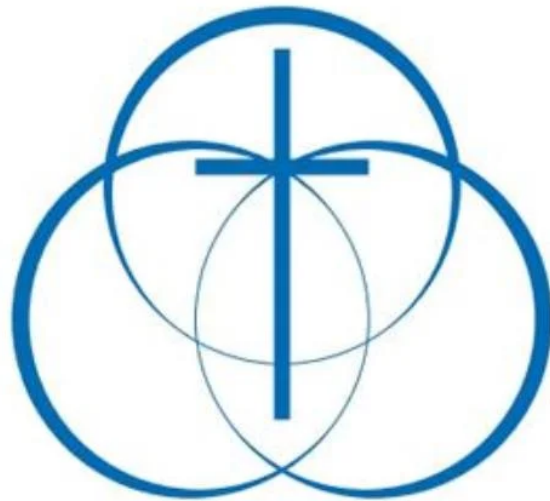


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# Rev. Todd Chancey

Active Elder

Lexington, KY

Conference Connectional Officer

Pastor Trinity GMC,

Frankfort, KY

District: Lexington

**Vote #  
C501**

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

God is doing a new thing through the Global Methodist Church. The GMC is called to share the Good News in a traditional, conservative, orthodox Wesleyan theological way. The GMC has a great story to tell. We live in a dark world and the GMC needs to be a beacon of light that shines in the darkness and brings hope to the hurting and opens the door of salvation for the not-yet Christians. The GMC is also called to care for the least, lost and marginal in our world.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

I believe having served full time in Christian ministry for over 38 years has provided me an opportunity to serve in small and very large ministry settings. I am honored to currently serve as the Conference Connectional Officer of the MidSouth Provisional Annual Conference of the GMC. I have served mega churches as a Business Administrator, served on the Board of Pension and Health Benefits, Served on Finance and Administration. I have authored a book on church business administration and have lead many conference workshops in the Southeast. I am honored to serve in the leadership of the MidSouth PAC. God has allowed me to help shepherd many churches into the GMC. All of this is for God's Glory. I am honored to serve if elected to do so.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

Establish policies and procedures that seek to win souls for Jesus Christ, Disciple the church family and empower the local churches to do ministry in their communities. We are also called to care for those who hurt and need help. Assure the GMC will continue to stay strong to our traditional Wesleyan values and assure GMC will:

- 1- Teach the supremacy of the Holy Scriptures both the Old and New Testaments.
- 2- Hold leadership accountable and assure the will of the General Conference is followed.
- 3- Teach biblical truths about gender and marriage.
- 4- Never implement a trust clause.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2**

Sharing the Word of God, leading workshop, preaching, Bible Studies, Sunday School Classes, Continuing Christian Education leadership events and many, many other spirit filled experiences have formed my spiritual journey. The best story I can tell is how Jesus loved me, even me, a sinner saved by grace. The world is full of hurting people, people searching for hope. If and when the church family shares the story, then and only then will the world change for good. If not us - who? if not now - when? God has raised up the GMC to share the story, I am honored to tell what Jesus has done for me. All honor and glory goes to GOD! Praise be to GOD for what he has done in my life.



# Rev. Matthew Conover

Senior Elder

Louisville, KY

Conference Treasurer

Summit Heights Methodist Church

Louisville, KY

District: Elizabethtown

**Vote #  
C502**

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

Just as the new church started its development in the Ancient Near East, the purpose of the GMC is similar - to grow, feed, encourage, equip, and send-forth disciples of every nation, baptizing (one of the roles) in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Other roles of the GMC within the world include worship; celebrating the Lord's Supper with other believers; spiritual growth and development; building community and fellowship; all with the end goal of making and maturing Christ-followers.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

Before becoming a second career pastor, I held varying financial positions with Fortune 500 corporations, including John Deere. My undergraduate is in Accounting and Business Administration, later earning an MBA and a Master of Divinity. My other GMC involvement includes, Treasurer, MidSouth Provisional Annual Conference WCA Connectional Funding Taskforce Financial Consultant to Keith Boyette during the Protocol discussions, Member of the Commission on Finance, Administration, Pensions and Benefits for the GMC. I feel I am uniquely qualified to bring a financial perspective few would be able to replicate.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

Seek God's face. I could write as to what that may look like to me, but the most important thing that needs to happen is that we listen intently for the Lord's direction in all of the foundational legislation required this year.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2**

The primary passion I have for the redeemed of the GMC is that of the churches living and flourishing (or sometimes struggling) through the disaffiliation process. These churches experienced their own exodus through the dry deserts of our former denomination. True, the experience was not easy, nor is the journey with Christ as we seek Him in this Lenten journey. This is the story that will one day be told... We once were bound - watching in great hope for redemption power, We are now free - only by God's grace and mercy.



# Rev. Donald Cox

Active Elder  
Elizabethtown, KY

Vote #  
C503

Pastor College Heights Church  
Elizabethtown, KY  
District: Elizabethtown, KY

## **(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world?**

The GMC is bringing together a revival of Methodism by returning to our foundational roots. For many years, we have closed the doors to the Holy Spirit, which allowed leadership by man and not by God. I pray and intend to help the GMC focus on spiritual renewal through prayer, truth in Scripture, meditation, fasting, and evangelizing.

## **(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

My prior career as an Air Force officer in charge of many multi-million dollar projects and as an airline standards captain (evaluator and instructor) has given me many experiences in many different roles to accomplish and manage a given task. I currently serve as vice-chairman of the Elizabethtown Airport Board. I can work through issues and discern a path forward.

## **(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

This is a very important conference that needs to reinforce truth in Scripture, trust in leadership, and return to our holiness roots. The GMC must be solid in its discipline. Most importantly, this conference needs to allow for healing! We need world unity with all being led by the Spirit.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for “Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story” Psalm 107:2.** God has redeemed me! I left the airlines on a leap of faith and have been so blessed. Leading a church out of peril and into the light has made my faith so strong. Preaching with the Spirit and not holding back has been so liberating. Holding back because of truth was hurting my preaching for God. I love what the Holy Spirit has done in my life and at College Heights Church. We are worshiping 170 most services, and God continues to bless our entire team. I said yes to God’s Word, and God has blessed me and continues to bless my family and church. It scares me to think if I had stayed because of the money or title. My passion is with God and evangelizing His Word!



# Rev. Donald Craig

Active Elder  
Ballardsville, KY

Vote #  
C504

Overdale Global Methodist Church  
Louisville, KY  
District Elizabethtown

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

God has seen fit to bless our efforts to establish a world-wide denomination based on the truth of the Bible and the historical perspective of Methodism as established by our founder John Wesley. I am honored to be a part of this effort to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every corner of our world. I am excited to be a part of God's team to defeat Satan and his demons no matter the cost.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

I am a retired educator having served as a teacher of Social Studies (History, Civics, Economics, and Anthropology) at the high school level, school administrator as an associate high school principal and elementary school principal. I am certified to be a School Superintendent. My wife and I served as Missionaries for fifteen years in Costa Rica as the Directors of Centro Metodista, the Retreat Center for the Evangelical Methodist Church in that wonderful country. I personally know and have worked with and for Bishop Luis Fernando Palomo. I have been a member of the Wesley Covenant Association since its inception. I served as the Director of the English as a Second Language program for four years with the Oldham County Kentucky Board of Education. I was blessed to be a pilgrim on Louisville Walk to Emmaus # 1, in August of 1986 and I currently serve as the Spiritual Director of the Louisville Emmaus Community. I served as the Executive Director of Kavanaugh Conference and Retreat Center for five years prior to becoming the pastor of Overdale United Methodist Church where I have served for the past eight years and guided them through the process of disaffiliation and joining the Global Methodist Church.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

To firmly establish the Discipline based on the truth of Scripture and include firm provisions for accountability. Establish programs that support local congregations in their efforts to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to their local areas. Establish programs to support the churches in the Central Conferences. Make sure that everything we do, say and think brings honor, praise and glory to our LORD God.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2**

I pray every day that God will cause someone to cross my path that with whom I can share the gospel of Jesus Christ. He has encouraged me to have a smile on my face even while shopping in local stores. That has allowed me to answer people's inquiries as to why I am smiling and let them know I do so because I am blessed to be a child of God. Each week I send out 35 letters to home-bound members of the congregation, members who do not regularly attend worship services, prospective members, and members of my family. The letters contain my Sermon for the upcoming Sunday as well as words of encouragement. I have early morning sessions of prayer and the reading of Scripture that last for no less than two hours. I basically use the A-C-T-S format (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication) and I have a running list of the names of persons who need salvation. My Spiritual Gifts include Leadership and Teaching and Support and the LORD leads me in using these gifts to further His Kingdom.





**Vote #  
C505**

**Rev. Sue Eaton**

**Senior Elder  
Louisville, KY**

**Summit Heights Global Methodist Church  
Louisville, KY  
Presiding Elder District: Elizabethtown**

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world?  
(Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

I understand the purpose of the GMC is to grow disciples who will share the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world and across the fence in our own backyard; to truly become a global church and spread spiritual holiness across the globe.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

The Holy Spirit has given me the spiritual gift of Administration. It enables me to juggle multiple things at the same time and still care about the details. I have been the MidSouth Prayer Team Chair since this conference was just a dream. I am part of the GMC's Prayer Ministry. I have always stood on the Word of God as my source of strength and wisdom, guidance and discernment no matter who comes against me. I will continue to stand on the Word of God wherever He leads me to serve.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

To gather together in One Spirit as One Body of Christ in Worship, commitment, and witness.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2**

As a child I experienced physical, verbal, emotional and mental abuse. God has taken those experiences, healed and redeemed them to be used for the building of His Kingdom. Telling my story to others has been my go-to way of sharing Jesus with others, in churches, in prisons, on mission trips, wherever I have an opportunity. You can argue with theology but it's a lot harder to argue with a changed life. By sharing my story of how God has worked in my life they begin to have hope and open their lives to God.



# Rev. Brian Ebel

Active Elder  
Lexington, KY

Pastor St. Luke  
Lexington, KY  
District: Lexington

## Vote # C506

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

Our purpose as Global Methodists is informed by a unique theological heritage and identity, born out of the Wesleyan-Methodist tradition, that is rooted in Scriptural Holiness. This heritage informs our individual + communal character as we seek to reflect the character and love of Jesus Christ. This same heritage informs our message, methods, and structures by which we make, grow, and send forth disciples. Finally, as we are called by Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and trust in the Father's will, we go to all the world, our parish, to share the truth of the Gospel and serve others in ministry.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.:**

- \* Appointed 22+ years in ministry to rural/urban/suburban churches from 10-650+ in size.
- \* Planted a new church and helped it grow to nearly 400 people.
- \* Demonstrated track record of spiritual vitality + attendance growth in every appointment.
- \* Taught as an adjunct faculty member of Asbury Theological Seminary for 10+ years.
- \* Coached new + existing churches, currently serve on Mid-South Church Planting Team.
- \* Served on teams of non-profit boards/agencies.
- \* Elected as a reserve delegate on the 2012 Kentucky Jurisdictional Conference Team.
- \* Inherited skills + experience from my previous career in the business community.
- \* Education: B.S.B.A. Aquinas College 1994, M.B.A. Studies Western Michigan University 1999-2000, M. Div. Asbury Theological Seminary 2006, Ph.D. Theology London School of Theology 2012.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?: I see the work of the General Conference as three-fold this coming September:**

- To establish the mission, doctrines, and disciplines of the Global Methodist Church, in a manner consistent with our Wesleyan-Methodist Theological Tradition.
- To further develop relationships, encourage teamwork, and commit to championing the vision for ministry as the Global Methodist Church.
- To ensure the structures + processes of the Global Methodist Church maintain a nimble, strategic, and cost-effective focus in our infancy stage. This allows for support of key local and global ministries, while keeping connectional apportionment costs manageable for all churches.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2**

I was not born a Methodist; I became one by God's grace. My wife introduced me to Jesus Christ, and he became my Lord and Savior. We began attending a Methodist Church that welcomed us, disciplined us, and then sent us forth in ministry. I believe this captures our spirit as the Global Methodist Church - a church that longs to see the lost saved, the pews filled, believers disciplined+equipped, and servants sent forth in ministry to the world. I believe God has raised all of us up for this season...and I am excited to be part of what God is doing!



# Rev. Daniel Fulton

Active Elder

South Charleston, West Virginia

**Vote #**

**C507**

South Charleston, WV

Presiding Elder District: West Virginia

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

I believe God has raised up Methodism to spread the message of heart-holiness; our role in the world is to train-up and turn-loose on the world disciples of Christ who love God with everything they have, are seeking union with Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit, and will demonstrate that love of Christ within the fellowship of the church and outside of its walls so the world will know that the Lord reigns, that they will come to salvation in Christ's name.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

I am familiar with the process of church-related legislation through work on resolutions for multiple Annual Conference sessions. Through my bi-vocational employment I assisted the Church of the Nazarene with the global delegate registration and management for their last General Assembly (General Conference equivalent body). I have studied the Disciplines and equivalent texts of multiple denominations and feel I have a good sense of provisions which are good and necessary for good order, but leave room for local context and decision making while remaining faithful to scripture and Christian ethics.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

The Convening General Conference needs to establish a well-thought out, prayerfully considered plan for the consecration of Bishops and the selection of other key leaders within the denomination as well as the parameters of their service, and the means for making adjustments mid-stream as needed. The leadership of the denomination can either keep us on track toward fulfilling our purpose and mission, or can be detrimental to that end, we must consider this matter a priority and treat it with prayer and fasting.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2**

I've been doing my best to faithfully preach the gospel at every opportunity that has come my way since I was 17 years old. I've committed my life to being about the work of telling God's glorious story of salvation. Right now in West Virginia, according to the most recent US Religion Census, less than 40% of my fellow mountaineers claim any religious affiliation at all. This number keeps me awake at night, but I believe the Holy Spirit has impressed on the hearts of several of us in the GMC in our district that He's in the process of raising up a church-planting movement in West Virginia where we're going to see the tide of darkness pushed back as the Redeemed tell THE story.



# Rev. David Grant

Active Elder  
Spring City, TN

Vote #  
C508

Pastor Spring City Methodist  
Spring City, TN  
Presiding Elder District: Athens

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

The purpose of the GMC is to spread scriptural holiness across the land. This is a world-wide endeavor, for the Kingdom of God knows no international boundaries. We can spread scriptural holiness through biblical preaching, accountable discipleship, planting new communities of faith, and serving our neighbors in ways that shine the light of Jesus Christ into their lives. As members of the GMC grow into true disciples, we are positioned to show the world the goodness of God and the need for salvation.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

I spent 13 years as a paralegal in environmental law where I had to pay attention to detail as I assisted attorneys in navigating and managing large case files. In ministry, I have served as registrar on the district committee on ministry where I kept the paperwork on candidates for ministry and local pastors who were completing the course of study. I also served for a number of years as chair of the Holston Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries Board that oversaw the ministries of five different camps. This has given experience in managing details necessary for general conference.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

As a presiding elder, I could say it will be important to define the episcopacy in terms of number of bishops, how they are elected, and the terms they serve and similar definitions for presiding elders. But in reality, this is minor compared to the need for General Conference to be a worshipful and prayerful time that is a Spirit-filled atmosphere sharing the love of Christ the unity of our mission among delegates. This will enable us to accomplish our calling and build trust among our members.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for “Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story” Psalm 107:2**

I tell the story of Jesus Christ and His redemption in all ways. One example was early in ministry as a youth pastor, I didn't know how to handle a group of young people, and a saint in the church told me to just love them. There has to be more to it than that. No just love them. We did teach Jesus and discipleship, but that didn't take until they knew and experienced the love of Christ through us. Now, 20 years later I see that group of now-adults as a success some of whom are telling the story themselves.





# Rev. Chuck Griffin

Active Elder  
WEBER CITY, VA

Vote #  
C509

Pastor Holston View Methodist Church  
WEBER CITY, VA  
Presiding Elder District: Kingsport

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

We are making disciples for Jesus Christ in the Wesleyan way, a distinctive and historically successful approach to the Christian life. We are called to restore emphases that have been lost: Scriptural authority; committed, methodical discipleship; and personal accountability, the kind best explored in small groups of believers. This effort at restoration is our critical starting point, the factor that will determine our future success. We pray that as we develop a deeper understanding of what it means to live as Bible-based, accountable disciples, the Holy Spirit will flow through us, invigorating our witness and our worship.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

As president of the Holston Conference Chapter of the Wesleyan Covenant Association, I spent a lot of time considering the doctrinal and structural problems of the United Methodist Church, taking what we observed and turning it into ongoing advocacy for healthy, sound Methodism. Now that we have moved on to the GMC, I have continued to play a role alongside other committed Methodists in the establishment of the MidSouth Conference of the GMC. My work as a presiding elder over the Kingsport District has given me insight into the challenges GM churches face now and in the near future. In particular, we need to guard against doctrinal "creep" in directions that might not be immediately obvious to us.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

Clarity in polity and procedure, all developed in the clear, powerful presence of the Holy Spirit as we meet. Many of our churches still have "What's next" questions. We need to understand those questions and any underlying anxieties that go along with them, and then be sure our work answers those questions.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2**

The experience of preaching! By this, I mean the spiritual flow that occurs during the preaching time, the sense of comprehension and excitement that is present in my own GM church. I credit this to the new unity in the Spirit we seem to be experiencing. (It got back to me that a visitor from a UM church said on the way out of worship, "It's nice to hear a sermon and not have to guess what the preacher really means.") I bring the word, and now I hear more and more accounts of the congregation carrying the word with them into the world. I am excited to see how this ongoing experience will grow.



# Rev. Jeff Jacob

Active Elder  
Loretto, TN

**Vote #  
C510**

**Pastor Loretto Methodist Church  
Loretto, TN  
District: Middle Tennessee**

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

The purpose of the GMC is to connect people, all over the earth for generations to come, to the good news of Jesus Christ through a Wesleyan expression of faith!

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

For several years, God has provided opportunities for me to serve on the BOM in the TN Conference of the UMC and DCOM of the Harpeth River District in that conference. I was blessed to walk with this congregation through the Lay Mobilization Institute. I have also experienced great joy to witness church members coming alive to Biblical faith through several Seedbed resources.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

The General Conference will be successful if the glory of God is seen as delegates agree that Jesus led the entire conference.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for “Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story” Psalm 107:2**

Through teaching about a Biblical, Wesleyan faith, I have had the privilege of hearing people say, “I thought I read the Bible all my life, but now I’m truly reading it and understanding it like I never imagined.”



# Rev. Keith Katterheinrich

Active Elder  
Ashland, KY

**Vote #  
C511**

**Corner Stone Methodist Church  
Ashland, KY  
District: Ashland**

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

The purpose of the GMC is to make disciples of Jesus. The instructions in the Great Commission to baptize and teach everything Jesus commanded are simply expounding on what it means to make disciples. And the command is to go into all the world. Therefore, as a church, we have to reach out into the world, ensuring that all of humanity everywhere has an opportunity to hear the message of the Gospel and respond to the redemptive love of Jesus. Acts of mercy, like feeding, clothing and caring for others must be done as a means of making disciples.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

In my time in the UMC, I served as Secretary and then Chair of the DCOM as well as on the Board of Ordained Ministry. I chaired the residency team for the Board and revamped the residency process for our residents in ministry. I have served as an Associate Pastor and now I am the Lead Pastor at CornerStone Methodist Church. I successfully led 2 churches through a merger, forming a thriving and healthy church. Now I am leading an effort to reach out to our Hispanic community through bilingual worship.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

In order for the General Conference to be successful, we need to lay the foundation that will inspire and empower the church to be disciple makers. Instead of bitterly reflecting on where we have been, we need to chart our course for the future. The Conference must put the mechanisms in place to support that mission by training and equipping all of our people to go into all the world, home and abroad and share the Gospel. This is a fresh start that will allow us to make the mission of Jesus the focus of our new church.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for “Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story” Psalm 107:2**

On my first mission trip to Costa Rica, the pastor of the church in Pital asked me to preach on the Sunday of our arrival. After services that morning, he asked me to come and speak to their ministerial association, to be on the radio with him in his normal teaching spot and to preach at other churches in the area throughout the week. I had never spoken through an interpreter before and it was very difficult. But the opportunity to tell the story to people was more important than the difficulties. Having been redeemed, I love telling the story.



# Rev. Christopher Morgan

Active Elder  
Danville, Kentucky

Vote #  
C512

Pastor Centenary  
Danville, KY  
District: Lexington

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

The Global Methodist Church testifies that all are called to a saving relationship with the triune God, and all are called to scriptural holiness. We offer a witness to the world of a church intentionally global in nature, built on a traditional Wesleyan understanding of biblical authority, and committed to making disciples who testify to God's love, goodness, and transforming power.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

I have worked with clergy credentialing on various levels, from mentoring clergy to serving on/chairing district committees on ministry to serving on the conference board of ministry. I have chaired the conference relations and credentialing sub-teams of the board of ministry in a previous denomination and the GMC. I have operational team leadership experience at district and conference levels. Most importantly, I love Jesus Christ and his church, and I believe he will use the warm hearts and sound minds in our movement to testify to the enduring truth of the gospel.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

The most important thing the General Conference can accomplish is to show the world a unity in Christ that transcends national borders, political predilections, languages, and socioeconomic positions. The General Conference can reveal a Methodist movement in which we take seriously our theological stance and our covenant. Diversity is important. But far more important is the unity that can emerge when Jesus and his gospel are central to our identity.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2**

I was fifteen when my grandmother died, and I walked the hospital hallway and prayed that Jesus would give me peace. The Lord answered that prayer by flooding my heart with something unfathomable, a tranquility marked by joy. I love to tell the story of grace that sought me before I knew what grace was, the story of this sinner pardoned by Jesus's holy love, the story of God's continuing, transforming presence. I'll keep telling the story as long as I have words. This story changes hearts, societies, and history.





# Rev. Glenn Moseley

Active Elder  
Chattanooga, TN

Vote #  
C513

Mt Zion Methodist Cleveland  
Georgetown, TN 37336  
Current Church District: Athens

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

- a. First, it is Biblically mandated for every Christian: to go into all the world, to live and speak the Gospel, and to help to share the Good News with as much of the world as we can reach. Through Christ's Church and Kingdom work, we are to reach-out to the whole world and always disciple for Christ.
- b. Next, it is the duty of the Church to continue the "discipling process," while maintaining the "holiness mandate" (the Biblical standard). This is mandated by God's Word and Will.
- c. Thirdly, it is our part, as individual members, to disciple, uphold holiness, and to seek to follow Christ to the best of one's knowledge, ability, and will.
- d. Fourth, we certainly need to pray individually for the guidance of the Lord and Holy Spirit to direct our paths daily, and; to seek to worship, love, and witness to the highest possible level. As well as trying to be faithful to our Savior and Lord in all our Faith Journey.
- e. Finally, John Wesley, through his Methodist teaching --- taught followers to seek the path toward Perfection (as is demonstrated in Christ & His love, mercy, and grace).

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference Delegate.**

- a. I have witnessed the work of the Church at every level (Member's tasks, Local Church tasks, District tasks, and Conference tasks). I have served (or observed) the Committee's Work at most levels, as well.
- b. I have pastored for nearly 50 years in the Wesleyan tradition (both COG and UMC), and have learned much through observing the local congregations.
- c. I have served Committees in the areas of Missions, Youth Camp, and Youth (at Local and District levels), and have served in leadership roles as requested.
- d. I have over 50 years of "membership in the Wesleyan tradition," through the Church of God and Methodist groups (25 years each).
- e. In the UMC, I was Certified through the VMI to be a Mission Team Leader.
- f. Regarding Ministry Training, I have attained education each through (1) Apprenticeship Training (on the job training), (2) Educational Training (Studies at Collegiate, COS, and Seminary levels), Experiential Training (over 40 years "on the job experience"), and; continue to follow with Continuing Education Training (through institutional and other sources).
- g. I have served as member on 10 Mission Efforts - (4 International -Australia, India, Russia, and Zimbabwe) and 6 Domestic - (1 Hurricane Relief (LA / MS), (3 Tornado Reliefs (TN), 1 Flood Relief (TN), & 1 Appalachian Relief.
- h. In my travels, I have seen 6 continents, 23 nations, and 42 states. This means, I have observed many peoples and many lands.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

- a) Give true formation to the General Conference, and; its varied parts - by passing all the necessary legislation to make it truly recognized and fully functional.
- b) Officially pass the Book of Discipline into full status.
- c) Put in place sufficient Committee structure to continue to study and improve the current General Conference structure, with necessary guidelines and sufficient funding.
- d) Form Committees for the various "work areas" to be able to function fully, to serve the general church community and to promote ideas for funding of the same.
- e) Assist the Committees and work areas to be transparent and open to conversation and interaction.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2**

- a) Experiencing all of the "life's experience" as a Christian and Minister, through the years, has been invaluable to learning the depth of the Lord's grace and mercy.
- b) "Education" brought me to Teaching Grace, "Life's Journey " brought me to Living Grace, but it was God's wisdom and the Holy Spirit's that brought me to fullness of Experiential Grace.
- c) A Trip to the Holy Land broadened and deepened my Grace Journey.
- d) Mission Trips and journeys opened my eyes to needs of people and the enormity of the "sin problem"
- e) Individual revival and hunger to be more intentional has re-ignited my soul.
- f) Being Ordained as an Elder this last year, has also re-awakened the passion to more fully respond.
- g) As my wife and I begin a 1 year "read through" of the Bible together, a new spark has come to our Faith and Ministerial Journeys. What an exciting time to be a Christian and Follower of our Lord.  
- All this together, has launched us "into the stratosphere of our faith" and is stirring us to speak up and speak out for the Lord and his cause! Go ye...? Yes, Let's Go!!! Thanks to all of our brothers and sisters for prayers and support.



# Rev. Dr. Suzanne Nicholson

Active Elder  
Nicholasville, KY

Vote #  
C514

Professor Asbury University  
Wilmore, KY  
District Lexington

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

Members of the Global Methodist Church, like all believers, are charged with making disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that Jesus has commanded (Matt. 28:19-20). Just as the early church handed on the apostles' teaching, prayed and fellowshiped together, and celebrated the Last Supper together (Acts 2:42), we are called to do the same. Together we contend for the faith once delivered (Jude 1:3). Part of what makes the GMC unique, however, is our Wesleyan theological outlook, in which we emphasize God's prevenient grace, justification by faith, and sanctification by the Holy Spirit. We embrace the call to holiness and Christian perfection, believing that the Holy Spirit is transforming us so that we can fully love God and neighbor.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

I have served on the Global Council for the Wesleyan Covenant Association since 2019; I also serve on the Transitional Commission on Discipleship, Doctrine, and Just Ministry for the GMC, as well as the Committee on Educational Programs for the GMC. As a result, I have been a part of various conversations in the last several years regarding the needs of the new denomination and the challenges facing it.

In addition, I serve as Assistant Lead Editor for Firebrand magazine and have taught as part of the School of Methodism for the John Wesley Institute (JWI). I have participated in the JWI summits that produced the statement, The Faith Once Delivered, and the forthcoming statement on Wesleyan Holiness. My appointment as Elder is to teach at Asbury University, where I have served for the past four years. (I also taught at Malone University for 16 years.) I teach various New Testament, preaching, and theology courses. These have all deepened my thinking on questions of Methodist theology and polity.

I was a Deacon in the UMC for more than two decades prior to transferring to the GMC and being ordained an Elder. In the UMC I served on the Board of Ministry in East Ohio for six years. I have a Ph.D. in New Testament Studies from the University of Durham (England), an M.Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary, and a B.A. in Journalism from the University of Minnesota.

These combined experiences have allowed me to see the beauty of the Church when it faithfully imitates Christ through love and service; but I have also witnessed the ugliness that occurs when those who are part of the church turn away from the historic faith. My aim as a GMC delegate is to build a church that will boldly declare its allegiance to Christ, even when the world opposes our attempts to do so.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

We need to establish the Doctrine and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church in such a way that it reflects: 1) A Church focused on giving glory to God and making disciples of all nations; 2) A commitment to upholding our Wesleyan theological understanding of the faith once delivered; 3) A streamlined administration that equips ministry, rather than setting up bureaucratic barriers to ministry; and 4) a global community that supports Methodist churches around the world.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2**

This psalm is all about those whose distress and desperation causes them to call out to the Lord—and they experience God's redemption. It's such a beautiful picture of the Gospel: after all, we don't turn to the Lord for salvation unless we first recognize our own sinfulness and desperate need for new life. We recognize that we can't fix what is wrong on our own—only Jesus can atone for our sins, reconcile our relationship with God, and bring about our transformation. Yet this dependence on the Lord is not a one-off event. Every day we must live in God's grace. In my own life, I have experienced deep losses that led to cynicism and questioning of the Lord. Each step of the way I have found Jesus to be patient, full of grace, and incredibly loving. The Lord is faithful, even when I am not. As the psalm says (v. 1), "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Those of us who have experienced this goodness are compelled to share with other desperate people the truths of a God who is ever-present and ever-loving. This is the calling of the Global Methodist Church.



## Vote # C515

# Rev. Jerry Pile

Active Elder  
Coxs Creek, KY

Pastor Woodlawn Methodist Church  
Bardstown, KY  
District: Elizabethtown

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

The purpose of the Global Methodist Church is so vital to our world at this time. In a world desperately in need of direction and guidance, the GMC is providing a path for those who need Jesus Christ in their lives. This path includes maintaining our "grass roots" Wesleyan way of teaching and preaching. Our purpose is to build our church from the bottom up, equipping all who are eager to exalt God and evangelize to the world as Jesus Christ commanded in Matthew 28:19, "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."

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

Working in the secular world for most of my professional life, I was asked to participate in many corporate meetings that decided on the direction of the company I worked for. This included writing new or modifying existing company policies. Also, as a Senior Manager for all North American locations, I was exposed to the many diverse cultures in each location. We formed teams that allowed us to work together to make the "best" decisions (changes) needed. I was able to do this by using an objective approach and not allowing my personal biases. In the UMC, I served on the Regional District Operation Team which discussed budgets, resources, and possible training for local pastors.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

Simply put, to be successful, the General Conference needs to provide direction and guidance for all of us. I believe the General Conference should be a continuation of what the Transitional Leadership Council and Transitional Leadership teams have already been doing. We need to continue to reflect our Wesleyan heritage through newly established doctrines and disciplines and provide assistance with training and education to all those (clergy and laity) who desire to share the Gospel.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2:**

As a local pastor in the UMC, I saw that my passion to "tell the story" would probably stay at the local charge level. But God had other plans. Beginning with the MidSouth Annual Conference in September 2023, I experienced the power of the Holy Spirit from the first session on Thursday evening through the Elder Ordination on Saturday morning. Since then, by the Grace of God, I have been able to share my passion for Christ while facilitating a Major Methodist Beliefs class and participating in two other Catechism classes. My faith in God Almighty has become stronger and I feel it has helped my local ministry. I can never repay what Christ has done for me, but I look forward to showing him my love and gratitude by sharing the Good News as often as I can.



# Rev. Matt Seel

Active Elder  
Bowling Green, KY

Pastor Christ Church  
Bowling Green, KY  
District: Bowling Green

## Vote # C516

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

The purpose of the GMC is to love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and to love our neighbors as ourselves. The role of the GMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ through proclamation of the Word, administration of the sacraments, ordering the life of the church within the world, and serving the world by bringing the love of the Christ to them where they are.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

I have served as a delegate for the Kentucky Annual Conference in my previous denomination. I have served on conference and district teams including: Advocacy, Nurture, Outreach, and Worship, district dCOMs, District Operational Teams, etc. I am currently serving on the MidSouth Conference Connectional Council, Vice-chair of Nominations, serving on the BOM and as a team leader within the BOM. I have also helped set up a Camp Team for the MidSouth Conference.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

General Conference needs to cast a vision for the GMC moving forward. This vision will only come about by active listening and prayer for the movement of God in our next steps. We need to empower our Annual Conferences to function without as much oversight from the TLC. We also need to establish what the episcopal office will look like, the processes for electing episcopal leaders, holding them accountable, and helping them strengthen the Annual Conferences they will serve. We need to establish a firm foundation on which to continue to build this new expression of Methodism.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for “Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story” Psalm 107:2:**

My passion and fruit for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ as a delegate will be in helping to set a firm foundation that will sustain God’s movement in and through the GMC long-term. As the hymn says: “How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word! What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled.”

Sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ should be practical, doable, and sustainable. I pray we continue building his kingdom until he comes.





# Rev. Dale Shunk

Senior Elder  
Wilmore, KY

**Vote #**  
**C517**

**Nicholasville Methodist Church**  
**Nicholasville, KY**  
**District: Lexington**

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world?  
(Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

I praise God that the Holy Spirit has raised up a movement of Scripturally based, Wesleyan believers to proclaim the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ around the world.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

By God's grace I have been active in renewal of the UMC for many years. I served six years on the Board of Good News from 2000-2006. President of the Western PA Evangelical Connection and elected four times to go to the General Conference of the UMC. Currently I am the WCA Int'l Prayer Network Coordinator. I became a GMC Elder on June 11, 2023.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

At the Convening Conference of the GMC the delegates need to establish a bold witness of worship and prayer at their world meeting to show that we are totally surrendered and dependent on God the Father for our lives now and into our future. Then we can elect Bishops and other leaders as well as missionaries and general evangelists to serve. Finally, if the UMC doesn't provide a path for the UM Central conferences to disaffiliate, we need to offer a plan to assist them to join the GMC. Amen!

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2:**

In September 2023 when the MidSouth GMC Provisional Conference was established I was most blessed and impressed with the joy and enthusiasm of those present. When we worshiped everyone participated with gusto and the three votes to pass legislation were unanimous! In the UMC that rarely happened and surely not with a joyous amen! I am thankful to be a part of this new movement of God to proclaim the gospel boldly in these last days before the Lord's return.



# Rev. Doug Silvers

Active Elder  
Morristown, TN

**Vote #  
C518**

**Pastor Trinity Global Methodist  
Morristown, TN**

**District: Morristown**

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

We, as Elders, Deacons, Local Pastors and Laity are called to be Christ's Church! We are to be Ecumenical and trustworthy stewards of God's Word. We are to deeply believe in both personal and social holiness and to minister to all people. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we should work to have a Sanctified life and to be unashamed of how we are called.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

I have worked for 30 years to bring people to Christ. I have been faithful to this my whole life and have fostered many leaders, both youth and adults, into a closer walk. I am an experienced communicator with a working Business degree (Human Resource centered), as well as the strong theological foundation to help lead discussions where we find God's will in our inaugural world conference.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

We should work to have clear doctrinal standards recorded, the clear path to Salvation for all people, the process of new churches affirmed and brought on board, the requirements established for clergy to become and easily maneuver the steps from laity to local pastor to deacon and elder. Also, to ensure we only what is needed set into our BOD should be considered. Lastly, we must be a church with the intention of bringing Christ to nation, creed and dialect. As Asbury states in its credo, "The whole Bible for the whole world". We are setting the foundation for generations to come... or until Christ's return.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2**

As I have ministered to people, the bill of my efforts have been spent with "others" outside of the church walls. Through my time as a wrestling coach, an avid weight lifter, secretary of various boards and pastor... I have used every platform to let Christ increase and I decrease. Bringing just one more person to know the freedom that Christ brings is my personal goal. I hope this opportunity gives me another outlet to make this possible.



# Rev. Brad Stapleton

Active Elder

Louisville, TN

Presiding Elder Sevierville District

Pastor Alcoa First Methodist Church

Alcoa, TN

District: Knoxville

**Vote #  
C519**

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**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

I believe the Global Methodist Church will carry the fire of the Holy Spirit into a new era through spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ through Wesleyan theology. With missions and evangelism as priorities, our local churches will minister both to our local communities and to all the world with the Holy Scriptures as their guide.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

I accepted Christ at age 13 and was called to ministry in my early 20s. I am serving in my 20th year of ministry as a Methodist pastor. I am fluent in Spanish and have lead numerous domestic international mission trips. My ministry passions include children's and youth ministry, missions, prison ministry, and community outreach. I currently serve as Presiding Elder of the Sevierville District. I am passionate about leading people to Christ and into discipleship!

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

The General Conference needs to proclaim to the world our vision for the future to spread scriptural holiness to the ends of the earth. We must surrender our individual wants to listen to the calling of God upon our church. While founding documents and business must be created, our focus should be upon chartering a church which follows the lead of Jesus Christ in all that we do.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2**

I am humbled that God has given me the opportunity to serve others and work to advance the Kingdom. I will never forget giving Bibles to a community of people in the Dominican Republic. One man began to celebrate. He said, "We can go to Heaven because of this!" I am always blessed to see the power of God's Word take root in the hearts of others and plan to continue to preach it throughout my life!



# Rev. Joshua Strader

Active Deacon  
Cottontown, TN

Vote #

**C520** Pastor Christ Methodist Church  
Hendersonville, TN  
District: Middle Tennessee

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

The purpose of the Global Methodist Church is to reinvigorate the flame of John Wesley in our time. We seek to honor the high calling and mission that Christ has given to us by planting and nurturing the seeds of awakening, sharing the gospel unashamedly, spreading scriptural holiness throughout the land, modeling zealous love for God and our neighbors, and embracing the whole world as our parish. We do this with the sober acknowledgement that our calling to be and make disciples is urgent, countercultural, and entirely dependent upon the power of the Holy Spirit.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

I have been responding to a call of vocational ministry for the past 23 years. In the span of that time, I have been privileged to serve Christ within a diversity of ministry roles ranging from short-term missionary (in Denver, CO and the Osage Native American Reservation in Pawhuska, OK), college campus staff (InterVarsity), student director, seminary student (Asbury Theological Seminary), associate pastor, and GMC church planter. I am married with a young family, represent the millennial generation, and feel that applying as a conference delegate is a faithful step to a calling God has given me to serve in His house and courts (Zech 3:7).

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

The (inaugural) General Conference must instill a clear and concise sense of identity for those who are to be called Global Methodists. Before we focus on what we are called to do we must first accomplish the hard work of committing to who we are called to be. We are not just called to not be United Methodists. We are called to rediscover our Wesleyan heritage in new ways that are initiated by the Holy Spirit, responsive to the needs of our modern world, unwavering in obedience to Christ and His Word, and unfettered from personal or systemic agendas.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for “Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story” Psalm 107:2**

In my life, there is nothing more humbling and motivating than God’s call. In more ways than I can recount here, I have seen God’s goodness, mercy, and favor pierce through all the ways I am unworthy of such gifts. He called me to life-long ministry as a seventeen-year-old who was struggling to navigate the influences of alcoholism and depression within my family. God later delivered my family out of that bondage and revealed how He could use even painful trials for His purposes (James 1:2-4). Though God has led me to experience so much since that first call, I can’t help but reflect on how my greatest witness continues to stem from the origins of God’s deliverance, calling, and sustaining grace which I experienced first-hand.





# Rev. Sherri Tabaka-Morrissey

Active Elder  
Mannsville, KY

**Vote #**  
**C521**

**Campbellsville First GMC**  
**Campbellsville, KY**  
**District: Elizabethtown District**

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

The GMC, a Wesleyan denomination, has being birthed for God's purposes - to worship Him in Spirit and in truth, and to make disciples of Jesus Christ of all nations - spreading Scriptural holiness, and bringing glory to our Heavenly Father. Members of local GM congregations are to function together in humility, grace, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, spurring one another on to love and good deeds. As a spiritual family, we are called to love (sacrificially), and to give verbal witness so others may receive salvation that is found only in Christ.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

I've served Christ cross-culturally in southeast Asia for almost two decades; experience in church planting, disciple-making mercy ministries, as well as national leadership development within a UPG context;

With my husband, Mike, established Thailand NOW;

Prior to overseas service, while in the UMC (KY AC), led/served in Conference-level areas.

Under the WCA, participated in developing the GMC Missional Partnership criteria, structure, vetting process and forum.

Currently, chairing the GMC Transitional Commission on Evangelism, Missions, and Church Planting. Responsible for guiding the teams that are developing the proposed 'roadmap' for these areas, as well as the UPG and Disaster/Emergency Relief teams.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

There are already a lot of preparations in process leading to this event. Pre-reading and being familiar with proposals are essential for delegates.

While there are many decisions to be made and tasks that need to be accomplished, it is vital that we come prepared to worship God - the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. By submitting ourselves to Him, seeking His will through attention to the Scriptures, prayer and discernment, and being ready to listen to, and love our brothers and sisters as we come together, we will accomplish what God intends - and will thereby be successful.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2**

After kneeling on a rough-wooden floor at a Christian camp to receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior when I was 16, God's call on my life to serve in cross-cultural missions almost simultaneously emerged. Over and over, His call has required life alterations - sanding off rough edges in character, equipping for effective ministry, leaving home and family to take the good news of Jesus to the other side of the world. We've been blessed with fruitful ministry that is extending God's Kingdom and transforming lives. All I can say, is, Christ's love compelled me. And He is SO GOOD!



# Rev. Sean Wightman

Active Elder  
Independence, WV

**Vote #  
C522**

**Pastor Covenant Global Methodist  
Independence, WV  
District, West Virginia**

**((1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world?  
(Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

We are one part of the church universal, with a special task to lift up Scriptural holiness throughout the land, calling people to repentance and salvation, and openness to the work and the movement of the Holy Spirit. A People captured by holy love for God, and for our neighbor. Distinctly Wesleyan in our theology and approach to life and passion for church planting.

**((2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

Throughout my life I have been part of this incredible Methodist tradition. In addition to growing up Methodist, I graduated from Wesleyan College and then got my MDiv. from Wesley Biblical Seminary. I have been in full time ministry for close to 29 years, 13 years as a Campus pastor with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship at WVU and WVWC, and 16 years as an associate pastor in Morgantown WV. Before we transitioned to the GMC, I served on the General Board of Discipline Revision for a decade in the Evangelical Methodist Church. God has granted me a passion for the lost and the privilege to volunteer in prison ministry and short term missions throughout my years in ministry.

**((3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

In my opinion, the General Conference needs to be conducted with a spirit of humility and gratitude of God's gift of unity and be open for an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. A spirit of openness that is charitable for all the faithful around the world to be a part of this God orchestrated movement within the GMC should be evident. I also believe it should consist of establishing church polity in the Transitional Book of Discipline which honors God and is true to Scriptures.

**((4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2:**

It's by the Grace of God that he has saved and rescued me countless times, as a brand plucked from the fire. He has chosen me as his own, washed me, set me apart, set me ablaze that I might pour my life out to others in gratitude and thankfulness, with His passion and His spirit. I could never repay the Lord or even try to, but in gratitude I surrender daily to His plans and His will for my life, to be set aside or lifted up.



# Rev. Jerri Williams

Senior Elder

Paris, KY

Conference Secretary

St. Luke Church

Lexington, KY

District: Lexington

**Vote #  
C523**

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

The purpose of the GMC is to tell and live out the story of God through His Son, Jesus Christ. The scriptures of the Old Testament and the New Testament are just that, a testimony of the character of God witnessed to His creation. It speaks of God's faithfulness in spite of humanity's unfaithfulness. The role of the GMC is to preach and teach the Good News of Christ as God with a human heart brings truth and relationship to those who would follow the call of commitment, sacrifice and holiness.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

I retired in June of 2022 and asked the Lord for my next steps. In a short time I was asked to attend a meeting that would be the seeds to the planting of an Annual Conference comprised of 4 states called MidSouth. In time, I began talking to churches about the GMC, serving as a presiding elder for a time, and leading a team to host an April service for healing and hope, and a Convening conference last fall. I have been blessed by the excitement and eagerness that has been generated by these events.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

I believe we need to keep our hearts in unison with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and in the wisdom of Proverbs 3:5: Trust in the Lord with all your hearts and lean not on your own understanding. Too long has Christian history become lost in pleasing people instead of God. We need to commit ourselves to the Lord, loving Him with all our being and loving others, even those we call enemies. It is in this simplicity, we will hear the voice of God in leading us in this dark world.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2**

As a pastor in Prestonsburg, I had the privilege of discipling for 8 years, a group of parishioners. There was one person in class who didn't know the stories and had very little understanding of Christ. What a joy it was to see the transformation of that person into a redeemed Christian. He went from asking questions in class, to answering questions in class and then sharing what he had learned in class and praying for his friends. He was redeemed by God through prayer and study and now he is telling the story to others.



# Rev. Nathan Williamson

Active Elder  
Morgantown, WV

Vote #  
C524

Pastor Covenant Global Methodist  
Morgantown, WV  
District: West Virginia

**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world? (Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

The goal is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ to every culture, tribe and language and to make disciples of those who choose to believe. The call is not just to salvation, but to a sanctified life that embodies truth through a relationship with Jesus as we follow Him daily. The GMC is a part of the Body of Christ that will be willing to partner with other Christian organizations and denominations that have the same vision for the kingdom of heaven based on Biblical truth. Its structure should be like its name, global, with equal representation from the members of its body around the world.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.**

I have been the son of a pastor my whole life before being a pastor myself for the past 22 years. Prior to this, I am a graduate of Asbury University and Wesley Biblical Seminary with a Masters of Divinity. I pastor the church that my dad founded in my hometown of Morgantown, WV. This past year, we transitioned from being an Evangelical Methodist Church to a Global Methodist Church after 39 years in existence. Our desire for the change was to be part of a denomination with a global connection and a passion for world missions. We wanted a denomination where there was strong congregational representation. We wanted a denomination where the leadership reflected Christ-like character and held themselves just as accountable as the people they served. These are some of my experiences. But I guess what would qualify me is that I love Jesus and I serve my church with a shepherd's heart. I don't want promotions or position. I am quite content to follow Jesus where he leads me wherever that may be. I would like to represent the flock that I am called to lead and let my voice be their voice during the business sessions of the conference.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

It is hard to narrow it down to one thing. I would say that most, if not all of us, who have joined the GMC have joined it with a love for what has been promoted to us in the form of the transitional book of discipline. That covers over all of the key components that brought my church to this denomination. So the most important thing is to affirm the document that brought us together. In conjunction, we need to seek the face of God and solely go where He would lead us. Our best plans are wasted when Jesus is not central to the directions we decide to go.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2:**

Jesus is life. He has all the answers to all of life's questions. We live in a lost and dying culture that is confused by all the lies they have believed. I love to introduce people to Jesus not just by my words, but by my life. My true passion is to take God's Word and bring people to fully devoted discipleship. So not only do they believe it, but it becomes the reality of their heart. God transforms us from the inside out. So as we pursue him our behavior, character and actions all pattern after the Jesus we are growing to love and serve. I believe Christianity simply stated is "following Jesus." He tells us who we are. Our purpose, meaning, and identity is found first and foremost in him. Not in our race, culture or sexual orientation. He makes all things new. That is the beauty of the Gospel and there is no one he cannot reach or save even though his love gives us a choice.





# Rev. Russell Young

Active Elder

Knoxville, TN

District: Knoxville

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**(1) How do you understand the purpose of the GMC and its role in the world?  
(Please, do not copy from the GMC mission statement.)**

To return the church to our Wesleyan heritage. To re-establish the creeds and doctrines of the church. To re-establish our belief that the Bible is Gods Word and contains the standards by which God's people live and function in this world. To preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the world.

**(2) Describe some personal experiences that will bring value to your work as a General Conference delegate.:**

I began this journey at the organization of the WCA in Chicago, I was a charter member and have been on the. Board of the Holston Conference chapter of the WCA since its organization.. i spoke with several churches in the Ho.lston Conference regarding disaffiliation. I am an Orthodox, conservative Elder in the GMC.

**(3) In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered successful?**

Establish the process by which we elect Bishops,. Appointments for, or moving of Clergy to assist our churches. Missions.

**(4) In your own words, what have you experienced that shows your passion for "Let the redeemed of the Lord... Tell the story" Psalm 107:2:**

As a pastor this is my commission from our Lord. Nothing is more important than showing the lost the way to the foot of the cross. To establish God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.