

# ACROSS THE GLOBE

NEWS, UPDATES & INSPIRING STORIES OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

## NEWS & UPDATES

### **Now Available: Candidacy Guidebook for Ordained Ministry**

The **Ministry on Higher Education Commission** has released the official **Candidacy Guidebook** for those discerning a call into ordained ministry in The Global Methodist Church. This helpful resource outlines the steps, expectations, and spiritual discernment involved in the candidacy process.

The guidebook is currently available in **five of the denomination's six official languages**, with the sixth translation actively in progress.

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### **Second Official Campus Ministry Launches in Goodwell, Oklahoma**

In an exciting development for the denomination's ministry with young adults. The campus ministry formerly known as the Methodist Student Center at **Oklahoma Panhandle State University (OPSU)** in Goodwell, Oklahoma, has officially joined the **Global Methodist Church (GMC)**—becoming the **second recognized campus ministry** in the life of the Church.

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**May is Kingdom Advancement Month**

This May, the Global Methodist Church is launching **Kingdom Advancement Month**—a focused time to **celebrate how God is moving** through our churches worldwide and to recommit ourselves to the mission of making disciples and spreading scriptural holiness. Each week, we'll highlight a **key area of Kingdom impact** and invite you to join us in **prayer, action, and celebration**. Together, let's advance the Kingdom of God in meaningful ways.

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## A Spirit-Led Foundation: Reflections from the 2025 2:42 Conference

Rev. Matt Reynolds, who led the planning team for the **2025 2:42 Conference**, offers a powerful reflection on how the **Lord was stirring** throughout the event. The early days of any movement raise questions about the **DNA** that will shape its culture—beyond mission statements or formal language. Rev. Reynolds shares why his experience at 2:42 gives him **great hope** for the future of the **Global Methodist Church** and points to a **Spirit-led culture** already taking root



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# A GLOBAL CALL FOR PRAYER



## Because We Believe in the Power of Prayer: A Call from the Assembly of Bishops

Dear Global Methodist Community,

Grace and peace to you from all of us who serve on the Assembly of Bishops.

We write today with hearts full—both in celebration and in sorrow. We celebrate the incredible harvest happening across the world as Methodist-minded people find a home in the Global Methodist Church. **It is a joy to share that more than 5,000 member churches have joined the GMC**, with new inquiries and affiliations arriving daily from every corner of the globe.

At the same time, we carry a deep burden. Many in our connection are rejoicing, but others are suffering. As the Apostle Paul reminds us, “If one part suffers, every part suffers with it” (1 Corinthians 12:26). And so, we are calling our global connection to pray.

**This is a time to intercede—especially for our brothers and sisters on the continent of Africa.**

Many are aware of the violent clashes between Methodist factions in Nigeria. Fewer may know of the broader unrest sweeping across the continent. From **Ethiopia to the Democratic Republic of Congo, from Mozambique and Nigeria to South Sudan, Sudan, Liberia, Zimbabwe, Niger, and Rwanda**—conflict, political instability, demonstrations, terrorist activity, and civil wars persist. While many of these struggles are not directly related to denominational matters, we know that violence breeds violence. And as followers of Christ, we are called to grieve with all who grieve.

**In moments like these, prayer can feel ineffective—but we believe it is our most powerful response.** In prayer, we cry out to the One who “tore down the dividing wall of hostility” (Ephesians 2:14). We intercede because we hear Paul’s warning to the Galatians: “If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other” (Galatians 5:15). We heed Abner’s ancient plea: “Must we always be fighting each other? Don’t you realize that bitterness is the only result?” (2 Samuel 2:26).

Through prayer, we are aligning our hearts with the Lord’s—hearts that beat for the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed. And in prayer, we have been led to repentance, crying out for God to break our hearts for what breaks His.

**Because we believe in the power of prayer, we are calling all Global Methodists**

to Forty Days of Prayer to Pentecost, beginning Saturday, April 30, and ending on Pentecost Sunday, June 8.

We invite churches, annual conferences, and individual believers to find meaningful ways to pray—especially for Africa—during these forty days. We encourage you to search the Scriptures, follow global news, and pray as the Spirit leads. While we’ve highlighted regions experiencing active violence, we invite you to broaden your intercession across the continent and beyond.

In addition, we are working with the Prayer Network and the Global Methodist Church Communications Team to organize a **virtual Prayer Gathering**, providing a moment for our entire connection to gather online and pray as one body. We will share more details soon.

Thank you for joining us on this journey of prayer as we walk toward Pentecost. Together, we believe the Spirit will move in powerful ways. And when we look back, we will be able to say with the saints: “Thus far, the Lord has helped us” (1 Samuel 7:12).

Until there is peace on earth,

**The Assembly of Bishops**  
*The Global Methodist Church*

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VIDEO TEACHING SERIES

Lessons in *Scriptural*  
**HOLINESS**

GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH *Assembly of Bishops*

**Final Chapter Releases Tomorrow: Scriptural Holiness Teaching Series**

Join us as we conclude the **Assembly of Bishops' first official teaching series**, exploring what it means to be a people set apart by grace for God's purposes through the lens of **Scriptural Holiness**.

Over the past eight weeks, we've explored key themes that define holy living—each chapter accompanied by a teaching video and reflection questions to help deepen your understanding.

While tomorrow marks the release of the final chapter, the journey doesn't end here. The **next teaching series, focused on *Spirit-Filled Methodism*, will be released soon**—continuing the invitation to grow together in grace and truth.

Now is a great time to **form a Band or Class** to revisit the series or start fresh, discussing and encouraging one another as we pursue a life shaped by God's holiness.

**Follow along on social media**, and watch both the short and extended versions of the videos using the buttons below.



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## GLOBAL OPERATIONS

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### Jeromy Ross Joins the Global Operations Team

We're excited to welcome **Jeromy Ross** to the Global Operations Team as a **Software Developer**. With seven years of professional experience and a lifelong passion for technology and programming, Jeromy brings both expertise and energy to the role. He and his wife live in Pennsylvania, where he also serves as the technology coordinator at their local church.

Outside of work, Jeromy enjoys oil painting, creating stained glass art, and spending time gaming with his wife. He is eager to contribute his God-given gifts to support the mission of the Global Methodist Church and help advance the Kingdom.

Join us in welcoming Jeromy and lifting him up in prayer as he begins this new role.



**Jeromy Ross**  
Software Developer

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## COMMISSIONS

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## Doctrinal Standards: The Articles of Religion and the Confession of Faith

The **Articles of Religion** and the **Confession of Faith** are currently doctrinal standards of the Global Methodist Church. In designating these two documents as doctrinal standards, we continued the practice of the United Methodist Church, the denomination with

which many of us were once affiliated. Each document came from one of the UMC's predecessor denominations. The **Articles of Religion** came from the Methodist Church, and the **Confession of Faith** from the Evangelical United Brethren. When these two denominations merged to form the UMC in 1968, the new denomination adopted both standards.



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## Kingdom Advancement Disaster Response: Crisis Meets Compassion

From **tornadoes** to **wildfires**, **floods** to **hurricanes**, **disease** and more. Global Methodists have been met with crises across the globe, testing the

resilience of many communities. And yet, through every storm, the faithful people of the Global Methodist Church have stepped up as the hands and feet of Christ.

The **Evangelism, Church Multiplication, Missional Mobilization, and Disaster Response Commission**—informally known as the **Kingdom Advancement Commission**—oversees a wide range of ministry initiatives reflected in its title. To manage their work effectively, the commission established subcommittees dedicated to specific areas of focus. The Disaster Response subcommittee, chaired by Rev. Linda Davis, is one such group leading efforts to organize and strengthen the denomination's response to crises.



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*"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead..."*

Ephesians 1:18–20a (NIV)

One song that still sticks with me (now MANY years old) is "The Same Power" by Jeremy Camp. It takes Paul's words from Ephesians and brings them to life with a powerful message: The same power that raised Jesus from the grave on Easter is alive in us.

Let that sink in for a moment.



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*Share with us how the Holy Spirit is moving in the church and your life for possible consideration. Use the, **Submit Your Story** button below.*

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## MISSIONARY FOUNDATION KENYA

Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus, bringing hope to communities.

We are pleased to share this month's Ministry Partnership is the **Missionary Foundation Kenya**. They are a non-profit development and humanitarian organization. They are a charity dedicated to helping orphans and underprivileged children, as well as improving the quality of life for communities by offering various programs such as Women and Girls Economic Empowerment, promoting Clean Water and Sanitation, Agricultural Sustainability, Health, Education, and the construction of rural churches. Visit their website to learn more!

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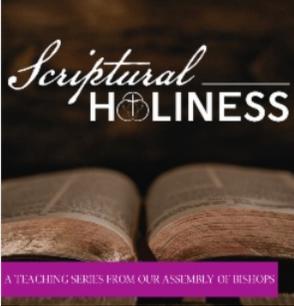
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