

The Global Methodist Church

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NEW BEGINNING



With humility, hope, and joy, the 17 member body known as the Transitional Leadership Council announced **the official launch of the Global Methodist Church as of May 1, 2022.**

OUR MISSION



To make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

OUR VISION



To join God in a journey of bringing new life, reconciliation, and the presence of Christ to all people, and to helping each person **reflect the character of Christ.**



A church that is alive that holds Jesus as Lord over all things and the Holy Spirit as its engine

A church that believes in scriptural authority, is clear about its doctrine and mission, and holds people accountable

for missional purposes



- A church that is streamlined and less complex & with a less costly overhead
- A church that understands local churches make disciples and pushes as many decisions to the local level as possible



A church that works hard to meet people at their point of need <u>AND</u> offer them Jesus



A church that knows we are burdened for the souls of those who don't know Jesus and we must reach all generations/ages

Missional Priorities



Biblical Teaching & Preaching Transformational Discipleship Multiplication



4. Ministry to All People 5. Global Missional Partnerships

ALL GOD'S PEOPLE



By virtue of its very name, the Global Methodist Church is a diverse church where all God's people - whatever their color, culture, ethnicity, or nationality - are warmly welcomed to join with others to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

WOMEN IN MINISTRY



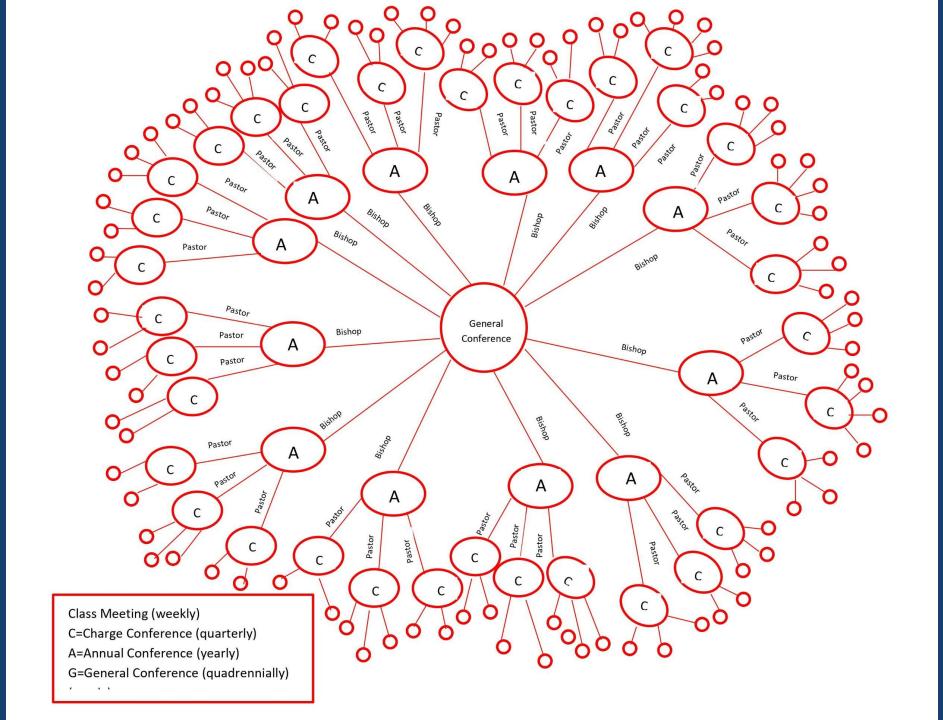
The Global Methodist Church celebrates and praises God for the gifts women bring to all levels of the church. There are no barriers to where they can serve in the church.

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- Orthodox theology firmly in line with 2,000 years of Christian doctrine and tradition
- Less complex New Book of Doctrines & Discipline <u>88% reduction</u> from current Book of Discipline
- Term limited bishops
- Enhancement of accountability

including Bishops **¶520**



ORGANIZATIONAL DISTINCTIVE



The Global Methodist Church is a connection of the willing not the constrained. In short, there is no "trust clause" as there is in some other denominations stating that a local church merely holds property and assets in trust for a general church. Instead, local Global Methodist congregations own all of their property and assets in perpetuity.

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No trust clause ¶ 902 Process of Disaffiliation – "After at least a 90-day period of discernment and prayer, a congregation of the Global Methodist Church may disaffiliate from the denomination by a majority vote of its church conference." ¶ 903

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



- Less Gate-Keeping More Permission-Giving
- Empowerment of the Local Church to do mission in their context
- Less top-down decisions
- Less bureaucracy so denominational overhead is as low as possible – leaving more money in local church

treasuries to make disciples

GMC: CLERGY



Two orders of clergy: elders and deacons

Local pastors will be ordained as deacons or elders depending on education

Strong commitment to female clergy and clergy of color

GMC: CLERGY



Clergy appointment system similar to current one <u>WITH ADDED</u>, <u>GUARANTEED</u> input from the local church ¶510

> No Guaranteed Appointment **¶512**

Churches & Clergy that transition together stay together

GMC: LOCAL CHURCHES



Local churches must have a leadership team, but otherwise can structure themselves any way they wish for effectiveness

Each church will seek property and casualty insurance and not have to purchase from Annual Conference

Connectional Giving

For general church: 1.5% of the prior year's operating income.

For an annual conference: 5% of the prior year's operating income.

Current number by TLC ('22 Jul.) 1% to GC, 1 % to AC

GMC: LOCAL CHURCHES



GMC will continue to use Wespath for clergy and lay employee retirement benefits

Four **OPTIONS**



Stay UMC (Live Under the Big Tent) Go Independent ➤ Go w/ Free Methodist or another Wesleyan Denomination Go w/ Global Methodist Church

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• Stay UMC (Live Under the Big Tent)

---How big a tent can you live under?

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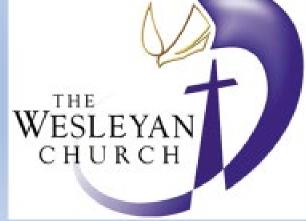
What about other Wesleyan Denominations?

The United Methodist Church











Why Not Another Wesleyan DENOMINATION



 Already strong connection w/ future GMC churches
 Other denominations don't want to be overrun by UMC churches

Building something from the foundation vs inheriting

existing structure

Why Not Another Wesleyan DENOMINATION



Trust Clause Historically regional Predominantly rural \succ "There are elements of progressive ideology seeking influence in the FMC. Why go back to that conflict?"

SUMMARY WHY JOIN THE GMC?



Orthodox theology that stands strongly affirms Lordship of Jesus and the authority of Scripture

- Fresh Start with no more fighting
- Leaner, simpler, and far less topdown decisions
- Emphasis on the local church as the primary/only tool for disciple making

SUMMARY WHY JOIN THE GMC?



- Simpler ordination process creating more orthodox clergy, faster
- Greater accountability for clergy, bishops, and churches
- Dramatically less bureaucracy
- Significantly less apportionments
- Local churches will own their own property

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Greater autonomy for the local church and simpler governing structure

Local church with greater input on pastoral appointments

JOINING THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH



New beginnings are rarely easy. The new denomination will be poised to be much more effective in sharing the saving Good News of Jesus, making new disciples of Him, and making the realities of heaven, the realities of earth! The Global Methodist Church will do all in its power to assist local churches that want to join! "I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist either in Europe or America. But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case, unless they hold fast bot the doctrine, spirit, and discipline with which they first set out." John Wesley

IMPORTANT WEBSITES



- GMC Website: www.globalmethodist.org
- WCA Website: <u>www.wesleyancoveant.org</u>
- FL WCA Website: <u>www.wcafl.net</u>
- Bishop Scott Jones (Tx Conf.) https://youtu.be/pdYtHOtvl3l
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