stutts	New Bern
Herbert Lowry	Pembroke
Michael Coppock	Raleigh
	Roanoke Rapids
Kerry Wood	Secretary
Linda Yow	Siler City
Chris Lakey	Statesville
Ken Hall	Washington
Tim Reaves	Wilmington
Doug Miller	Winston-Salem

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	Jennifer Grogan	Elder
Bethel Methodist Church	New London	Kevin McCormac	Elder
Brower's Chapel Community Church	Asheboro	TBA	
Canaan Church of Denton	Denton	Steve Roberts	TLP
Center Methodist Church	Troy	Freddie Ingle	Deacon
Central Methodist Church	Asheboro	Joseph Fulk	Elder
Central Falls Methodist Church Inc	Asheboro	TBA	
Chandler's Grove	New London	Paul Strahan	TLP
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

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

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Denton First Methodist Church	Denton	Steve Roberts	TLP
Farmer Methodist Church	Denton	Dennis Gray	Elder
First Methodist Church of Randleman	Randleman	TBA	
First Methodist Church Troy	Troy	Vanlene Nelson	TLP
Friendship Methodist Church	Albemarle	Dean Martin	TLP
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
Oak Grove Methodist Church	Asheboro	Dennis Gray	Elder
Palestine Community Church Inc	Albemarle	Kevin McCormac	Elder
Salem Methodist Church	Albemarle	Neil Shaw	Elder
Tabernacle Church of Trinity	Trinity	TBA	
Tyro Methodist Church	Lexington	Randy Foster	Elder
Tyro Methodist Church	Lexington	Devin Everhart, Associate	Supply
West Bend Church	Asheboro	Richard Routh	Elder
West Chapel Church	Asheboro	TBA	

Asheville District: TBA

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Bethel Sonoma Methodist Church	Waynesville	Byron Lin Osborne III	Elder
Francis Cove Methodist Church	Waynesville	Tim McConnell	Elder
Long's Chapel Methodist Church	Waynesville	Chris Westmoreland	Elder
Long's Chapel Methodist Church	Waynesville	Joey Webb	TLP
Plains Methodist Church	Canton	James Dean	Elder
Providence Methodist Church	Asheville	Jeremiah Chapman	Elder
Selica Methodist Church	Brevard	Tommy Guinn	Assigned

Boone District: Brad Farrington, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Appalachian Chapel	Boone	Brad Farrington	Elder
Arneys Fairview Global Methodist Church	Morganton	Tom Deane	Elder
Bethel Road Methodist	Morganton	Steve Parker	Supply
Bethelview Methodist Church	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	TBA	
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

Boone District: Brad Farrington, Presiding Elder *(continued)*

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Trinity Methodist Church	Lenior	Michael Harrill, Jr.	Elder
Trinity Methodist Church	Nebo	TBA	

Burlington District: Richard Booker, Presiding Elder

Church Proper Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Bellemont Methodist Church	Burlington	Richard Booker	Elder
Carr Methodist Church	Cedar Grove	TBA	
Concord Church of Roxboro	Roxboro	Denny Freeland	Elder
Concord Church of Roxboro	Roxboro	Karl Neuschaefer	Elder
Friendship	Burlington	Mike Kelly	Elder
Grace CaVel Church	Roxboro	Patrick Sinclair	Elder
Hebron Community Church	Mebane	Dustin James	Elder
Hebron Methodist Church	Mebane	TBA	
Helena Methodist Church	Timberlake	Marty Boddie	Elder
Mount Zion Church	Hurdle Mills	Charlie Curtis	Elder
New Beginnings Community Church of Efland	Efland	Don Logner	Supply
New Sharon Church	Hillsborough	Kenneth Helms	TLP
Oak Grove of Roxboro	Roxboro	Greg Bouck	Elder
Orange Chapel Methodist Church	Chapel Hill	TBA	
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	TBA	
St. Paul's Community Church	Burlington	Michael Quintas	Deacon
Trinity Crossroads Methodist Church	Oxford	Zach Julick	Supply
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	Deacon
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	Keith Lowder	Elder
Mount Mitchell Church	Kannapolis	Joel Locklear	Elder
Mount Pleasant Methodist Church	Mount Pleasant	TBA	
Mount Pleasant Methodist Church	Mount Pleasant	Natalie Culp, Associate	Elder
Roberta Church	Concord	Chad Irons	Deacon
Stallings Community Church	Matthews	Ken Sides	TLP

Concord District: Earl Bradshaw, Presiding Elder *(continued)*

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
The Road	Mint Hill	Mark Weekley	Elder
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Weddington Methodist Church	Weddington	Terry Moore	Elder
Weddington Methodist Church	Weddington	Patsy Sorrell, Associate	Elder
Weddington Methodist Church	Weddington	Brad Hopper, Associate	Elder
Westford Methodist Church	Concord	Jeffrey Rushing	Elder

Durham District: Norma Roberts, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Banks Methodist Church	Franklinton	Amy Sossamon (7/1/2026)	Supply
Cokesbury Methodist Church	Henderson	Michael Edmondson	TLP
Community Methodist Church	Butner	Kevin Morris	Supply
Hermon Methodist Church	Henderson	Frank Sossamon	Assigned
Jerusalem Methodist Church	Norlina	Perry Twisdale	Assigned
Middleburg Methodist Church	Middleburg	Jim Wells	Assigned
Shady Grove Methodist Church of Inez	Warrenton	Cindy Norwood	Supply
Stem Methodist Church	Stem	Kevin Morris	Supply
Tabernacle Methodist Church	Henderson	Tommy Privette	Elder
Warren Plains	Warrenton	Norma Roberts	Elder
Zion Methodist Church	Norlina	Keith Lawson	Deacon

Edenton District: Chris Aydlett, Presiding Elder

Church Proper Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Bethany Church of Wanchese	Wanchese	David Clift	Elder
Clarks Bethel Methodist Church	Salvo	Susie Fitch-Slater	Elder
Cornerstone Church	Edenton	Wesley Daniels	TLP
Duck Methodist Church	Duck	Stephen Bazan (7/1/2026)	Elder
Epworth Church of Sladesville	Scranton	Ronnie Byrd	Elder
Fairfield Methodist Church	Fairfield	Ronnie Byrd	Elder
Gospel of Grace - Hatteras Island	Avon	Bertie Kay Midgett	TLP
Mt. Carmel Methodist Church	Manns Harbor	Daniel Burdette	TLP
Mt. Hermon Methodist Church	Creswell	Lee Wise	Elder
Soule Methodist Church	Swan Quarter	Jerald Craddock	Elder
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	Supply
Brownings Methodist Church	Mount Olive	Robert Faircloth	TLP
Centenary Methodist Church	Harrells	Chris Humphries	Elder
Epworth Methodist Church	Clinton	Cory Oliver	Elder

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

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Evergreen Methodist Church	Evergreen	Marty Sellers	TLP
Faison Methodist Church	Faison	David Helbig	Deacon
First Methodist Church	Clinton	Matt Seals	Elder
First Methodist Church	Clinton	Joel Wise, Associate	TLP
Goshen Methodist Church	Newton Grove	Bob Vale	Elder
Grace Methodist Church	Clinton	Roy Hilburn	Elder
Hopewell Methodist Church	Newton Grove	TBA	
Keener Methodist Church	Clinton	Bob Vale	Elder
Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church	Lake Waccamaw	Chris Eason	Deacon
Lake Waccamaw Methodist Church	Lake Waccamaw	Ann Clarke, Associate	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	Chris O'Briant	Elder
Trinity Methodist Church	Magnolia	Sean Capparuccia	Supply
Unity Methodist Church	Warsaw	Jerry Sheffield	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	Jennifer Wise	Deacon
Bethany Crossroads Church	Bethany Crossroads	TBA	
Beulah Methodist Church	Roseboro	Nancy Alexander-Storm	Elder
Black's Chapel Methodist Church	Godwin	Gerald "Marv" Gordner	Elder
Coats Methodist Church Inc	Coats	Frank "Moose" Horvath	Supply
Cokesbury Methodist Church	Stedman	Rufus Autry	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	Deacon
Hope Mills Methodist Church	Hope Mills	Reggine Oxendine, Jr.	Elder
Leslie Methodist Church	Dunn	Wanda Berrier	TLP
New Life Church at Spout Springs	Spout Springs	Dante Poole	Laity
Roseboro Methodist Church	Roseboro	Bobby Herring	Elder
Salem Methodist Church of Eastover	Eastover	Gil Wise	Elder
Salem Methodist Church of Eastover	Eastover	Mike Bass, Associate	Elder

Fayetteville District: Gil Wise, Presiding Elder *(continued)*

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Salem Methodist Church of Eastover	Eastover	Michael Sadtler, Associate	Deacon
Tabor Methodist Church	Fayetteville	Rufus Autry	Elder
Union Methodist Church	Anderson Creek	Paul Hyde	Laity
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
lotla Methodist Church	Franklin	Steve Miller	Elder
Maiden's Chapel Methodist Church	Franklin	Stephanie Thompson	Elder
Patton Methodist Church	Franklin	Eddie Evans	Elder

Gastonia District: Perry Hines, Presiding Elder

Proper Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Bradley Church	Gastonia	Debra Short	Elder
Caroleen Methodist Church	Forest City	Deborah Toney	Elder
Central Methodist Church	Kings Mountain	Perry Hines	Elder
Christ Church	Gastonia	Marcy Kenny	Deacon
Dallas Methodist Church	Dallas	Billy Ervin	Elder
First Methodist Church of Mount Holly	Mt. Holly	Tom Newman	Elder
Friendship Methodist Church	Fallston	James Wesley Brown	Valid Elder
Kistlers Chapel Methodist Church	Rutherfordton	TBA	
Lebanon Methodist Church, Polk	Mill Spring	Donald Price	CLM Assigned
New Covenant Church	Mt. Holly	Stuart Noell	Elder
New Hope Methodist Church	Rutherfordton	Luvenia Abrams	Supply
Providence Methodist Church	Forest City	Gene Feagin	Elder
Puett Chapel Church	Dallas	Carolyn Hindel	Supply

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
Eureka Methodist Church	Eureka	Brad Mitchell	Assigned
Garris Chapel Methodist Church	La Grange	Gabe Mitchell	Elder
Hickory Grove Church of Bucklesberry	La Grange	Deborah Sutton	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	Timothy Seigh (7/1/2026)	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, Associate	Goldsboro	Tim Fitch, Associate	TLP

Goldsboro District: Jim Harry, Presiding Elder *(continued)*

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Saulston Community Church	Goldsboro	Jeff Severt	Elder
Smith Chapel Methodist Church	Mount Olive	John Peacock	Assigned
Zion Methodist Church of Princetown	Mount Olive	Bill Sutton	Assigned

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	Bobby Lorton	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
Bess Chapel Methodist Church	Cherryville	Stan Nantz	Supply
Center Church	Catawba	John Love	Elder
Concord Church	Catawba	TBA	
Crowell Memorial Church	Lincolnton	Eric Kelly	Assigned
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
Hopewell Methodist Church	Sherrills Ford	Peter Brown	Elder
Ivey Memorial Methodist Church	Maiden	Eunice Chigumira	Elder
Lebanon Methodist Church	Maiden	Tim Byrd	TLP

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

Proper Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
May's Chapel Methodist Church	Maiden	Jason Guyer	Elder
Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church	Sherrills Ford	Kaleb Setzer	Elder
Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church	Sherrills Ford	TBA	
Mt. View Claremont	Claremont	Dorian Powell	Elder
Pisgah Methodist Church	Catawba	Gary Fulker	Elder
Pisgah Methodist Church	Lincolnton	Justin Scoggins	Supply
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	Tim Byrd	Supply

Mooreville District: Will Van Wieren, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Asbury Methodist Church	Huntersville	Gary Sowell	Elder
Broad Street Methodist Church	Mooreville	TBA	
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, Associate	Elder
Triplett Church	Mooreville	James King	Elder
Vanderburg Methodist Church	Mooreville	Buddy Compton	Elder

New Bern District: Connie Stutts, Presiding Elder

Proper Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
AAsbury Community Methodist Church	Cove City	Daniel Pantoja Salazar	Elder
Beech Grove Methodist Church	New Bern	Connie Stutts	Elder
Bethlehem Methodist Church	Bogue	Tim Nichols	Elder
Bridgeton Methodist Church	Bridgeton	Walter Graves	Elder
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	Earl Bradshaw (7/1/2026)	Elder
First Morehead Church	Morehead	Sarah Williams, Associate	Elder
First Morehead Church	Morehead	Patrick Whaley, Associate	Elder
Franklin Memorial Methodist Church	Morehead	Ron Gurganus	Elder
Garber Church	New Bern	Derek Warnick	Elder
Garber Church	New Bern	Matthew Atha, Associate	Elder
Harker's Island Methodist Church	Harkers Island	Lee Roy Pittard	Elder
Jerusalem Methodist Church	Snow Hill	Wade (Al) Sullivan	Elder
Merrimon Methodist Church	Beaufort	TBA	

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

Proper Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Oak Grove Methodist Church	Havelock	Richard Smith	Valid Elder
Pollocksville Methodist Church	Pollocksville	George Gouge	Elder
Reelsboro Methodist Church	Reelsboro	Joshua Nichols	TLP
Rhems Methodist Church	New Bern	Connie Stutts	Elder
Salter Path Methodist Church	Salter Path	David Bratton	TLP
Sea Level Methodist Church	Sea Level	Nelson Koonce	Elder
Solid Rock	New Bern	Bryan Huffman	Elder
Stacy Methodist Church	Stacy	TBA	
Trenton Methodist Church	Trenton	Joan Fischer	Deacon
Vanceboro Global Methodist Church	Vanceboro	Eric Morphis	Elder
Wesley Covenant Church	New Bern	TBA	
Williston Methodist Church	Smryna	TBA	
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
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
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
Corinth Global Methodist	Four Oaks	Gainus Sikes	Elder
Ebenezer Methodist Church	Raleigh	Willie Murray	Elder
Elm City Methodist Church	Elm City	TBA	
Global Methodist Church, Wilson	Wilson	Joe Stallings	Elder
Holland's Church	Raleigh	Luke Mitchell, Senior	Elder
Holland's Church	Raleigh	TBA	
Holland's Church	Raleigh	Susan Hobbs	Elder
Kenly Methodist Church	Kenly	TBA	
Layden Memorial Methodist Church	Raleigh	Allen Adkins	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, Associate	Supply

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

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Mt Pleasant Methodist Church	Bailey	Natalie Gonzalez	Deacon
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: , 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	Deacon
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	Assigned
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	John Taylor	Deacon
Shiloh Methodist Church	Gaston	Norma Roberts	Elder
Smith Methodist Church	Roanoke Rapids	Stanley (Stan) Lewis, Jr.	Elder
Speight's Chapel Church	Whitakers	TBA	
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	TBA	
Buckhorn Methodist Church 7/1/2025	Moncure	Barry Drum	Elder
Center Methodist Church	Snow Camp	Steven Taylor	Elder
Goldston Methodist Church	Goldston	John Howard, Jr. (7/1/2026)	Elder
Goldston Methodist Church	Goldston	Kim King, Associate	Deacon
Hickory Grove Church appointed	Siler City	Carlos Castano	Elder, not
Hickory Grove Church	Siler City	Liliana Castano	Laity
Meroney Methodist Church	Bear Creek	Linda Yow	Elder
Mt. Vernon Methodist Church	Siler City	Jadon Olsen (7/1/2026)	Deacon
Page Memorial	Biscoe	Rebecca Chapman	TLP
Piney Grove Methodist Church	Siler City	Andreas Kjernald	Elder

Siler City District: Linda Yow, Presiding Elder *(continued)*

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Sapling Ridge Methodist Church	Pittsboro	Jadon Olsen (7/1/2026)	Deacon
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	Brian Hancock	Supply
Cool Springs Community Church	Cleveland	Darren Custer	Supply
Friendship Methodist Church	Statesville	Paul Cecil	Elder
Harmony Methodist Church	Harmony	Chris Lakey	Elder
Marvin Methodist Church	Stony Point	Jerry Rogers	Deacon
Mountain View Methodist Church	Statesville	Brian Braunschweiger	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	TBA	
Wesley Chapel Inc	Hamptonville	Brian Braunschweiger	Elder

Washington District: Ken Hall, Presiding Elder

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Asbury Methodist Church	Washington	David Green	Elder
Bethany Methodist Church	Belhaven	Kim Chace	Assigned
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, Associate	Elder
Covenant Church	Greenville	Aaron Mitchell	Laity
Farmville Methodist Church	Farmville	TBA	
First Methodist Church Washington	Washington	Ken Hall	Elder
First Methodist Church Washington	Washington	TBA	
Hookerton Methodist Church	Hookerton	Kimberly Holley	Supply
Jamesville Methodist Church	Jamesville	Larris Tolson	Deacon
Siloam Methodist Church	Williamston	Larris Tolson	Deacon
Stonewall	Stonewall	Betty Joe Rodgers	Elder

Washington District: Ken Hall, Presiding Elder *(continued)*

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
Trinity Belhaven	Belhaven	Cris Noble	Elder
Vernon Chapel	Williamston	Brenda Lewis	TLP
Warren Chapel Methodist Church	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	Nathan Dunham	Supply
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	Darren Poe	Supply
Lee's Chapel Methodist Church	Pollocksville	John Williams, Jr.	TLP
Maysville Methodist Church	Maysville	John Williams, Jr	TLP
Midway Methodist Church	Stella	Krystal Bennett	Supply
Pine Valley Methodist Church	Wilmington	Timothy Reaves	Elder
Pine Valley Methodist Church	Wilmington	Kim Collins, Associate	Elder
Pine Valley Methodist Church	Wilmington	Barry Stallings, Associate	Elder
Pine Valley Methodist Church	Leland	John Holmes, Associate	Supply
Pine Valley Methodist Church	Wilmington	Cody Johnsen, Associate	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	Paul Dunham	Elder
Shiloh Methodist Church	Leland	TBA	
Southport Oak Island Global Methodist Church	Oak Island	Rick Russell	Elder
Tabernacle Methodist Church	Maysville	Nathan Dunham	Supply
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	TBA	
Chestnut Grove Methodist Church	King	James Martin	Elder
Concord Methodist Church	Lewisville	Keith Nichols	TLP
Delta Methodist Church	Sandy Ridge	Evelyn Lemons	Elder
Elm Grove	Pfafftown	Keith Nichols	TLP
Fair Grove Church	Thomasville	TBA	

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

Church Name	Church City	Pastor Name	Status
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	Winston-Salem	Mary Miller	Elder
Mount Pleasant Methodist Church	Tobaccoville	David Joyce	Supply
New Hope Church	Winston-Salem	Melanie Nichols	Elder
Palmyra Methodist Church Inc	Germanton	Alicia Bowman	Supply
Pine Grove Methodist Church	Kernersville	Bradley Bruce	Elder
Pleasant Grove Methodist Church	Thomasville	John Stein	Elder
Shady Grove Global Methodist Church	Wallburg	Tom Mabry	Elder
Shady Grove Global Methodist Church	Wallburg	Leigh Tuttle, Associate	Deacon
Shoals Methodist Church	Pinnacle	Richard Buffkin	Elder
Snow Hill Church of Stokes	Danbury	Mark Howell	Assignment
Tabernacle Church	Tobaccoville	Jean Harris	Assignment
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	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	Asheboro District	Frank Hare	Elder
US Army Chaplain, South Carolina Guard	Fayetteville District	Robert Wilson	Elder
Traveling Interim Minister	Wilmington District	Brian Simmons	Elder
Traveling Interim Minister	Wilmington District	Joellen Simmons	Elder
Appointed outside the conference	Pembroke District	Prentis (Trey) Harris	Elder
US Army Chaplain, Endorsed	Elizabethtown District	Matthew Thorley	Elder
Chaplain Atrium Health	Concord District	Steve Ashby	Elder

2025-2026 Disaffiliated Churches

Lanes Chapel	New Bern	7/13/2025
Daniels Chapel	Goldsboro	7/30/2025
Woodland Methodist	Elizabethtown	8/1/2025
Camden Methodist	Edenton	10/15/2025
Sharon Methodist	Edenton	10/15/2025
Trinity Methodist	Edenton	10/15/2025
Mt. Pleasant	Pembroke	2/18/2026
Hopewell	Pembroke	3/1/2026

2025-2026 Churches Affiliated

Oak Grove, Asheboro	Asheboro	8/30/2025
Farmer, Denton	Ahseboro	8/30/2025
Oak Grove, Charlotte	Mooreville	2/25/2026

Take It Deeper Devotionals

Sent: Called, Equipped, Commissioned

“So I Send You”

John 20:21

21 Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

{NRSVue}

Filled with His Spirit, focused on His mission.

The same mission. The same Spirit. The same power.

Saved by grace, sent with grace.

The gospel that justifies also mobilizes.

As He was sent, so you are sent.

Sent from His presence into His purpose.

What He did for you, He now does through you.

He came for you. Now you go for Him.

Sent people change places.

We are a Spirit filled, Scripture shaped, sent people.

Justified by faith. Sanctified in love. Sent to the world.

We are a global people with a gospel purpose.

Remember Your Mission: You Are Sent!

Take this home and continue to apply the 2026 Theme to your life. May you not only be inspired by what you experienced at the 2026 NC Annual Conference, but may you leave having applied God’s word in your life being sent to share the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Day 1: The First Sending

Scripture: Genesis 12:1–3

¹The Lord had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. ² “I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”(NIV)

Thought for the Day: God’s mission begins with a sending.

The story of God’s mission begins with a word that changes everything: **go**.

God does not begin by gathering crowds or building systems. He begins by calling one person to move. Abram is settled, secure, and surrounded by everything familiar. Yet the Lord speaks into that comfort and calls him forward into the unknown. “Go... to the land I will show you.” It is a call that requires trust before clarity.

This moment establishes a pattern that runs through all of Scripture. God blesses, and then God sends. The blessing given to Abram was never meant to stay with Abram. It was meant to flow through him. God makes it clear: “You will be a blessing... and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

That is how God works. Blessing becomes mission.

The same pattern now rests on every follower of Jesus. God has poured grace into your life, not just for your sake, but for the sake of others. The gospel has come to you, and now it is meant to move through you.

The call has not changed.

Go.

God’s mission still moves forward when ordinary people trust Him enough to take the next step. The mission that began with Abram continues with anyone willing to say yes.

Respond

Ask God to place one person on your heart today who needs encouragement or the hope of Jesus Christ. Take a simple, intentional step toward them.

Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Thank You for calling me into Your mission. Give me courage to step forward in faith and trust You with what I cannot yet see. Use my life as a channel of Your blessing so that others may experience Your grace and hope. I say yes to Your call to go. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Day 2: Peace and a Commission

Scripture: John 20:19–23

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”(NIV)

Thought for the Day: The message spreads when the messengers move.

The disciples were behind locked doors, gripped by fear and uncertainty. The cross had shaken them. The future felt unclear. Then Jesus came and stood among them.

His first word was **peace**. His next word was **purpose**.

“As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” (John 20:21b)

Jesus did not gather His followers only to calm their fears. He came to call them forward. The same mission that brought Him into the world would now continue through them. He was sent to reveal the Father, to bring hope, to restore what was broken, and to offer salvation. Now He places that same mission into their hands.

The gospel was never meant to remain behind closed and locked doors. It moves when people move. It travels through conversations, relationships, and everyday moments shaped by faith.

When followers of Jesus step forward, the message moves forward.

Every time you share hope, extend grace, or speak the name of Jesus, the mission continues. The disciples eventually walked out of that room, and history changed.

The same calling is ours today. We are **sent** with **peace**, and we are **sent** with **purpose**.

Respond: Share one simple sentence about your faith with someone today. A word of hope, a kind encouragement, or a brief testimony can open a door for God to work.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, Thank You for meeting me with Your peace and calling me into Your purpose. Give me courage to step forward and speak with love and clarity. Use my life to carry Your message so others may come to know You.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Day 3: Sent into the World

Scripture

John 17:13–18

¹³ “I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. (NIV)

Thought for the Day: You are not removed from the world, you are released into it.

John 17 gives us a remarkable moment. We are invited to listen in as Jesus prays, and in that prayer He reveals how He sees His followers. Jesus does not ask the Father to take believers out of the world. Instead, He prays that they will remain in it with clarity, conviction, and purpose. He says, “As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.”

That means your life is not arbitrary. Where you live, where you work, and where you spend your time are not accidents. They are assignments.

Jesus was sent to reveal the heart of the Father. He carried truth into confusion, grace into brokenness, and hope into despair. Now He sends His followers in the same way. The mission that defined His life now defines ours.

You are sent into your neighborhood.

You are sent into your workplace.

You are sent into your everyday relationships.

Mission is not limited to faraway places. It begins in the ordinary spaces of daily life.

The world does not need spectators of faith. It needs people who live as visible expressions of Christ. When you walk in love, speak truth, and extend compassion, the presence of Jesus becomes real to those around you.

That is what it means to be sent.

Respond: Identify one place in your daily routine where you regularly interact with people. Begin praying for those individuals by name and ask God to use you to reflect His love to them.

Prayer

Father, Thank You for placing me where I am with purpose. Help me to live each day as someone sent by Jesus. Give me eyes to see the people around me and a heart ready to serve them with Your love. Use my life to make Your presence known.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 4: Power for the Mission

Scripture: Acts 1:6–11

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” (NIV)

Thought for the Day: The Spirit empowers what Jesus commands.

The disciples are focused on timing. They want to know if this is the moment when everything will be restored. Jesus gently redirects their attention away from speculation and toward mission. “You will receive power... and you will be my witnesses.” (Acts 1:8)

Jesus never intended for His followers to carry out His mission in their own strength. He promises the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The mission of God always moves with the power of God.

The Spirit gives you the courage you need when fear tries to silence you. The Spirit provides the words you need when you are unsure what to say. The Spirit works in hearts in ways no human effort can accomplish.

Witnessing is not about having every answer ready. It is about sharing what you know to be true about Jesus. It is about pointing others to the hope you have found in Him. Jesus outlines the movement of the mission. It begins in Jerusalem, extends to Judea and Samaria, and reaches to the ends of the earth. The same pattern continues today as the gospel moves through the lives of ordinary believers.

The mission does not depend on perfect people. It depends on the power of the Spirit. And the same Spirit who empowered the first disciples is available to you today.

Respond: Before you speak about your faith today, pause and ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with wisdom, courage, and clarity.

Prayer:

Holy Spirit, Fill me with Your power and guide my words today. Give me courage to speak about Jesus with clarity and compassion. Work through my life in ways that point others toward Him. I trust You to lead and empower me as I go. In Jesus’ name, I pray, Amen.

Day 5: Feet That Carry Good News

Scripture: *Romans 10:12–15*

¹² For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³ for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? ¹⁵ And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” (NIV)

Thought for the Day: The gospel travels on the feet of the sent.

Romans 10 gives us a clear and compelling picture of how God’s mission moves forward. Paul walks us step by step through the process.

People call on the Lord to be saved.

But they cannot call unless they believe.

They cannot believe unless they hear.

They cannot hear unless someone tells them.

And no one can tell them unless they are sent.

This is the way God has chosen to work. The message of the gospel moves through people. It spreads through conversations, through relationships, and through lives that reflect the love of Christ.

Paul then gives us a powerful image. “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news” (Romans 10:15). In the ancient world, messengers would run from place to place announcing victory. Their arrival meant hope had come.

The gospel is still the greatest news anyone can hear. Through Jesus, forgiveness is offered, hope is restored, and new life is given. But this message is meant to move. It is meant to be shared.

God has entrusted this good news to His people so it can reach the world. Every step of obedience, every conversation of faith, and every act of love becomes part of His mission.

Respond: Pray for one person in your life who does not yet know Christ. Ask God to give you an opportunity this week to encourage them and share the hope you have in Jesus.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, Thank You for the good news of salvation. Help my life and my words carry that hope to others. Give me courage to speak and love to share so others may come to know You. In the name, of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Day 6: The Mission of Every Disciple

Scripture: *Matthew 28:16–20*

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (NIV)

Thought for the Day: Every disciple of Jesus is a messenger of Jesus.

The final words of Jesus before His ascension are not complicated. They are clear, direct, and filled with purpose. “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

This command was not given to a select few with special training. It was given to ordinary followers who had walked with Him, learned from Him, and trusted Him. Every disciple was included, and every disciple was sent.

Jesus begins by grounding the mission in His authority. “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me” (Matthew 28:18). This means the mission does not rest on human ability but on the authority of the risen Christ. We go because He reigns.

Then Jesus gives a promise that strengthens every step. “Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). We are never sent alone. His presence goes with us into every conversation, every relationship, and every opportunity to minister.

Mission is not something the church schedules on the calendar. It is the daily calling of every believer. Wherever you go, the opportunity to help someone take a step toward Jesus goes with you. The mission continues every time someone shares the good news of Jesus, invites another person to follow Him, and walks alongside them in faith.

Respond: Think of one person in your life who may be open to learning more about Jesus. Take a simple step this week to invite them into a conversation, a church gathering, or a moment of shared faith.

Prayer

Jesus, Thank You for calling me to follow You and sending me to make disciples. Help me live with purpose and courage each day. Use my life to lead others toward You and to walk with them as they grow in faith. In Your name, Lord Jesus, I pray, Amen.

Day 7: Set Apart. Sent Out.

Scripture: Acts 13:2–4

² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³ So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. ⁴ The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. (NIV)

Thought for the Day: The Spirit directs the mission and deploys the messengers.

The mission of God in Acts 13 begins in a place that many people overlook. It begins in **worship**. While the church was gathered, seeking the Lord through worship and fasting, the Holy Spirit spoke with clarity and purpose: “Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them” (Acts 13:2). This moment reminds us that God’s mission is not first organized by human plans but revealed through spiritual awareness. When hearts are focused on God, mission becomes clear.

What is interesting is how the church responded. There was no hesitation, no resistance, and no attempt to hold on to their trusted leaders. Instead, they joined together in prayer, affirmed the calling, and released Barnabas and Saul into the mission. They understood that what God sets apart cannot be held back. It must be sent forward.

Verse 4 makes a profound point: they were “sent on their way by the Holy Spirit.” Their mission was not driven by personal ambition or external expectation. It was initiated and empowered by God Himself. This is the pattern for every follower of Jesus. We are not just volunteers in a good cause. We are participants in a Spirit-directed mission.

The same Holy Spirit who spoke in that moment is still speaking today. He still calls, still sets apart, and still sends. Our role is not to manufacture the mission but to respond in obedience. You may not see every step ahead, but you can trust the One who sends you. When the Spirit directs, you can move forward with confidence, knowing that your life is part of something far greater than yourself.

Respond: Take time today to ask the Holy Spirit, “Who are You sending me to?” Write down one name that comes to mind. Begin praying for that person and take one intentional step this week to connect with them and share the love of Christ.

Prayer

Holy Spirit, Thank You for speaking and sending. Set me apart for Your purposes and make me attentive to Your voice. Give me the willingness to go where You lead and the courage to act in faith. Use my life to point others to Jesus. I say yes to Your mission today.

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

Day 8: Here Am I

Scripture: *Isaiah 6:1–8*

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.” ⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” (NIV)

Thought for the Day: “Here I am” becomes “Here I go.”

Isaiah’s story begins with a vision that changes everything. He sees the Lord high and exalted, and in that moment he becomes aware of his own need for cleansing. In the presence of God’s holiness, he recognizes his sin and his need for mercy.

God does not leave him there. God meets him with grace. His guilt is taken away, and his sin is atoned for. Then comes the question that still echoes through every generation. “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” Isaiah responds with a simple but powerful declaration. “Here am I. Send me.”

The order is important. Isaiah experiences grace before he accepts the assignment. The same pattern is true for every follower of Jesus. God restores us before He sends us. Mission does not begin with obligation. It begins with transformation.

When you understand what God has done for you, you begin to desire that others would experience it as well. Gratitude becomes the fuel for mission.

God is still asking the same question today. He is still looking for people who are willing to go, willing to serve, and willing to say yes. The invitation is not complicated.

Here am I.

Send me.

Respond: Take a few intentional minutes today to pray a simple prayer of surrender: “Lord, here am I. Send me wherever You want to use me.”

Prayer:

Holy God, Thank You for Your grace that forgives and restores me. My life belongs to You. Give me a willing heart and a ready spirit to go wherever You send me and to serve in Your purpose. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

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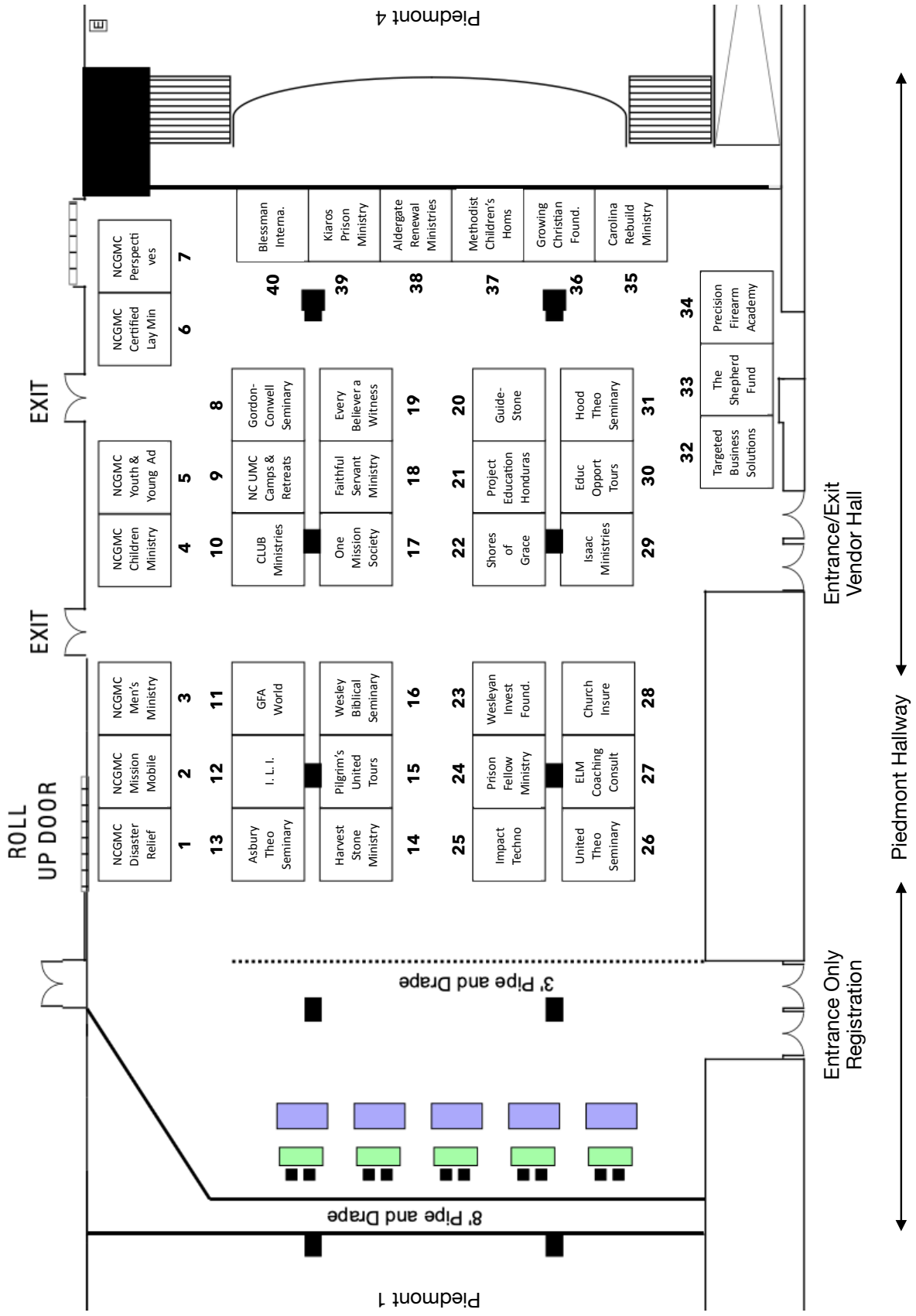
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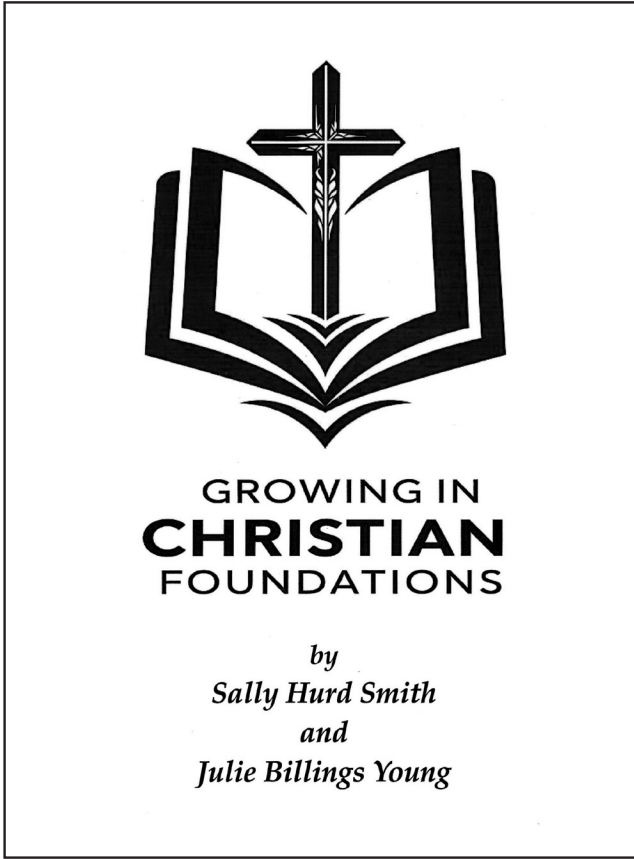


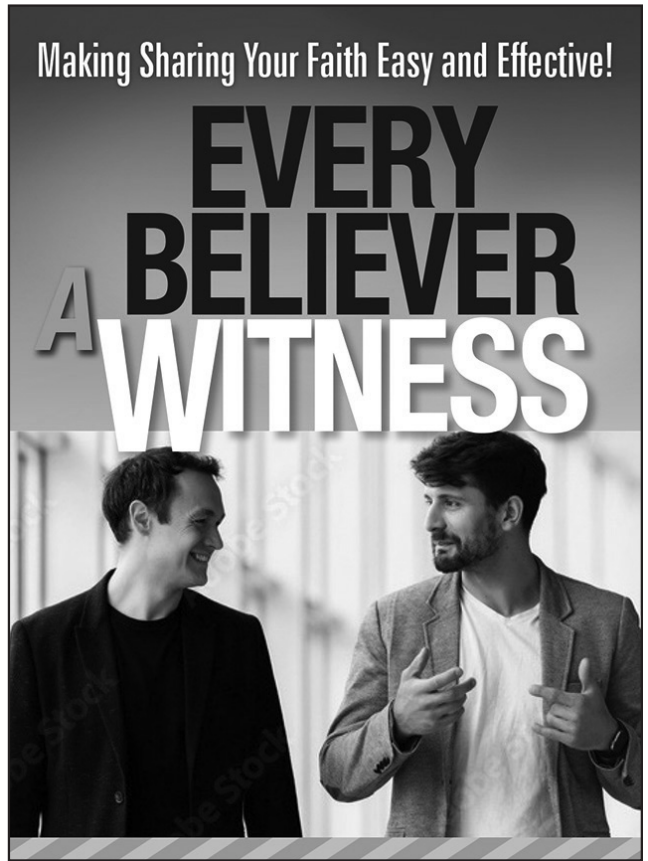
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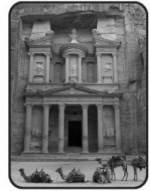
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UNDERSTANDING PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE

Each time you want to do this:

First give your name and your district, and then say this:

Interrupt speaker?

Second needed?

Motion debatable?

Amendable?

Vote?

Main Motions as tools to introduce new business

Introduce business	"I move that..."	no	yes	yes	yes	majority
Take up matter previously tabled	"I move that we take from the table"	no	yes	no	no	majority
Take up matter previously tabled	"I move that we reconsider..."	no	yes	*	no	majority

Secondary Motions in order of preference

Adjourn	"I move to adjourn..."	no	yes	no	no	majority
Recess	"I move we recess until..."	no	yes	no	no	majority
Suspend debate without calling for vote	"I move that we table"	no	yes	no	no	majority
End debate	"I move the previous question"	no	yes	no	no	2/3 majority
Limit debate	"I move debate be limited to"	no	yes	yes	yes	2/3 majority
Postpone to specific time	"I move to postpone this matter until..."	no	yes	yes	yes	majority
Have matter studied further	"I move we refer this matter to..."	no	yes	yes	yes	majority
Amend a motion or substitute	"I move to amend by..." or "I move to substitute..."	no	yes	yes	yes	majority
Postpone indefinitely	"I move to postpone indefinitely..."	no	yes	yes	yes	majority

Incidental Motions grow out of the business the conference is considering

Correct error in parliamentary procedure	"Point of order"	yes	no	no	no	Chair rules
Obtain advice on parliamentary procedure	"I raise a parliamentary inquiry"	yes	no	no	no	Chair rules
Request information	"Point of information"	yes	no	no	no	None

*Yes, if the matter was debatable. No, if the matter was not debatable