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Dear Friends:

In 268 days, we will gather for the opening session of our 2026 General Conference. As we come together to celebrate the Beauty of Holiness, we will center ourselves around the understanding that ours is indeed a Spirit-Filled Life, a Holy Calling.

Being those steeped in the Wesleyan tradition, we know that part of living a life of holiness is seeing God's sanctifying work in all aspects of our lives, both individually and as a community, and sharing this way of life with the world around us, near and far. Along with worship, prayer, communion, fellowship, and celebration, in Johannesburg we will engage in the holy and sacred work of tending to our lives in covenant community through the consideration of all business properly before us. Business that you, the people of the Global Methodist Church, have put before the body through your participation in the petition process.

The petitions ministry of a General Conference plays a crucial role in the broader narrative of a denomination's history, as it provides a record of the matters that were on the hearts and minds of the church's people at a particular point in its history. Whether you choose to submit a petition, co-sign an individual's petition, are part of a group that submits a petition, or observe the process from afar, it is essential that all of us bathe the legislative process in prayer — prayer that seeks God's will to be known and followed as we continue in our journey as the people of the GMC. When later generations come behind us, may it be evident to them that we were earnest in seeking God's will.

One month from today, on January 5, 2026, the Petition Submission Portal will open and remain open for four months, closing on May 1, 2026. To help you prepare to submit a petition or be informed about the process, attached to this letter are myriad details to guide you in this work. Along with these materials, we will post tutorial videos to guide you through the process of submitting a petition. Please bookmark www.beautyofholiness2026.org/petitions to easily access all petition information and enter the petition submission portal.

All valid petitions will be published in our Pre-Conference Report on July 1, 2026.

While we pray that the attached information, along with other details posted on our petitions page, provides all the necessary information, if you have any questions about our petition process, please do not hesitate to contact me at petitions@globalmethodist.org.

Grace and Peace

Rev. Lamar C. Oliver

***The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ
and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.***



PETITION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

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PETITION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

(INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSION)

Download these documents:

- ☐ Plan of Organization and Covenant
- ☐ Petitions Process Overview
- ☐ Book of Doctrines and Discipline
- ☐ Judicial Practice & Procedures

Read and be familiar with:

- ☐ Plan of Organization and Covenant
- ☐ Petitions Process Overview

Have ready the following information:

- ☐ Petitioner's Annual Conference
- ☐ Petitioner's Local Church Information
- ☐ Ten (10) Co-Signers' First & Last Name
- ☐ Ten (10) Co-Signers' Email Addresses (Verified for Accuracy)
- ☐ Local Church (if applicable)
- ☐ Petition Type: ☐ Book of Doctrines & Discipline
☐ Judicial Practice & Procedures ☐ Resolution
- ☐ Paragraph Modification Type: ☐ Change Existing ☐ New
- ☐ BDD / JPP Paragraph Number (Existing) _____ or Section Number (New) _____
- ☐ Petition Title
- ☐ Rationale for Petition (750 Characters Max)
- ☐ Petition Text



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PETITION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

(GROUP PETITIONER)

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- ☐ Book of Doctrines and Discipline
- ☐ Judicial Practice & Procedures

Read and be familiar with:

- ☐ Plan of Organization and Covenant
- ☐ Petitions Process Overview

Have ready the following information:

- ☐ Group:
 - ☐ General Church ☐ Annual Conference ☐ Local Church
- ☐ Annual Conference (if applicable)
- ☐ Local Church (if applicable)
- ☐ Petitioner's Role in Group
- ☐ Date of Organizational Approval
- ☐ Substantiation: ☐ Meeting Minutes ☐ Letter from Group Chair & Secretary
- ☐ Petition Type:
 - ☐ Book of Doctrines & Discipline ☐ Judicial Practices & Procedures ☐ Resolution
- ☐ Paragraph Modification Type: ☐ Change Existing ☐ New
- ☐ BDD / JPP Paragraph Number (Existing) _____ or Section Number (New) _____
- ☐ Petition Title
- ☐ Rationale for Petition (750 Characters Max)
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PETITION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST (PETITION BY ANNUAL CONFERENCE ACTION)

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- ☐ Petitions Process Overview
- ☐ Book of Doctrines and Discipline
- ☐ Judicial Practice & Procedures

Read and be familiar with:

- ☐ Plan of Organization and Covenant
- ☐ Petitions Process Overview

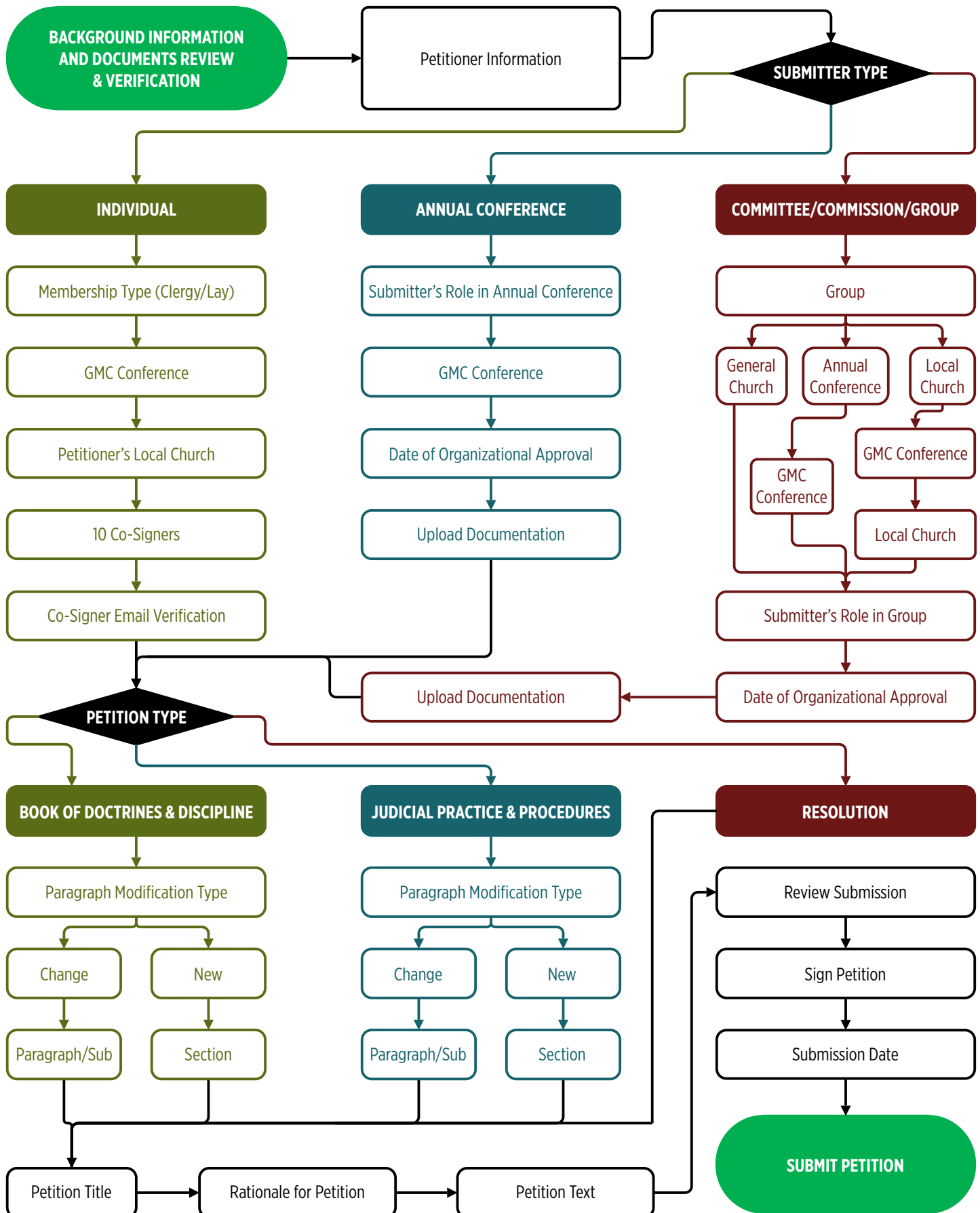
Have ready the following information:

- ☐ Annual Conference
- ☐ Petitioner's Role in Annual Conference
- ☐ Date of Organizational Approval
- ☐ Substantiation:
 - ☐ Meeting Minutes
 - ☐ Letter from Conference Superintendent & Secretary
- ☐ Petition Type:
 - ☐ Book of Doctrines & Discipline
 - ☐ Judicial Practices & Procedures
 - ☐ Resolution
- ☐ Paragraph Modification Type: ☐ Change Existing ☐ New
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

Users are provided links to PDF's of the following documents:

- The General Conference Community:
Plan of Organization and Covenant for Our Life Together
- Petition Submission Flowchart and Instructions
- 2024 Book of Doctrines & Discipline (BDD)
- Judicial Practice and Procedures (JPP)

Users are required to verify they have downloaded and read the Plan of Organization & Covenant and the Petition Submission Process Overview & Instructions. Links to the BDD & JPP are provided as a courtesy to help petitioners have these materials as part of the process.

SUBMISSION REMINDERS

Three Kinds of Petitions - Petitions can include:

- 1) Changes to an existing paragraph, or
- 2) A new paragraph, or
- 3) A resolution.

NOTE: Where a change in one paragraph necessitates a corresponding change in another paragraph, the changes can be submitted in a single petition.

To submit legislation to change existing language, choose the paragraph number appearing first in the document to which you are proposing a change (BDD or JPP).

GMC Membership - All individuals submitting petitions for consideration **MUST** be a member of the Global Methodist Church. All cosigners must be members of the Global Methodist Church. Groups eligible to submit legislation **MUST** meet the requirements in the Petitions Process Overview document linked above.

Online Submissions Only - Petitions **MUST** be submitted through this portal. Petitions submitted through any other means are ineligible for consideration.



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PETITIONER INFORMATION

(INDIVIDUAL SUBMISSION)

First Name - No nicknames, please.

Email - Please double-check this for accuracy. If emails to this address bounce, the petition will be considered withdrawn and not be presented for consideration by the 2026 General Conference.

Phone Number - Please ensure the correct country code is used. This must be accurate, in case there is a need to contact the petitioner and we have trouble doing so via email.

Valid Country Selection - *The user has no action required for this section.* This is an internal verification done by our system.

Submitter Type - Please ensure this is correct, as this information is part of verifying the petitioner's eligibility.

GMC Conference - If the petitioner is unsure which conference their church is affiliated with, they should consult their local church pastor. This information is used as part of our data analysis and reporting.

Your Church - There is a search function that should be helpful for most users. Also note there is a 'My church is not listed' option. If this option is selected, as part of the petition verification process, a follow-up will be conducted to ensure accountability to the provisions of church law, which determine who is eligible to petition the General Conference.

Co-Signers - Please note that **incorrect email addresses will render the petition ineligible for consideration**, so double-check these carefully. It is recommended that the petitioner send a test message to each email address listed as a co-signer to double-check the accuracy of all email addresses. As mentioned above, this is part of our verification process and a means of accountability to church law.

Email Addresses Verified - By checking this box, the petitioner is taking sole responsibility for the accuracy of their co-signer's eligibility.



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PETITIONER INFORMATION

(GMC GENERAL CHURCH COMMISSION/COMMITTEE/GROUP SUBMISSION)

First Name - No nicknames, please.

Email - Please double-check this for accuracy. If emails to this address bounce, the petition will be considered withdrawn and not be presented for consideration by the 2026 General Conference.

Phone Number - Please ensure the correct country code is used. This must be accurate, in case there is a need to contact the petitioner and we have trouble doing so via email.

Valid Country Selection - *The user has no action required for this section.* This is an internal verification done by our system.

Submitter Type - Please ensure this is correct, as this information is part of verifying the petitioner's eligibility.

Group - This list has been pre-populated with common groups. However, if the petitioner doesn't see their group listed, note that there is a 'GMC Committee/Group (Other)' option. ***Please note that only official groups formally a part of the Global Methodist Church at the general church, annual conference, or local church levels are eligible to petition the General Conference.***

Group Name (if Other) - This should match that shown in the supporting documentation submitted with this petition.

Your Role in Group - This is to help us with our data analysis and record-keeping.

Date of Organizational Approval - This is not the date of this petition submission. Instead, this is the date on which the commission/committee/group took official action authorizing the submission of the petition to the General Conference. This date shall match the date listed in the required substantiation document submitted below.

Upload Meeting Minutes or Letter - Documentation in the form of meeting minutes (or a letter signed by the chair and secretary) certifying that the committee or group approved the petition must be uploaded as part of the petition submission process.



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PETITIONER INFORMATION

(ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE/GROUP SUBMISSION)

First Name - No nicknames, please.

Email - Please double-check this for accuracy. If emails to this address bounce, the petition will be considered withdrawn and not be presented for consideration by the 2026 General Conference.

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Submitter Type - Please ensure this is correct, as this information is part of verifying the petitioner's eligibility.

Group - This list has been pre-populated with common groups. However, if the petitioner doesn't see their group listed, note that there is a 'Conference Committee/Group (Other)' option. ***Please note that only official groups formally a part of the Global Methodist Church at the general church, annual conference, or local church levels are eligible to petition the General Conference.***

GMC Conference - This should match the supporting documentation submitted.

Group Name (if Other) - This should match that shown in the supporting documentation submitted with this petition.

Your Role in Group - This is to help us with our data analysis and record-keeping.

Date of Organizational Approval - This is not the date you are submitting the petition. This is the date on which the commission/committee/group took official action authorizing the submission of the petition to the General Conference. This date shall match the date listed in the required substantiation document submitted below.

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PETITIONER INFORMATION

(LOCAL CHURCH COMMITTEE/GROUP SUBMISSION)

First Name - No nicknames, please.

Email - Please double-check this for accuracy. If emails to this address bounce, the petition will be considered withdrawn and not be presented for consideration by the 2026 General Conference.

Phone Number - Please ensure the correct country code is used. This must be accurate, in case there is a need to contact the petitioner and we have trouble doing so via email.

Valid Country Selection - *The user has no action required for this section.* This is an internal verification done by our system.

Submitter Type - Please ensure this is correct, as this information is part of verifying the petitioner's eligibility.

Group - This list has been pre-populated with common groups. However, if the petitioner doesn't see their group listed, note that there is a 'GMC Committee/Group (Other)' option. ***Please note that only official groups formally a part of the Global Methodist Church at the general church, annual conference, or local church levels are eligible to petition the General Conference.***

Your Church - This is a search bar which can be used to find a church. If the submitted petition is NOT listed, select that option and proceed.

Group Name (if Other) - This should match that shown in the supporting documentation submitted with this petition.

Your Role in Group - This is to help us with our data analysis and record-keeping.

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PETITION

(BOOK OF DOCTRINES AND DISCIPLINE - CHANGE EXISTING PARAGRAPH)

Petition Type - Book of Doctrines and Discipline

Paragraph Modification Type - Change Existing

BDD Paragraphs - Each paragraph in the 2024 Book of Discipline is listed here. If you do not find the paragraph you are looking to modify in this list, please double-check your notes.

BDD Subparagraph - Given many paragraphs have subparagraphs, please be sure to verify you have selected the correct sub-paragraph. Should you want to delete a specific sub-paragraph, please use this menu to select that sub-paragraph. Should you wish to add a sub-paragraph, please select the new sub-paragraph from this list.

Petition Title - Please be specific in your title. Additionally, please refrain from including the paragraph number(s) in the petition title. Any paragraph numbers in the title of the petition will be deleted as part of processing submitted petitions.

Rationale for Petition - Petitioner has up to 750 characters to provide the justification for their submission. The 750-character limit is absolute.

PETITION

(BOOK OF DOCTRINES AND DISCIPLINE - ADD NEW PARAGRAPH)

Petition Type - Book of Doctrines and Discipline

Paragraph Modification Type - Add New

BDD Sections - Please select the proper section of the BDD for your proposal.

Petition Title - Please be specific in your title. Additionally, please refrain from including the paragraph number(s) in the petition title. Any paragraph numbers in the title of the petition will be deleted as part of processing submitted petitions. *Your proposed paragraph number and title should be the very first line of your petition text.*

Rationale for Petition - Petitioner has up to 750 characters to provide the justification for their submission. The 750-character limit is absolute.



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(JUDICIAL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES - CHANGE EXISTING PARAGRAPH)

Petition Type - Judicial Practice and Procedures

Paragraph Modification Type - Change Existing

JPP Paragraphs - Each paragraph in the JPP is listed here. If you do not find the paragraph you are looking to modify in this list, please double-check your notes.

Petition Title - Please be specific in your title. Additionally, please refrain from including the paragraph number(s) in the petition title. Any paragraph numbers in the title of the petition will be deleted as part of processing submitted petitions.

Rationale for Petition - Petitioner has up to 750 characters to provide the justification for their submission. The 750-character limit is absolute.

PETITION

(JUDICIAL PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES - ADD NEW PARAGRAPH)

Petition Type - Judicial Practice and Procedures

Paragraph Modification Type - Add New

JPP Sections - Please select the proper section of the JPP for your proposal.

Petition Title - Please be specific in your title. Additionally, please refrain from including the paragraph number(s) in the petition title. Any paragraph numbers in the title of the petition will be deleted as part of processing submitted petitions. *Your proposed paragraph number and title should be the very first line of your petition text.*

Rationale for Petition - Petitioner has up to 750 characters to provide the justification for their submission. The 750-character limit is absolute.



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PETITION (RESOLUTIONS)

Petition Type - Resolution

Petition Title - Please be specific in your title. A resolution does not cover modifying or adding to any portion of the BDD or JPP.

Rationale for Petition - Petitioner has up to 750 characters to provide the justification for their submission. The 750-character limit is absolute.

ENTER PETITION TEXT

To submit a CHANGE to a paragraph:

- Download the PDF version of the latest version of the Book of Doctrines and Discipline or Judicial Practice & Procedures of The Global Methodist Church.
- Copy and paste the paragraph from the PDF document into the Petition Text editor below. Copy the paragraph or subparagraph to be changed (together with its subparagraph number).
- Make the changes to the text you copied from the BDD or JPP that you want to submit as the petition. Indicate additions using the underline; deletions using the strikethrough. (Each can be found under the 'Format' menu in the entry box.)

Things To Remember:

- Please DO NOT include rationale. Any rationale submitted in the box below will be removed from the petition before it is submitted as part of the Pre-Conference Petitions Report. This includes 'whereas' and 'be it therefore resolved' language.
- Please DO NOT include names of petitioners or those supporting the petition. These will be removed from the petition before it is submitted as part of the Pre-Conference Petitions Report.

NOTE: Petitions MUST be submitted using this online portal. Petitions submitted via any other mode will not be accepted.



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REVIEW SUBMISSION PAGE

Review - The petitioner must acknowledge that the information being submitted is correct. *This is crucial because once a submission is made, it cannot be modified.* At the bottom of this page, you will find a link that allows you to return to the previous page to make any necessary edits.

AFTER YOU'VE SUBMITTED YOUR PETITION

- Petitioner will be able to download a PDF of their submission.
- The petitioner will receive an email acknowledgment with a PDF attachment.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Petition Submission Portal OPENS - 05JAN2026
- Petition Submission Portal CLOSES - 01MAY2026
- Petitions Published in Pre-Conference Report - 01JUL2026

QUESTIONS?

- Rev. Lamar C. Oliver - GC2026 Petitions Secretary - petitions@globalmethodist.org