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NEWS, UPDATES & INSPIRING STORIES OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

NEWS & UPDATES



100 Endorsed Clergy and Counting: Celebrating “Building Connections” in Pella, Iowa

The Global Methodist Church recently reached an exciting milestone on May 1, 2025: 100 individuals have now been endorsed to serve in chaplaincy, pastoral counseling, and coaching ministries. To support this growing community, 34 participants gathered in Pella, Iowa, on April 14–15, 2025, for a historic first GMC

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God Is on the Move: the Global Methodist Church Is Now in Mexico

In February 2023, Rev. Arturo Cadar and Rev. Keith Boyette began discussions with Methodist Pastor David Almanza from Mexico. In July 2023, work began with the Mexican government to officially register the Global Methodist Church in Mexico, and we finally achieved this in September 2024.

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Save the Date: GC2026 Info Session

Mark your calendar for **Connectional Conversations: A Look Ahead to General Conference 2026** on July 1, 2025 at 8 AM CT. Join key leaders from the **General Conference Commission** as they share important updates and insights about the upcoming gathering in Johannesburg.

Register using the button below and submit your questions in advance to help shape the conversation!

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ASSEMBLY OF BISHOPS



Call to Prayer and Action After Terrorist Attack on Nigerian Christians

On May 23, 2025, the community of Munga Lelau in Taraba State, Nigeria—part of the Global Methodist Church’s Northeast Annual Conference—was tragically attacked by Islamic extremists, resulting in the loss of 42 lives and the displacement of many families.

We urge all Global Methodists to join us in prayer and respond with compassion. Your gifts to the Global Methodist Humanitarian Relief Fund will provide food, shelter, medical care, and support to those affected.

To date, we have already raised \$60,000 and have sent aid directly to those impacted through the Kingdom Advancement Commission.

You may give online using the button below or by check (noting “*Global Methodist Humanitarian Relief Fund*”) mailed to:

Global Methodist Church
P.O. Box 1360
King George, VA 22485

Read the full statement from the Assembly of Bishops [here](#).
Let us be the hands and feet of Christ in this time of deep need.

Faithfully,
The Assembly of Bishops
The Global Methodist Church

GIVE TO HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FUND NOW



Coming Soon: New Teaching Series from the Assembly of Bishops

Launching next month, the bishops of the Global Methodist Church will debut a new video teaching series: *Guardians of the Faith: Episcopal Leadership in the Global Methodist Church*.

Building on the format of their previous *Scriptural Holiness* series, this next installment will delve into the vital calling of bishops to uphold sound doctrine, provide spiritual leadership, and nurture the connectional life of the Church.

Follow us on social media, where we'll be sharing more when the teachings are released.



GLOBAL OPERATIONS

STAFF UPDATES

Christen Turney Joins the Global Operations Team

We're excited to welcome **Christen Turney** to the Global Operations Team as our **Communications Manager**.

Christen brings extensive experience from the **higher education** industry, most recently serving as **Director of Creative Services** at Old Dominion University. There, she led **creative strategy, brand development, and integrated marketing campaigns**. Prior to ODU, she managed **marketing and communications** at



Regent University. With a background in video, design, and storytelling, Christen is passionate about intentional branding, clear messaging, and functional processes. She holds a B.A. in Cinema Television with a minor in Journalism. Outside of work, she enjoys calligraphy, running, and baking.

Christen Turney
Communications Manager

We invite you to welcome Christen to the GMC family and keep her in prayer as she begins this new chapter.

FINANCE & BENEFIT UPDATES



March Financials Now Available

As part of our commitment to **transparency** and **faithful stewardship**, we invite you to review the **March Balance Sheet** and **Year-to-Date Management Report**. Click the buttons below to see how we're carefully managing the resources entrusted to the Church for Kingdom work.

[MARCH BALANCE SHEET](#)

[YEAR-TO-DATE MANAGEMENT REPORT](#)



Reconsidering Social Security: Potential Path for Pastors Who Opted Out

Many pastors were convinced early in their clergy careers to **opt out of Social Security**. While the exemption is designed for “**religious objections**,” many pastors merely wished to avoid the **15.3% self-employment tax** which funds **Social Security and Medicare**. For pastors on low salaries, the tax was a legitimate concern.

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COMMISSIONS UPDATES

Answering Jesus' Prayer: Ecumenical Unity in Action

By Bishop Carolyn Moore

Ecumenical Joy!

Jesus prayed it first. As he came to the end of his time on earth, he looked toward Heaven and said, "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one – as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me" (John 17:20-21).

This is the charge of our **Ecumenical Relationships Commission**. It is to help all of us live into the Father's answer to Jesus' own prayer. Toward that end, our team is continually at work — **building relationships** with denominations that share our values, **exploring opportunities** to learn from other tribes, and encouraging local churches to build ecumenical bridges in their own communities.

And we have some **successes to share!** Our biggest celebration this month is our **acceptance as a full partner** in the **Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy (WHWC)** fellowship. The mission of WHWC is to "advance Christ's Kingdom by engaging, empowering, and equipping women to lead in the Church at every level." This ecumenical group, comprised of multiple Wesleyan denominations, hosts a large gathering every other year for women clergy and ministry leaders. As **full partners**, we will participate in **planning and promoting** the next event, which will be held **February 23-26, 2026, in Minneapolis, MN.**

What a blessed opportunity this will be for our women clergy to be encouraged as they experience this **beautiful ecumenical gathering!**

We will share more soon about our **local church initiatives**. Until then, know that together we are **leaning into the heart of Jesus** as we seek to be one "that the world will believe."



WESLEYAN HOLINESS
— WOMEN CLERGY —

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPOTLIGHT

ALLEGHENY WEST



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ANNUAL
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Allegheny West Annual Conference: Living the Vision, Leading in Mission

The Allegheny West Annual Conference strives to embody the Global Methodist Church’s vision—to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe—through its vibrant connectional ministries and forward-thinking leadership.

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ALLEGHENY WEST AT A GLANCE



The Allegheny West Annual Conference encompasses the entire state of Ohio and portions of Western Pennsylvania.

For a more detailed map, visit their [website](#).

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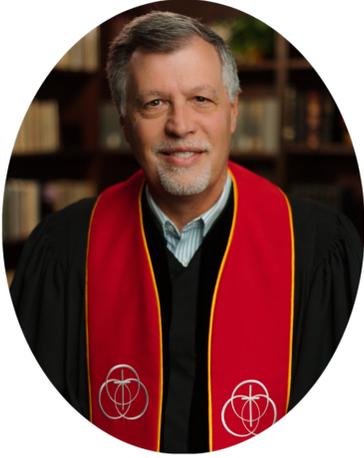
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TRANSFERS TO THE
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PROFESSIONS OF FAITH



Episcopal Leadership

Bishop Mark Webb



Conference Superintendent

Bishop Jeff Greenway

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

CONNECTIONAL

Conversations

A LOOK AHEAD TO
GENERAL CONFERENCE 2026

SAVE THE DATE



DATE

JULY 1, 2025



TIME

8:00 AM CT

REGISTRATION COMING SOON

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GETTING ON THE SAME PAGE

AN INTRODUCTION TO GMC MISSIONS

PRESENTED BY THE KINGDOM ADVANCEMENT COMMISSION

MULTIPLE TRAINING EVENTS OFFERED

June 17-19

Christ Church Memphis
Memphis, TN

June 30-July 2

The Table Church
Pittsburgh, PA

This training, hosted by **Kingdom Advancement Commission**, offers an introduction to **Global Methodist Church Missions**—covering biblical foundations, our mission mandate, organizational structure, connectionalism, partnerships, and the distinct roles of conferences and local church mission leaders. Participants will explore practical tools and resources, including the Wesleyan Network for Global Missions and the **Acts 1:8 Missional Congregation Award**.

The event also includes a train-the-trainer session using *Engage! Mission Training*, peer sharing on conference engagement, open discussion on current challenges, and dedicated time for praise, worship, and intercessory prayer.

This is an opportunity our missions leaders and members don't want to miss!

- **June 17-19 | Christ Church Memphis in Memphis, TN**
 - Learn more & register [here](#).
- **June 30-July 2 | The Table Church in Pittsburgh, PA**
 - Learn more & register [here](#).

Questions? Email missionpartnerships@globalmethodist.org

Additional sessions will be added - check our [EVENTS](#) page regularly for latest updates!

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 29-31, 2025

Mississippi West Tennessee
Welcome Home
Annual Conference

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MAY 29-31, 2025

Virginia
Your Kingdom Come
Annual Conference

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THE **Global Messenger** OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

The Global Messenger features devotionals and reflections submitted by members and friends of the Global Methodist Church. These messages offer a glimpse into how the **Holy Spirit is moving** in the life of the Church and in the hearts of our people around the world.

Please note: These writings are individual submissions and do not necessarily reflect the official positions or theological interpretations of the Global Methodist Church. They are shared to encourage, inspire, and foster connection across our global body.

Lonliness: An Invitation from God

Submission By Coy Gammons, Laity from the MidTexas Annual Conference



Have you ever felt **completely alone**—even in a room full of people? Maybe you’ve experienced **seasons when nothing in life seemed to fill the emptiness inside**. We often think **success, popularity, or material possessions** will make us feel whole. But **they don’t**. Even those who seem to “**have it all**” can still feel **isolated and unfulfilled**.

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Share how the Holy Spirit is moving in your life and church for possible consideration in a future edition. Use the **Submit Your Story** button below to contribute your voice.

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PARTNERSHIP

SPOTLIGHT



We are pleased to share this month's **Ministry Partnership** is the **Red Nueva Vida (New Life Network)**. In obedience to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ, Red Nueva Vida plants and supports an expanding, diverse family of responsible, interrelated and multiplying churches among **Spanish speaking communities** around the world. They seek to share and model the gospel by utilizing a strong blend of evangelism, **discipleship training** and **church planting**. New believers are disciplined into mature Christians who then become disciplers and bi-vocational church planters who continue to **multiply churches**.

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ISN'T JUST FOR
PASTORS OR
MISSIONARIES -
IT'S FOR ALL OF US.**

Start where you are,
Live it, share it, teach it.

*Kingdom
ADVANCEMENT
MONTH*

**IN MEMORY OF MANY,
IN HONOR OF ALL,
THANK YOU.**

YOUR BRAVERY AND SERVICE WILL
NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

**JOIN IN PRAYER FOR
PANAMA ANNUAL
CONFERENCE**

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