



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

DIGITAL RESOURCE
GUIDE

VOLUME I

TO THE LEADERS OF LOCAL CHURCHES



There is rarely, if ever, a good time to launch a church. Whether it was Jesus' disciples planting the earliest churches in the first and second centuries; the early missionaries who took the faith to Africa, Asia, and northern Europe; or our own Methodists ancestors of the past few centuries who planted churches all around the world; they all faced great obstacles.

Likewise, we believe God has called the Global Methodist Church into existence in hard times. A pandemic, a brutal war in Europe, inflation, and shortages of food and energy threaten people all around the world. As governments try to respond to these challenges, uncertainty and fear are widespread.

Christians expect hard times. And yet we live by faith and hope, knowing the light of Christ shines in the darkness, and the darkness will not overcome it. So, whether we live in Africa, Europe-Eurasia, the Philippines, the United States, or other lands all around the world, we know we must move forward in faith as our ancestors did before us. With Christ before us, beside us, and behind us, we accept that these are our times, our challenges, our trials - and our opportunity to contend for the faith! We are called to bear witness to the grace and truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ so people lost in the darkness might come to see the light.

In these early days of the Global Methodist Church, let us do all we can to foster Christian connection among our local churches for the sake of the Gospel. Let us support one another. Pray for another. And upbuild one another in the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

To that end, we send you this digital resource guide to help your local church understand who we long to be as connected congregations of the Global Methodist Church. Please use this, and subsequent guides, and so join with your brothers and sisters all around the world in fulfilling the Global Methodist Church's mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly!

Grace and peace,

The Members of the Transitional Leadership Council
The Global Methodist Church

WHO WE ARE TOGETHER

There are three important ways you can help people know the mission, vision, and critical aims of the Global Methodist Church.

- 1 **Share our introductory video** when people gather together for worship and share it at church council or administrative board meetings. Also, download the video, and include it prominently on your website.
- 2 **Download and print the seven brochures** that introduce people to the Global Methodist Church and distribute them to the members and friends of your local church.
- 3 **Download the brief slideshow** that introduces people to the Global Methodist Church. Share it at church council or administrative board meetings, in Sunday School classes, and with small groups.

By using these resources, you will give your people the opportunity to embrace the mission and vision of the Global Methodist Church and connect them with other GM local churches all around the world.

Always use the **Global Methodist Church's Branding Book** to direct you in the proper use of the Church's logo, name, layouts, and color schemes. As a local GM church, you are free to use the name and logo, and to add your church's name to it as long as your usage conforms with the GM Church's Branding Book. To receive the high resolution images of the logo, name, layouts, and color schemes, please send an email to Rev. Walter Fenton at wfenton@globalmethodist.org. Also, if you have questions about your proposed usage of the logo and name, please email Rev. Fenton. Thank you.

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