



VOLUNTEER COVENANT

GENERAL CONFERENCE 2026

Volunteering for General Conference is a privilege and — we hope and pray — a joy. We want to be consistent and clear in communicating expectations to minimize misunderstandings and frustrations and maximize your enjoyment of serving Christ in this way. We also want to give you a place to turn to understand what is expected of you and what you can expect from us, so we can move confidently forward in this partnership, we invite you into the following covenant for Global Methodist General Conference volunteers:

FAITHFUL

Volunteers will have an active faith in Jesus Christ and will reflect a commitment to biblical holiness. Our behavior will be above reproach, refraining from questionable behavior and in treating everyone we encounter with honor, as fellow divine image bearers.

FLEXIBLE

Volunteers embrace creative thinking and expect flexibility in the fluid atmosphere of a conference environment. We will extend grace.

RELIABLE

Volunteers will make this serving opportunity a priority, so we can be counted on to do what we say we're going to do, when we are asked and needed to do it. We will always show up on time, work through the entirety of our shifts and days of duty, and work hard to do an excellent job. We will take care to ensure that any sight-seeing while off-duty will not negatively impact our service commitments. From the first until the final day of our service in Johannesburg, we will not expect to be able to do any other school or professional work. We commit to excellent and generous communication, including honoring others' time by responding in a timely manner when contacted.

RESPECTFUL

Volunteers will respect and honor the leadership of the Global Methodist Church and its General Conference, giving deference in decision-making to those who have been given authority to lead. We will maintain confidentiality when handling sensitive materials or conversations. We will operate with the highest standards of integrity and trust as we care for the privileges we are given and where there is doubt, we will err on the side of discretion.

AMBASSADORS

Volunteers will be perceived as ambassadors for the GMC, and will strive to do nothing by commission or omission to risk causing needless offense or reflecting poorly on the GMC.



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NEUTRAL

Volunteers will avoid treating others with undue favoritism or disfavoritism for any reason, including race, tribe, gender, age, region, nationality, or opinion. We will avoid any public expression of an opinion on any matter while it is still pending before the General Conference for a final decision, on social media and in other public spaces. This includes refraining from publicly promoting or opposing nominees for particular offices.

KIND

Because our ethos in the Global Methodist Church is grounded in grace, we strive to cultivate a culture of honor that emphasizes cooperation and partnership. That will be reflected in conversations on the phone and in person, at all times. We will treat all people with consistent Golden-Rule respect, with a positive attitude.

GENEROUS

Volunteering at General Conference is a gift to the Global Methodist Church. All expenses relating to airfare, hotel and meals are the responsibility of the volunteer. Most breakfasts are included in the hotel. Lunches will be provided at the Sandton Convention Center August 30 - September 5. Dinner will be provided at the Sandton August 30, August 31 and September 2.