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Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. University Carillon/Oviedo Grace/Lake Mary)

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

This new movement of God exists to bring about a revival through a dependence on the Holy Spirit. It is also a movement meant to return us to the ways of Wesley, with its commitment to biblical orthodoxy and orthopraxy in order to transform the hearts and minds of our society until Jesus' return.

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

While there are many issues that still need to be resolved at this General Conference I see 2 major issues that need to be addressed: 1 – There needs to be a confirmation of the role, function and viability of the current model of the Episcopacy; taking into question whether or not cross continent appointments are practical, sustainable and best serves the church. 2 – We need to figure out how to fund the non-United States Conferences that grows the church and builds the kingdom, without creating dependency; in other words, how do we join God where God is at work while creating independence? The Conference partnership model is not sustainable as there are more and more international conferences than there are US conferences.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference delegate.

My current and past roles in the GMC/WCA give me a unique advantage. Currently, as the Treasurer of the Wesleyan Covenant Association, (which we will be wrapping up operations at the end of this month), I am aware of the complex issues facing our international brothers and sisters, especially in Africa. At our Convening Conference I had the honor of being elected to serve as Chair of the Finance & Administration Committee. There were several items, like health insurance, that will be taken up in South Africa, that I have a wealth of knowledge about. I was elected at that same General Conference to serve on the Finance, Administration, Pensions & Benefits General Commission. Currently, I am the sub-committee chair working with leaders across the connection on issues of risk management, Ministry Safe, insurance and Scouting America (formerly BSA). My knowledge of these important issues and connections across the GMC put me in a position to assist the GMC in building a strong foundation to which we can continue to build upon. In addition to that, I am always open to the Spirit's leading towards new ways of doing ministry as I wind down my own ministry and turn it over to a new generation of leaders.

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

My passion comes from having personally experienced God's grace and forgiveness. As a follower of

Jesus, I want others to experience God's purpose for their lives now and to also give them the hope of eternal life for the next. Over the years I have served at several large churches in the role of Executive Pastor while having a passion and bearing fruit in evangelism through Celebrate Jesus, Celebrate Recovery Start-up, Men's Ministry and Cuba Ministry.

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William Baldwin

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Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. Grace/Lake Mary)

Fort Meade Methodist Church

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

John Wesley emphasized salvation "saving souls" and revealing God's gift of grace & love for the world to see and experience. This happens in the local church. The purpose of the Global Methodist Church needs to be about providing the structure and guidance for local churches to live out this calling.

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

The Global Methodist Church needs to emerge from this conference with clarity of who we are in the world. No longer in the shadow of an institution but a Christian movement empowered by the Holy Spirit. One good place to start is in the doctrinal boundaries. The Book of Doctrines and Disciplines is a compilation of our Methodist heritage.

With all due respect for our heritage and appreciation for all the hard work of bringing it to us - I believe it is time to develop our own doctrinal boundaries. Beginning with The Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church and The Confession of Faith of the Evangelical United Brethren Church merge them into one document and make it our own. A statement that clearly tells us (and the world) who the Global Methodist Church is as a Body of Christ and movement of the Holy Spirit.

I am not suggesting that we discard our heritage these documents serve as the theological heritage of our faith (BODD, ¶ 106). They can be retained for reference in an appendix to reveal their foundational value and serve to confirm that we have not moved away from our Wesleyan roots.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference delegate.

I heard God call me to ministry many years ago. While I was employed in the field of engineering, I served in many offices of my local church and attended Asbury Theological Seminary in preparation to respond/submit to God's call to ministry.

The time in engineering helped develop organizational and analytical skills, a great deal of project management experience, and interpersonal skills managing large projects and teams.

At the same time, I was busy at my local church with Bible study and serving in various lay leadership positions. Traveling to some of the poorest economies in the world on short term mission trips with

Engineering Ministries International (Haiti, Sierre Leon, Senegal, Uganda, Dominican Republic).

These past 7 years, I have served as the pastor in a local church. Recently ordained as a GMC Elder, I am honored to be appointed to continue to serve as the pastor of Fort Meade Methodist Church (this is my 5th year here). I have been blessed to lead them through disaffiliation and shepherd them as we all get back to basics of Christianity and the Wesleyan Way.

I thank God that He continues calling me and I believe that my experiences through life's journey would be helpful as a General Conference Delegate.

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The best way to share Jesus is through the life that we live. In my everyday coming and going, I never meet a stranger. I speak to almost everyone I meet. Kindly ask how they are doing while sharing a smile and offering small acts of kindness and generosity. I strive to set an example of living a moral life with honesty and integrity. Of course, I am not perfect. As Paul describes in Romans 7:18-19,

For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

When I fail, I own my mistakes, apologize, and seek forgiveness.

God sent me as His ambassador to those in my sphere of influence. There's an old saying; "preach the gospel at all times and use words if necessary." Eventually it will require words... I love sharing God's plan for salvation with a world in need. In the safe environment of a Sunday school class and to the stranger on the street where I have to take risks and be vulnerable.

The fruit of my passion for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ is seen in the lives that are changed. I plant seeds and water them but only God brings growth. My enthusiasm for evangelism is rooted in love of God and love of others.

I know that God sends all of us out into the world to love people as He loves them and to share the Gospel with them. By boldly sharing the Gospel I am helping others find hope, peace, and purpose in their lives.

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Jay Becker

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Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. Grace/Lake Mary)

First Methodist Church/ Vero Beach

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

The purpose of the GMC is to faithfully work towards the fulfillment of the Great Commission through Spirit filled communal worship, discipleship, and love of neighbor, and the preaching of the hope of Christ's resurrection to our communities

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

The success of the church can only be measured in how faithful we were to carry out the Spirit's call in our lives. Therefore in order to be successful we must be deeply committed to prayer and the reading of God's word. Then we must be completely surrendered to the call God has placed on us. The Spirit will carry out the ministry, and the results belong to Him, so our success is only in our obedience.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference delegate.

God has placed a very specific call on me within the context of the Florida GMC to be a part of the development of the next generation of leaders. I have been working to build a network of relationships between those working in youth ministry in our conference. The GMC must prioritize the discipleship and development of the next generation of leaders if we want to continue to be faithful and obedient to the mission God has given us. To this end, we are working on a summer camp that will help church's disciple their teenagers and a conference that will develop and connect youth leaders in our denomination.

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I have always had a fire in my belly for seeing young people experience the fullness of Christ's love. Over the past few years this call has shifted from sharing the gospel with students, to helping other adults in our church share the Gospel with students, and equipping parents with the tools they need to be able to disciple their children at home. To that end, we have not only seen dozens of students accept Jesus over the past few years, but we've seen parents step up in how they are sharing the Gospel in their homes. The Spirit is moving in households in our church through the increased capacity of parents to disciple and the amount of faithful adults in our church that are investing in young people. Real discipleship chains are happening from pastoral staff, to laity, to kids.

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Craig Blocher

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Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. Grace/Lake Mary)

University Carillon/Oviedo

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

I believe the Global Methodist Church exists to reignite the passionate spirit of renewal that first animated the early Methodist movement. We are called to raise up a vibrant, orthodox Wesleyan witness — one that isn't simply about preserving tradition but about propelling a Spirit-filled future for generations to come. We must be a people who trust deeply in the living power of the Holy Spirit, expectantly inviting His presence into our churches, our communities, and our lives. Our aim is nothing less than a holiness that magnifies the glory of God and offers the world a radiant and irresistible glimpse of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

While structural clarity and operational decisions are essential, the true measure of success will not be found in our polity — it will be found in our posture — before God and one another. If we come together with humility and holy expectation, then we will succeed. We are not simply shaping a new denomination; we are laying the spiritual foundation for a renewed movement of God in our time, and for generations to come. The work we do must begin in worship, be shaped by prayer, and be driven by a deep reliance on the Holy Spirit.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference delegate.

I had the privilege of serving as a delegate to the Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church — a profound and formative experience that deepened my understanding of the challenges and opportunities before us. That gathering taught me not only how our new denomination begins to take shape structurally, but how deeply spiritual and relational this work must be. Should I be elected again, I would carry those insights forward with clarity, and humility.

As a 36 year old pastor, I serve with the long view in mind — praying and working where I am called to help build a movement that will outlast us. We must be a church that actively reaches, disciples, and empowers younger generations. I believe that is an important priority to be reflected in the demographics of our delegation.

I currently serve as Vice-Chair of the Florida GMC Board of Ministry, helping to develop and refine our

ordination process. I also served on the Florida GMC's TCAT team (the provisional team that worked toward becoming an Annual Conference).

My roots run deep in the soil of Methodist renewal. My grandfather accepted his call to ministry during the 1950 Asbury revival; my uncle serves a large Ohio church in Allegheny West Conference of the GMC. I stand on the shoulders of faithful evangelical Methodists and am deeply committed to building a church where my children — and yours — can flourish in Gospel-centered, Spirit-empowered community.

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

My life has been radically transformed by the grace of God through the local church — my identity, my purpose, my entire being have been reshaped by the power of the Gospel. I want that same transformative hope to reach as many people as possible. I believe the local church is still God's primary chosen instrument for proclaiming the Gospel, inviting people into repentance, and nurturing them through the sanctifying work of the Spirit.

Every day, I wake up energized by this calling — even when it's hard. Especially when it's hard. My ministry has centered on mentoring young leaders, helping churches clarify their mission, and mobilizing believers into joyful, Spirit-empowered service. The deepest fruit I've seen has come from equipping others — calling out gifts, building up teams, and sending people out in mission.

I believe God has called and equipped me for this exact work — and the greatest joy is knowing that we never do it alone. Best of all, God is with us!

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Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. Grace/Lake Mary)

Lake Magdalene Church/Tampa

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

The purpose of the Global Methodist Church is to be a global community of believers that create more followers of Jesus who are equipped and empowered to propel the Word of God to their neighbors and to the nations.

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

In my opinion the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success is continuing the hard work of forming this new movement of God and celebrating the unity of the global churches.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference delegate.

I believe my passion for and experience with church planting will be of great use in my work as a General Conference delegate. I also think that my experience with church renewal will also play an important role as a delegate.

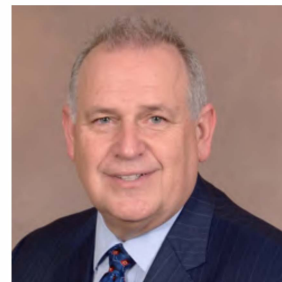
4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I am extremely passionate for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In my current church we are praying and going hard after the 74,000 people who live within a 3-mile radius of our church that are far from God, unchurched or dechurched. In the year and a half that I have been here we have started equipping and empowering the saints to GO and make disciples and are beginning to see some of the 74,000 come to the church, explore their faith, receive salvation, and begin to pursue a life of holiness.

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Ronald De Genaro

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Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. St. John/Sebring Grace/Lake Mary)

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

The purpose of the Global Methodist Church is to glorify God and represent God's love and salvation that is offered in God's Son, Jesus the Christ. We live this out in the world by the power of the Holy Spirit which calls us to bear witness to God.

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

We must be faithful to our calling to be a holy people. We must continue to partner with God and each other to set the stage to be used of God to be a Wesleyan witness to God's love and salvation.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference delegate.

I have worked extensively with District Committees on Ministry in our previous denomination and I am currently a member of the Conference Board of Ministry. I have worked in christian ministry for nearly forty years on committees at church or district levels. I have been either a part of or led various non-profit groups in communities that I have lived in. I believe in the mission of the church universal and I am committed to the success of the Global Methodist Church.

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I have been passionate about sharing the Gospel since I first became a Christian at eighteen years old. I believe that I was called to ministry at nineteen and I have served God ever since. I have as a Christian pastor been a part of either leading people to faith, strengthening their faith, or assisting folks in answering God's calling in their lives. I believe that there is no greater place to serve God than in a local church that seeks to submit to God's kingdom rule.

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Michael Fordham

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Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. Grace/Lake Mary)

Killearn Methodist Church/Tallahassee

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

God has raised up the Global Methodist Church to advance His kingdom throughout the world through making disciples. These disciples will be followers of Jesus who are fully committed to Christ, growing in holiness to be more like Christ through loving God and each other as we love ourselves, and are being sent out by the church to spread Scriptural holiness throughout the world through witnessing to the good news of Jesus.

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

The 2024 Convening General Conference began to lay the groundwork for the foundation of the Global Methodist Church. This General Conference will finish laying that foundation and especially of great importance is the election of our first fulltime bishops and further organizing the work of our bishops. We will succeed in this work as we continue to organize the Global Methodist Church to fulfill its mission throughout the world.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference delegate.

I have served in a variety of roles in the United Methodist Church in four local churches, district (District Committees on Ordained Ministry, Mentor of Residents in Ministry, etc...), and conference (committee member of the Florida Annual Conference Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry for 8 years, and chair of the Board of Camps and Retreat Ministries, etc...) levels for 32 years of ministry. I am presently serving as a Presiding Elder in the Global Methodist Church. I also served as a Florida Annual Conference delegate to the 2024 Global Methodist Church Convening General Conference and served on the Constitution Legislative Committee.

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In my 34 years of ministry as a local pastor, one of the passions of my ministry has been to introduce people to a life-transforming, personal relationship with God through the saving work of Christ, and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. I have preached, taught, organized and led the four churches I have served to bring the good news of Jesus to the world. Not only have I witnessed to Christ in the church, but I have also done so in my personal life at home and in the community wherever God has planted me to serve.

Name

Vicki Harrison

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Clergy (Has to be in full connection or a Transitional Local Pastor who have been approved to be ordained. You need to have served a minimum of han two years.)

Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. Grace/Lake Mary) New Hope Church/Brandon

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

The Global Methodist Church is a movement of Jesus followers, led by the direction of the Holy Spirit, that seeks to bring people to Christ, expand God's Kingdom, and push back the powers of darkness in our world. We have the privilege and responsibility to demonstrate to our churches and communities the hope, love, mercy, truth, and salvation of Jesus Christ. There is urgency to this. We live in a world that is in desperate need of the Gospel, whether they know it or not, and we have been called to share it.

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

The GMC is still a young denomination. This General Conference needs to further clarify doctrine and polity. A lot of good work has been done but more is needed. We need to ensure that our structure is not simply the United Methodist Church 2.0, but is clearly distinctive to our needs. There has to be enough flexibility to provide the Holy Spirit room to work but there has to be enough structure to ensure that our denomination is creating systems and processes that can ensure the health and stability of the Global Methodist Church across the globe. We also need to walk away with initiatives to help local churches reach and meet the needs of the next generation.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference delegate.

I am privileged to serve as senior pastor of New Hope Church in Brandon, Florida (just outside Tampa). I also serve as the Presiding Elder of the Gulf South district of the Florida Conference.

While this would be my first General Conference, I have a lot of training and experience building and working in strategic teams. Over the years, not only have I served in many different capacities in the local church, but I've sat on several nonprofit boards and worked in various ecumenical projects within our community. Listening to diverse voices and building consensus and understanding is one of my passions!

Most importantly, I am passionate about Jesus and His church. I am excited to see where God is leading the Global Methodist Church.

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

One of my passions is mission and sharing the Gospel. Since New Hope Church became part of the GMC, we have been very intentional about evangelism and training our people how to have spiritual conversations and share the Gospel outside the walls of the church. We have even changed our mission statement to "Know Jesus, Grow Faith, Go Multiply," because we felt so strongly that the multiplication piece needed to be emphasized.

But God has also worked on me personally in this area. Talking about my faith to friends and neighbors and being bolder is something I have practiced alongside my church members. Besides my normal preaching and teaching, I'm always looking to share the love and hope of Jesus whenever the Holy Spirit prompts. It is very exciting to see how God just opens up doors to share. I've realized that people are desperate for hope, and most of the time, are very open to prayer and even a brief conversation about Jesus. Jesus is still in the business of changing lives and it's amazing to be part of that.

But besides sharing the Gospel, I also am quite focused on discipleship. Jesus did not call us just to make believers but disciples, people who are learners and truly want to know and become like Jesus Christ. To reach the lost and the next generation, we need to create cultures that prioritize making disciples. This means building real relationships through small community and/or Wesleyan band groups, deeply caring for others (even those who are different from you), and mentoring our young people. We can't just embrace the comfort of the Gospel without the challenge of it.

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Mary Jackson

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Clergy (Has to be in full connection or a Transitional Local Pastor who have been approved to be ordained. You need to have served a minimum of two years.)

Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. Grace/Lake Mary)

Ebenezer Methodist of Jacksonville

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

The purpose of the Global Methodist Church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth and to make disciples to change the world.

The Global Methodist Church will also seek to stand up for justice and righteousness as we worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Global Methodist Church will use the Word of God as its foundation and root.

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

The most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish is to discuss and make decisions on the polity of the Church and to discuss any matters pertaining to the worship and order of the Church including the election of full time bishops. Since we are in the beginning stages it is extremely important to lay a strong, firm, foundation.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference delegate.

The experiences that I will bring as an African-American General Conference delegate are:

- (1) My spiritual gifts of discernment and compassion for the people of God.
- (2) My experience as a pastor for over 20 years.
- (3) My energy to help bring about change through the work of the Holy Spirit.
- (4) My desire to make a difference in this world for all of God's people.
- (5) My tenacity to stand firmly on the Word of God and
- (6) My ability to see things through fresh eyes with a different perspective.

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I am extremely passionate about sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In Jacksonville, I have seen lives being changed as our church reach out beyond the walls to spread the Good News especially through our Dinner Church and other missional activities. So many young people are giving their lives to Jesus. I had the opportunity to baptize 12 people this year. The Holy Spirit is moving in our community as we go door to door sharing the Good News.

Name

David Juliano

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Clergy (Has to be in full connection or a Transitional Local Pastor who have been approved to be ordained. You need to have served a minimum of han two years.)

Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. Grace/Lake Mary) First Sebring Church

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

The Global Methodist Church exists to bear faithful witness to the lordship of Jesus Christ by maintaining historic Christian doctrine, fostering spiritual revival, and equipping believers for ministry in a rapidly changing world. I understand its purpose as twofold: first, to preserve the theological integrity of the Christian faith as received through Scripture, the ecumenical creeds, and the Wesleyan tradition; second, to mobilize the church outward in mission, evangelism, and service, both locally and globally.

In a time when many denominations have been affected by theological confusion and institutional drift, the Global Methodist Church seeks to offer clarity, accountability, and an unwavering focus on the Great Commission. Its purpose is not simply organizational survival but spiritual renewal—reclaiming the church's calling to make disciples who know Christ personally and embody His love and truth in every sphere of life.

In practical terms, I see the Global Methodist Church's purpose fulfilled when congregations are empowered to grow in holiness, to extend tangible acts of mercy and justice, and to multiply by planting new communities of faith that are faithful, vibrant, and outward-facing.

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

The most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish is to establish clear, sustainable structures that protect our doctrinal integrity while enabling healthy growth and mission. If the General Conference can set firm theological boundaries, adopt practical governance systems that are simple and accountable, and empower local churches to focus on disciple-making and evangelism without unnecessary bureaucracy, it will lay the foundation for long-term faithfulness and effectiveness.

Success will not be measured simply by passing legislation but by whether the Conference leaves the Global Methodist Church stronger, more unified around its core commitments, and better positioned to fulfill the Great Commission in a diverse and challenging world.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference

delegate.

I bring a broad range of experiences that will be an advantage to my work as a General Conference delegate. I served for four years in the British Methodist Church in the early 1990s, which gave me an international perspective on Methodism and the challenges and opportunities facing the global church. I have partnered with Methodists in the Bahamas, Peru, and Tanzania on both short-term mission trips and long-term projects, deepening my understanding of the church's global reach and the importance of cross-cultural ministry.

Within the United Methodist Church, I have served on various boards and committees, including six years on the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits, where I worked on matters of financial stewardship and clergy care. These experiences have strengthened my ability to work collaboratively, navigate complex issues, and keep mission and ministry at the center of decision-making. I believe this background equips me to serve thoughtfully and effectively at the General Conference.

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

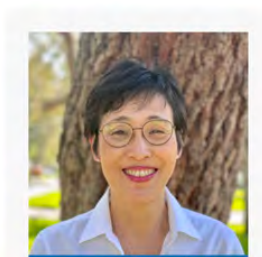
Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ is the foundation of my ministry. I believe that proclaiming the Good News is not only about personal conversion but about calling people into a lifelong journey of following Jesus as Lord. At First Sebring, we have seen God's blessing in tangible ways: our church is growing and thriving, with baptisms and new disciples being added regularly. This fruit is not the result of programs alone but of a consistent focus on preaching the Gospel clearly, inviting people to respond, and walking with them as they grow.

Recently, we hired a Director of Discipleship to help people take their next step in their walk with Jesus, because we believe that making fully mature disciples is our first and only priority. Evangelism and discipleship are inseparable — true evangelism doesn't end at conversion but continues through teaching, equipping, and sending. My passion is to see lives transformed by the grace of Jesus Christ and to build a church that multiplies faithful, spirit-filled followers who then carry the Gospel into their families, workplaces, and communities.

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Nako Kellum

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Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. Grace/Lake Mary)

The Florida Conference of the GMC (Faith Methodist Church/Hudson)

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

I understand the purpose of the GMC is to pursue the original mission God has given to the Early Methodists—"to spread the Scriptural holiness over the land." I understand this to be that we individuals and the church to be transformed into the image of Jesus in our thoughts, hearts, and deeds by the power of the Holy Spirit when we surrender ourselves to Him. It is for Jesus to reveal Himself through us to the world. As Jesus' representatives in the world, we need to reflect His character and his method as we bring the Good News, and that is why we need to be holy as He is holy.

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

One of the most important things is to elect Bishops who are going to be appointed for the full-term for the first time (six years). Additionally, we need to adopt the Book of Doctrines and Discipline that is applicable globally as we have more churches joining from the outside of the USA. Lastly, in my opinion, if we do not add anything to create extra layers of bureaucracy, I would consider that as a success. I would like to keep the GMC a movement, and focus on why we exist.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference delegate.

I served as a GMC organizer at the very beginning of the GMC in Florida, and currently serve as the Conference Adminsitrator. I had the great privilege of working in the WCA's "Next Step Group," which wrote the blue print for the Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline. I served as a clergy delegate to the Convening General Conference last year, serving on the Ministry and Local Church Committee.

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Growing up in a non-Christian background, I had no idea whether God exists or When I first heard the Gospel and believed in Jesus, I felt like God's love grabbed me. I thought, "Why didn't anybody share this with me?" Since then, my heart is for those who do not know God and how much He loves them, those like I used to be. In my personal life, the opportunities to share the Gospel happen when I build relationships with people. I try to pay attention to the move of the Holy Spirit, listen, and speak what He tells me. Recently, I have become convinced that "We can't give what we don't have." It is important for us, Christians to know and experience the love of God and His grace in our own lives daily in order to share that with other people. We are to be "ready" to share the Gospel, and I believe through the discipleship of the church, we can be "ready" together.

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Joseph Kim

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Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. South Florida
Grace/Lake Mary)

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

The purpose of the Global Methodist Church is to spread the biblical holiness throughout the world. It is the movement of the Holy Spirit to make the faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. I believe that God has called both laity and clergy to fulfill this great commission together.
(Matthew 28:18-20 & Acts 1:8)

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

1. For the first time of G.M.C. we are electing the regular 6 year-term bishops who can represent all continents, cultures, and ethnicities.
2. To continue the unity that has begun through the Convening General Conference.
3. This General Conference is also historical since it is the first time the denomination's General Conference will be held on the African continent. I believe it's a visible expression of who we are becoming as the Global Methodist Church. I believe that everyone who come 2026 General Conference come with open and global mindset.
4. Since the General Conference has the full legislative power over all matters that are distinctively connectional, it is important to discern God's will through careful listening and holy conferencing as sisters and brothers in Christ.
5. It is important to cover everything we do before and during the General Conference through fervent and team prayers.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference delegate.

1. Bilingual ability
I speak Korean and English fluently. I have served as a translator for many years including the current appointment.

2. Prayer Warrior

I pray two hours each day (6a.m. - 8a.m.).

I currently serve as a prayer coordinator among Korean Pastors who serve the local Global Methodist Church by leading prayer meetings 3 times a week by Zoom. Each meeting lasts 45 minutes. We pray for the leaders of G.M.C., the local congregation, Korean/U.S. governments, missionaries, & pastor's families and ministries. . .etc.

3. Multicultural Ministry

I have served several cross racial and cross cultural appointments. God has given me an open heart for people from all cultures and nations.

4. I am a team player.

I can and am enjoy working together with other people to accomplish God's mission together.

5. I am eager to have an opportunity to make impact on the formation and future of the Global Methodist Church by serving as a clergy delegate from the Florida Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church. Please allow me to be a part of history of the denomination that I belong!

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I currently serve as an evangelism director at South Florida Global Methodist Church. I train my church members for evangelism. Moreover, every other week, I take my church members to different malls and flea-markets in our community to share the gospel and also to celebrate how God has used us to lead others to Christ by sharing the testimony.

I wholeheartedly believe that evangelism is the most important command of God our Father and Lord Jesus Christ for every believer and local church. All of our church staffs and members are working diligently to make our church a missional church. I am passionate about personal and church-wide evangelism.

I emphasize "Spirit-filled, Spirit-guided, and Spirit-empowered evangelism" to spread the Scriptural Holiness throughout the globe for the glory of God.

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Clergy (Has to be in full connection or a Transitional Local Pastor who have been approved to be ordained. You need to have served a minimum of han two years.)

Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. Grace/Lake Mary) FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

Make the community at large know about the gospel of Jesus Christ.

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

Be more inclusive

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Very enthused in proclaiming the Word.

Name

James Michael Mozley

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Clergy (Has to be in full connection or a Transitional Local Pastor who have been approved to be ordained. You need to have served a minimum of two years.)

Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. Grace/Lake Mary)

Catalyst for the world. Non profit

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

The GMC is called to make disciples globally as commanded by Jesus in Matthew 28. Our purpose is not in making denominational converts but biblically based disciples.

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

That we stand on the principles as set out by Wesley in his quadrilateral. Primacy of Scripture, tradition, reason and experience. We need to focus on the local need of each church but also have a global focus on the needs of the church worldwide. That each delegate would be challenged and encouraged by the mandate of our church and our biblical principles.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference delegate.

Since 1983, I have been involved in cross- cultural work. I've ministered in 56 countries to date. I served in the local church from my childhood. I was ordained an elder in the UM church in 1993. I served as an associate pastor for six years in the Atlanta area and then served in cross cultural work from 1996 to the present. I started a nonprofit in 2013 called Catalyst for Africa and then dissolved it in 2020 and started another nonprofit in 2025 called Catalyst for the world. We do leadership training, educational development and community transformation. I've served in Asia, Europe, South America and Africa. I have an M Div in missions from Asbury and a Masters of Theology from Akrofi-Christaller Institute of Theology, Mission and Culture. I did Ph D research at School of Oriental and African Studies in London, Oxford Brookes College in Oxford and Rhodes House Library Oxford. I am a theologian, a Christian historian and a practitioner of cross cultural ministry.

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

It is what I live for. I just returned from the country of Kosovo that has been ravaged by ethnic cleansing from the Serbians. I have also served in Democratic Republic of the Congo, south Sudan, Niger. My passion is to train up leaders in as many countries as I can so that they can spread the gospel in some of the most difficult and unreached areas in the world.

Name

Bodie Riddle **115**

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Clergy (Has to be in full connection or a Transitional Local Pastor who have been approved to be ordained. You need to have served a minimum of two years.)

Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. Grace/Lake Mary) Callahan Methodist Church

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

The purpose of the Global Methodist Church is deeply personal; it's about returning to a faith rooted in the authority of Scripture, shaped by the Church's historic teachings, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live lives that reflect the holiness of Jesus Christ.

The Global Methodist Church exists because far too many have watched their denominations drift from truth, silence the gospel, and forsake the call to make disciples. I believe the purpose of our Church is to be a faithful, Spirit-filled people who refuse to compromise on the essentials of the faith, people who boldly preach Christ crucified and risen, who disciple others in obedience, and who aren't afraid to stand for truth even when it's unpopular.

I didn't join the Global Methodist Church to be part of something new. I joined because I believe God is breathing fresh wind into a movement that never should have lost its way. I see our purpose as being a lighthouse for the lost, a training ground for the faithful, and a prophetic voice to a world that desperately needs to know that Jesus still saves, still heals, still transforms.

We are not here to build an institution. We are here to build the Kingdom, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with the Word of God as our foundation, and with the mission of Christ burning in our hearts.

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

For the 2026 General Conference to be truly successful, I believe we must take meaningful steps in three key areas: doctrinal clarity, global representation, and clergy standards.

First, we need to finalize a unified doctrinal foundation. Right now, we're using both the Articles of Religion and the Confession of Faith, and while both are valuable, they don't fully align. We need one clear, biblically sound standard that gives all of us, no matter where we serve, the same foundation to preach, teach, and lead from.

Second, we must take intentional action to ensure real global representation in our leadership and decision-making. Meeting in Africa is more than symbolic; it's a reminder that the Global Methodist Church is just that: global. Every region deserves a voice, and we need structures that reflect the diversity and strength of our worldwide body.

Third, we need to finish what we started when it comes to clergy preparation and accountability. We can't afford to be vague or inconsistent here. If we are serious about spreading scriptural holiness, we must hold ourselves and our pastors to a high standard in training, character, and conduct.

For me, success in Johannesburg looks like more than just passing legislation. It's about setting a course that keeps us faithful, Spirit-filled, and focused on the mission God has given us. If we walk away with these things in place, we'll be stronger, more united, and better equipped to carry the gospel into every corner of the world.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference delegate.

The experiences that prepare me to serve as a General Conference delegate come not just from leadership roles, but from the life God has shaped through both hardship and grace.

Growing up in a military family taught me how to adapt and find stability in constant change. I've also walked through deep personal pain — childhood trauma, the early death of my father, and broken relationships. Those seasons didn't break me; they formed in me a heart that leads with compassion, listens deeply, and stands on truth.

Before pursuing my call, I spent years in corporate leadership, managing people and navigating change. That gave me the skills to work with others across diverse viewpoints and keep the mission at the center. Since being in the ministry, I've helped lead my churches through the UMC's disaffiliation and into a new future with the Global Methodist Church.

I don't come with an agenda, I come with a shepherd's heart, a steady hand, and a desire to help our Church stay rooted in Scripture and alive in the Spirit. If I'm called to serve, I'll bring both conviction and humility to the table.

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sharing the gospel isn't just something I do; it's who I am. I don't preach out of obligation. I preach because I remember what it felt like to be lost, ashamed, and angry, and I remember the moment Jesus found me. The moment everything changed. That's never left me.

I am deeply passionate about reaching people who feel forgotten, wounded, or disconnected from the Church. I've been one of them. So, whether I'm preaching from the pulpit, sitting with someone in pain, or out serving in the community, my goal is always the same: to point people to the transforming power of Jesus Christ.

At Callahan Methodist, I've seen God move in ways that only He can. We opened our doors this past winter to operate a cold-weather shelter, partnering with local leaders and volunteers to serve those with nowhere else to go. It wasn't just about warmth but dignity, hope, and love in Jesus' name. We've also launched discipleship groups, which are helping people move beyond surface faith into real spiritual growth. On top of that, our church has deepened its involvement with local ministries and community needs, showing that the gospel doesn't stop at the sanctuary doors.

That's the fruit I believe matters most: lives being touched, faith being formed, and the Church stepping boldly into the mission field outside its walls. I'm passionate about the gospel because I've seen what happens when the Church gets serious about living it.

Name

Jay Therrell

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Clergy (Has to be in full connection or a Transitional Local Pastor who have been approved to be ordained. You need to have served a minimum of han two years.)

Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. Grace/Lake Mary) The Florida Conference of the GMC

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

I believe the Global Methodist Church exists to do two things: make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness. The General Conference should exist to make sure our denomination remains a nimble movement that can focus on those two objectives. Anything that doesn't support those two purposes has no place in our Book of Doctrines and Discipline. Lastly, the local church, through the saving power of Jesus Christ, is the place where disciples are made. The General Conference must ensure the local church remains the heartbeat and focus of our movement.

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

This General Conference will be a success if we finish plugging polity holes that remain in our Book of Doctrines and Discipline, authorize a Book of Worship with approved liturgy, and elect well-qualified full-time bishops. Moreover, the General Conference will be extremely successful if it ensures that we don't add superfluous paragraphs to our Doctrines and Discipline. The smaller the administrative footprint of our General and Annual Conferences, the more nimble we remain.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference delegate.

I presently serve as superintendent of the Florida Conference of the Global Methodist Church. I was honored and humbled to lead the Florida delegation to the convening General Conference in 2024. I was one of the three authors of the denomination's Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline and chaired the team that created the clergy retirement system. I have also served as global president of the Wesleyan Covenant Association and as president of the WCA - Florida Regional Chapter. I have many years of experience leading local churches and serving in leadership in our former denomination.

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I like to say that the local church is in the hope business. We share the Hope of the World: Jesus Christ! Jesus gave us our marching orders in Matthew 28: make disciples, baptize them, and teach them to obey His commands (what we Wesleyans call spreading scriptural holiness). For too long, we have ignored our Wesleyan heritage of evangelism. Evangelism and discipleship (two sides of the same coin) are the sole purpose of our existence, and nothing makes me more excited than to lead the local church to carry out Jesus' mandate.

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Max Wilkins

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Clergy (Has to be in full connection or a Transitional Local Pastor who have been approved to be ordained. You need to have served a minimum of han two years.)

Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. Grace/Lake Mary)

First GMC Norcross/Norcross GA

1. How do you understand the purpose of the Global Methodist Church? (Please do not restate the church's mission statement in your answer.)

I think the purpose of the Global Methodist Church is to help people become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ, and to discover the beauty and joy of the Wesleyan was of Christian discipleship, with attention to the sacraments and the means of grace, and the pursuit of biblical sanctification. (I will admit that since I think the GMC's beautiful mission statement is the best answer to this question, my own answer has very similar themes).

2. In your opinion, what is the most important thing the General Conference needs to accomplish to be considered as a success?

The facilitating of the ongoing growth and Kingdom advancement of the Global Methodist Church by focusing on reproducing discipleship, robust church multiplication, and emphasis on sanctification. And the building of global unity around a forward leaning vision that sets aside what is past, and fixes our eyes on Jesus.

3. Describe some experiences that will be an advantage to your work as a General Conference delegate.

I served on three different WCA/GMC commissions leading up to the Costa Rica Convening Conference, and as a reserve delegate from Florida at Costa Rica. I am currently serving as the Team Leader for Church Multiplication for the denomination's Commission on Kingdom Advancement and on the executive team of that commission. Additionally, I served for 10 years as President/CEO of TMS Global, during which time I formed important relationships with Methodists around the world. That has given me a global perspective on Methodism. I am currently also serving as a Partnership Ambassador helping facilitate several cross-cultural partnerships within the GMC. In this light, I think I bring some unique experiences in global methodism and cross-cultural engagement that can be helpful as we continue building the world's first truly global denomination from its inception.

4. Describe your passion and fruit for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

After 39 years of ordained ministry that included church planting, strong evangelistic ministry, and a global focus, my passions have narrowed. Increasingly I am concerned primarily with seeing believers live into

the mission of Jesus: to make reproducing disciples who are growing in sanctification. This narrowed focus has also helped in the new work I'm doing with the church multiplication team for the GMC. We are seeing the fruit of reproducing disciples with the emergence of disciple-making and church multiplying movements all over the world through the early efforts of the GMC. It is such an exciting time.