

In Covenant Together

The Global Methodist Church and The Korean Methodist Church

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and for the sake of our shared mission of making and growing disciples of Jesus Christ, **The Global Methodist Church** and **The Korean Methodist Church** hereby establish a covenant relationship to the glory of the Triune God. With mutual respect and missional cooperation, we acknowledge each other as self-governing Churches in the Wesleyan tradition, whose doctrine and discipline reflect the historic teachings and practices of that movement.

It is understood that along with prayer and Holy Spirit-inspired discernment, all proper procedures, vetting, and organizational approval from all parties involved have been completed. We are both committed to Christian unity in the spirit of Jesus, who prayed earnestly that “they also may be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me” (John 17:21).

We are committed to building structures and relationships to enhance our witness for Christ throughout the world. Toward that end, we commit to the following:

1. We mutually recognize the validity of each other’s baptisms and ordinations and welcome each other in eucharistic fellowship. Both faith communities commit to working toward mutual recognition of ordained ministers, allowing clergy to serve cross-denominationally as they meet the theological and disciplinary requirements.
2. Leaders of our churches will pray for each other by name.
3. A joint covenant commission will be established to encourage and coordinate partnerships between local churches, districts, and conferences when needed. The intention will be to develop shared mission and ministry strategies and initiatives and to collaborate in implementation, including working together on mission projects.
4. In the event that a pastor or congregation affiliated with either GMC or KMC wishes to transfer its affiliation to the other denomination, the congregation or pastor shall notify the appropriate annual conference in advance, and such transfer shall proceed upon mutual consultation and agreement between the relevant conferences, pursuant to the requirements of the receiving conference.
5. Each Church will invite one bishop, one layperson and one clergy to be seated as non-voting delegates with voice at the Church’s General Conference, with expenses to be borne by the person’s own church. If delegates are unable to attend, they can share the minutes of the General Conference or other necessary materials.

This covenant takes effect upon its approval by the General Conference or its authorized body of each Church and remains in effect until either one or both Churches rescind their participation by action of their General Conference or authorized body.

Bathed in prayer, accompanied by deep mutual respect for one another, and symbolizing a deep commitment to unity within the Body of Christ, this Covenant is signed and celebrated during the General Conference of The Global Methodist Church on this 3rd day of September, 2026, at Johannesburg, South Africa.

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