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Monteen Pillay **201**

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

Bridge City Church/St. Johns

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

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the unchurched of our world.

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

To constantly be sharing the word of Jesus Christ throughout the world. We must be an outwardly focused church, reaching the people of our communities.

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

In my career I had the opportunity to deal with many different colleagues and learn to share and influence to have successful outcomes. I also have experience making decisions based on facts to help achieve a goal.

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

My heart is passionate about helping people, showing the love of Jesus. I am not a person that verbalizes as well as I show people through actions.

Name

Lori Rowe

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Name of Your Church/Location (e.g. Grace/Lake Mary) Killearn 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 Global Methodist Church is a body of Christ's disciples, fully devoted to our Lord's command in the Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20 "to go and make disciples of all nations." The GMC is founded on biblical truth and holiness. The purpose of this body of believers is to stand on and adhere to the truth of God's holy Word, to testify to those who do not yet know Christ, make disciples, and through the work of the Holy Spirit, to be transformed into the image of our Lord.

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

To prayerfully build on, expand, and refine the foundational documents and leadership structure established in the 2024 Convening General Conference—with the GMC's mission serving as the touchstone throughout the process.

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

have significant leadership experience in my professional life and also as a lay leader in our church. Professionally, I have served as an appellate judge at Florida's First District Court of Appeal for sixteen years and served as the court's Chief Judge from 2021-2023. Before that, I served as Deputy Chief of Staff in the Executive Office of the Governor, directing policy for eight executive branch agencies in the areas of health and human services and criminal justice.

Our family joined Killearn Methodist Church in 2009 and we have been active members since that time. I have served in several leadership positions. I served as Church Council Chair from January 2019-December 2024. I was a part of the leadership team that worked with our pastors throughout the process of disaffiliating from the UMC and affiliating with the Global Methodist Church. I have also served in our women's and children's ministries, planning retreats and other outreach events.

Our family travelled to South Africa in November 2023, staying in Johannesburg to visit family who lived there for four years. Our family members have relocated back to the United States, but still have significant ties to the area and may be able to be a resource for our work at the General Conference.

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

My spiritual gifts are leadership, administration, and wisdom. The Lord has matched those gifts with my passion for teaching and for international missions.

I have a passion for growing to better know God's word and truth and to continue to grow in my ability to boldly share that truth with others. The fruit can be found in my teaching and leading bible studies and earnestly striving to understand the Bible with other Christ followers and those who don't yet know him. Though my time is limited by a full-time job and managing a very busy family schedule as a wife and as a mother of two teenagers, I find great joy when I am able to devote time to learning and teaching.

I also have a passion for international missions. I have served on missions teams to Leon, Nicaragua three times, planning women's conferences and working with children's memories. Each time I have travelled to Leon, I have witnessed how Christ is drawing followers to Him and have been encouraged in my own faith how boldly Christians in other parts of the world live out their faith. The fruit has been most evident in the friendships I have built with Christ followers in Nicaragua and when the Holy Spirit has moved me to share the Gospel—even in my limited Spanish—with those who do not yet know Christ.

Name

Timothy Smith

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Name of Your Church/Location

Living Hope Clermont

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

My understanding of our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to the world and to our own community. Focusing on the local church is the heart 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?

continue the importance of worship and calling on the Holy Spirit to guide us in this movement.

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

I was a delegate at the inaugural general conference and I have been a leadership chair for my church, Living Hope for 6 years. I am also a retired social studies teacher who is currently working as a financial advisor.

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

I am a child of God who is on the journey of trying to fulfil the calling Christ has put on my heart. Serving in the local church, using my occupation as a mission field and serving on the local board for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes

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Donna Terrell

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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.)

I believe our purpose is to equip each person within a community of believers with knowledge, understanding, hunger, and opportunity in order to pursue holiness in a fully surrendered life to reflect the character of God to, in, and for the nations.

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

Making disciples. That's the imperative. Disciples will go, and baptize, and teach.

But there must be an intentionality and an awareness of how the mission to make disciples is woven into every ministry and activity of the church. The effectiveness of what we are doing also needs to be measured, not by the level of activity but by the transformation of the people.

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

1. I've been to Africa (Uganda) twice before and have a deep love for the continent. I won't be coming with a spirit of fear, but with joy and excitement.

2. I'm in seminary now, so even as a lay delegate I am thinking about the issues of the church and the faith daily in perhaps a more analytic way than most.

3. I was raised as a Southern Baptist, the granddaughter of Southern Baptist preachers. I have chosen to be a Global Methodist not by coming out of the UMC to reclaim that which was lost, but because I have found a home where I can fully serve based on calling. I see this as an advantage because I can look at issues with fresh eyes and not through old wounds. I have wounds, but not in this context.

4. I am in a GMC group at Asbury and people discuss freely issues they think need to be addressed etc. I have that group in addition to my local church to discuss issues and can see things from a variety of geographical and generational experiences.

5. I've been on staff before in a church, so I not only have the lay person perspective, but also an appreciation for how decisions can impact the leadership of local churches. However, even when on staff, I was the voice that kept reminding leadership to consider the laity. For example, perhaps the staff could have a late start to their work day on a Wednesday because they would be at church all night, but our people were working a full day and then also giving their time all night. This isn't a great example relating to the work at the Conference, but it shows an ability to see multiple sides of situations and have empathy

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for those in a different situation.

6. In my work as a recruiter, I have to establish rapport instantly and begin a working relationship with someone as soon as they answer the telephone.

7. This should have been number 1 - Prayer. I have people who pray for me each day. I am so incredibly blessed by that. I will have prayer support and will commit time preceding and during the Conference for focused prayer. I'd like to say prayer and fasting, but I'm just starting to work on that discipline. I aspire to that.

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

This is something that is changing in me. I've always known that I should share my faith and have been trained in Evangelism Explosion in which we would go door to door cold calling for Jesus. :) I've been on mission trips and given my testimony. I've led many Bible Studies and taught school spreading the Gospel message. But I did those things because I knew I should.

It wasn't long ago that I found myself kneeling at the altar and weeping over the lost. My heart broke for them. And suddenly, what I knew I should do changed to something I HAD to do.

I see the fruit in the people who are still walking with the Lord, who are growing in their faith. Sometimes it is really slow - I know I'm often the one sowing the seed. It is in those times that I remember that the Word of God will not return void.