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Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Lisa Ausley

Clergy (Elder)
Crosspoint Church



Local Church / Conference Participation

15 years associate pastor at Crosspoint, prior local church roles as a diaconal minister and ordained deacon serving in local and foreign missions, kids ministry, student ministry, singles ministry, senior adult ministry, served on mission fields in Colombia, Spain, Costa Rica and Mexico, District Committee on Ministry, Conference Board of Discipleship, Board of Ministry (both UM and GMC), speaker for women's retreats and team building events, elected delegate to General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference, Investigative Committee, Psychological Evaluation Team, Board and Executive Board of Directors for One Mission Society (a GMC sending agency), Board and Executive Board for Asbury University, Board of UM Children's Home, Board of Embrace FL Kids, Board of Soul Care Project

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I am in full alignment with the theology and mission of the GMC. Hallelujah and Holiness unto the Lord!

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

At my core is a heart for missions and global ministry. I have served all groups with the local church as well as had significant experience as a missionary and serving mission agencies. I bring a female perspective to ministry while having a heart for all people groups, for the local church, and for missionaries. I've been a part of this conference/area for decades and I know our people, our clergy and our culture. I feel I can represent the AEC/GMC well and with passion.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Rurel Ausley

Clergy (Senior Status)
Crosspoint Church



Local Church / Conference Participation

Lead Pastor at Crosspoint Church for 24 years. Serve Crosspoint now as Lead Pastor Emeritus. Missions Co-ordinator for the AECGMC. Worked at all levels the last 10 years helping to create the Global Methodist Church. Elected to 3 UMC General Conferences and 6 SEJ Conferences. I have networked with African delegates for 15 years. I am currently instructing all of the Presiding Elders and President Pro Tem in the DRC Global Methodist Church. I also oversee all of Crosspoint's Africa ministries.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

All of my training and academic studies have been on the area of Wesleyan Arminian theology. I have lived an entire lifetime waiting for this moment that we could separate from the UMC and become a vibrant expression of what Wesleyan theology really is. The GMC will now be THE expression of historical, orthodox Wesleyan theology ...my heart!

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

I would like to be an Alternate. Since I am Alabama/Emerald Coast Conference Missions Coordinator, I feel that I should be there to meet the other Mission Co-ordinators and seek to recruit other Conferences to partner with the Congo, too. Basically, I would try to use my contacts and networks to raise money. I would also be able to help the African delegates navigate everything. Many of the African delegates will know me. But I do not want to be one of the 5 clergy delegates, these need to be younger. I would prefer just to be available, if needed. I will be happy and celebrate whoever our new AECGMC elects!!

Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Harrison Bell

Clergy (Elder)
Saint James Church



Local Church / Conference Participation

Global Methodist Church Participation:

- LEAD PASTOR, Saint James Church, Montgomery, Alabama (2023-present)
- CHAIR, Transitional Commission on Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits (TCFAPB) for the Global Methodist Church (General Church)
- CONFERENCE SECRETARY, Alabama Emerald Coast Conference of the GMC
- CHAIR, Convening Annual Conference Planning Team
- MEMBER, 2024 Annual Conference Planning Team
- MEMBER, Alabama Emerald Coast Leadership Team

Previous UMC / WCA Participation:

- MEMBER, WCA International taskforce on Connectional Funding.
- MEMBER, Transitional Conference Advisory Team

Pastoral Leadership History:

- Six appointments in Tennessee (Holston Conference UMC) ranging from Associate pastor at very large church, to lead pastor at medium sized and several small churches. Served in Montgomery, Alabama since 2019.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I am fully aligned with the Global Methodist Church's mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly, as attested by becoming the first ordained GMC elder in our region when the denomination began on May 1, 2022.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

I believe that I can bring a unique and desperately needed perspective to the Alabama/ Emerald Coast delegation and the GMC Convening Conference as a whole in the following areas:

- **YOUNG CLERGY:** As a younger clergy member (36 years old) with a vast array of experience in large, medium, and small churches (I was licensed in UMC at 21 and have served in 7 appointments), I can help our denomination shape a future that is vibrant and sustainable, without compromising on our values.
- **LOCAL CHURCH FIRST:** I have been blessed to serve in positions that have affected millions of Global Methodists around the world specifically in the area of keeping connectional funding as low as possible to maximize local church ministries.
- **GLOBAL CHURCH UNDERSTANDING:** I am one of the few clergy that has been able to serve in larger roles in our denomination allowing insights that few others have. As someone who plans to serve the Global Methodist Church for decades to come, I believe I can help shape a denomination that thrives for generations.
- **ORGANIZATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS:** I bring a skill set of organizational leadership through my doctorate degree in organizational leadership and also organizing all the details of the founding of our current annual conference. Our new denomination needs "methods and structure" that will allow for the continued movement of the Holy Spirit.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Larry Bryars

Clergy (Elder)
Stockton/Latham GMC, Presiding Elder



Local Church / Conference Participation

I have served as a pastor of local churches for over 44 years.

District- I have served as DS in 2 districts in our previous denomination and presently serve as Presiding Elder of the Port City District in the GMC.

Conference- Dean of the AEC Cabinet, AEC Leadership Team, Ordination Planning Team and Election Design Team.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I have supported the GMC since inception. I carefully examined the Theology of the GMC as it formed. Therefore, I fully agreed with the core beliefs of the GMC and decided to join our denomination because I was fully aligned with the theology and mission. I am excited that we are calling disciples to a deeper commitment to the Bible and to personal holiness.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

Experience - I was honored to be elected by my peers to serve on six delegations in our previous denomination. I was also honored to be selected to lead three of those delegations. I have discovered that General Conferences have a lot of demands that require preparation to effectively represent our conference, including reading massive amounts of proposed legislation that will guide the future of the GMC.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Craig Carter

Clergy (Elder)
Lynn Haven Methodist



Local Church / Conference Participation

I have served as a Methodist pastor for 35 years. I have been the lead pastor of Lynn Haven Methodist for the past eleven years.

In our previous denomination, I was on district and conference CORE teams, board of evangelism, and district board of ministry.

I worked on the transitional leadership team for the AEC GMC and am on the AEC Election Design Team and Church Multiplication Task Force.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I wholeheartedly support the theology and mission of the GMC. I hold to orthodox Wesleyan Arminian doctrine and strive to "spread scriptural holiness over the land." I am excited by the opportunity we have in the GMC to return to our evangelical roots and bring renewal to the Church and spiritual awakening to our nation and world.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

My ministerial and military experience, along with my organizational and leadership skills, could prove useful as we build our new GMC denomination from the ground up. I believe the local church is where lives are changed and I want our structure and polity to support God's work in those congregations, both small and large. I have deep connections to churches and colleagues in our annual conference and will work to preserve our unity and foster mutual support. In addition, I long for the GMC to be truly global and over the years I have developed partnerships with Methodists in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Zambia, and Uganda.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Tara Chamblee

Clergy (Elder)
St. Mark Methodist Church



Local Church / Conference Participation

Local Church/GMC Conference Participation

Lead Pastor: St. Mark Methodist Church (2021-present); Clergy Mentor for female candidates, Participating in implementing clergy band groups for our conference; Working with fellow Global Methodist Clergy Women to implement female clergy band groups in the denomination; Active in Bethlehem Emmaus Community.

Previous Local Church/ Denomination Participation

Lead Pastor: Asbury United Methodist Church (2016-2021); Children and Youth Pastor: Hartford United Methodist Church (2013-2016); College Small Group Leader: Hartford United Methodist Church (2012-2016); UMVIM Certification: Team Leader for several Mission Trips to Costa Rica with multiple churches participating each trip; Next Step Trainer: Selected to participate in training for Next Steps that allowed me to help other churches discern their next ministry step for their church to help promote church revitalization.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I am a 4th generation Methodist and excited to be part of this new expression of Methodism. In my 36 years of being a Methodist, I finally feel at home in Global Methodist Church. I am excited to serve in a denomination where we are committed to reclaiming our Methodist heritage and experiencing revival. My passion is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, witness boldly, and love extravagantly.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

As a 4th Generation Methodist and one of the few Young Female Clergy (36 yo), I would love the opportunity to serve as a delegate to General Conference. Decisions are going to be made at this inaugural conference that will impact the generations to come and I feel our conference should elect a diverse delegation. I believe my time in managing martial arts schools and studying Elementary Education has helped prepare me to work with individuals from diverse backgrounds. My time in Martial Arts helped me to be discipline and remain calm under high pressure situations while also fostering unity among my instructor team and participating as a tournament judge. My time in the local church has helped to work with people from all walks of life and help discern how God continues to lead us. It would be an honor to serve as one of the clergy delegates for the Alabama Emerald Coast Conference.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Bobby Ellisor

Clergy (Elder)
Global Methodist of Pensacola



Local Church / Conference Participation

Previously served on District Committee on Ministry, District Board of Trustees, Chair of Conference Board of Evangelism and Worship

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I am committed to the authority of the Holy Scripture, The virgin birth of Jesus, the bodily resurrection of Christ, and the passion to move on toward scriptural holiness through the process of sanctification.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

I believe I bring the values of experience, having faithfully served for forty years as a pastor. I also bring the experience of being one of the first pastors in our conference to plant a new congregation the Global Methodist Church of Pensacola, in its first year, is thriving and showing signs of a long term impact for Christ and the GMC in Pensacola.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Nancy Hammond

Clergy (Elder)
Crossview Church



Local Church / Conference Participation

I am currently serving as the pastor of Crossview Methodist Church in Pensacola, FL. Previous denomination positions held: District Nominations, Board of Church Development, Conference Statistician, Walk to Emmaus Board. GMC - Served on the Transitional Conference Advisory Team (TCAT), Finance Co-chair of Alabama/Emerald Coast Conference, and various other ad-hoc committees as they arise. I also serve as Finance Chair of the Asbury Foundation whose purpose is to award scholarships for our conference.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

My personal belief is that I value, above all else, the authority of Scripture and that it is the living, unchangeable Word of God. "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness..." (2 Timothy 3:16) Secondly, I believe that tradition of the church, the Body of Christ, which has been held in high esteem for the past 2000 years, is still valuable for today. In addition, I believe that it is of highest importance that an organization needs to be able to govern itself, and that those connected with it abide by it. Further, I think the mission of the Global Methodist Church to make disciples who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly is a beautiful summary of who we should be as believers. Finally, I believe in the power of connection. I am certain that my beliefs align with the theology and mission of the Global Methodist Church.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

I make a habit of attempting to be well-informed about current events within the Global Methodist Church, the topics related to its formation, and issues occurring in this transitional period. Through the reading of copious books and blogs, listening to podcasts, and attending conferences, I have confidence that I have a pretty good grasp on some of the decisions that need to be made at the convening conference. I also have the gift of administration, a background in accounting/finance, and I feel led to help represent the Alabama/Emerald Coast Conference.

Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Jonathan Hart

Clergy (Elder)
Mulder Church



Local Church / Conference Participation

Since I was fully ordained in 2013 and became eligible, I have served in leadership in some capacity in every district I was appointed within the Alabama West Florida conference of the UMC. In 2012, I attended the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference as a page. I thoroughly enjoyed serving our annual conference's delegation. I also served on the AWF Conference CORE Team from 2016 until I became Global Methodist in May 2023. At local churches I have served, we have also hosted various district and conference level gatherings as a way of participating in our greater connection. In both appointments as a lead pastor, I have shepherded growth in attendance, professions of faith, and discipleship.

Appointment History: 2021 -Present: Senior Pastor, Mulder Church 2017-2021: Senior Pastor, Robertsedale UMC 2011-2017: Discipleship Pastor, Shalimar UMC District and Conference: 2023: Montgomery-Prattville District Committee on Nominations 2016-2023: AWFUMC CORE Team 2022: Hosted district Charge Conference cluster at Mulder Church 2017-2021: Baypines DCOM 2021: Baypines District Committee on Superintendency 2020: Baypines "Deep Change" leadership cohort 2018: Hosted conference "Courageous Conversations" at Robertsedale 2018: Bishop's Clergy Learning Cohort 2018: Hosted district "Catfish and Catechism" at Robertsedale UMC 2013-2017: Pensacola DCOM 2016: Attended Young Clergy Forum, Washington D.C. 2015: Inducted into Order of the Flame (World Methodist Evangelism) 2013: Fully Ordained 2012: Page at Jurisdictional Conference, Lake Junaluska 2011: Ordained Provisional Elder in the AWF Conference.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I want to be a part of an authentic movement of the Holy Spirit as a new expression of Methodism is being formed. My personal beliefs aligned with the United Methodist Book of Discipline as I read it fully for the first time in 2008 through the last published edition in 2016. I am optimistic about preserving the best and renovating what was broken within the UMC. I hold to a traditional view of marriage and human sexuality while appreciating the historic Methodist value of welcoming all people to receive the grace and love of God in Christ and the transforming power and presence of the Holy Spirit. I value our Wesleyan theological and doctrinal heritage and the rich history we have as Methodists of finding ways to promote justice and mercy in each generation.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

The greatest value I bring to our conference delegation is a pastor's heart to honor Christ with this new expression of Methodism and to lead His people well. I have served the Methodist Church in some capacity since 2003 and have been an elder for 13 years. I believe I have perspective on recent history and the youthfulness to be open to new ideas and vision. I also seek to have a heart of peace and to lead well in times of tension or conflict.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Janet Krantz

Clergy (Elder)
Robinson Springs Church, Presiding Elder



Local Church / Conference Participation

I am a fulltime, ordained elder leading Robinson Springs Church (Millbrook AL) as their pastor. I am also serving as a Presiding Elder of River Region/Plains District in AECC. I participated in AECC provisional planning and transitional leadership during AECC inception. I was assigned to AECC Annual Conference Planning Team for 2023 & 2024. Prior to the GMC, I served as a Local Licensed Pastor in AWFUMC since 2015.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

At the core of our theology and mission of the GMC is a surrendered obedience to love the Lord our God with heart, soul, and mind. Further, that we will love one another as we love ourselves. This commandment (Mt 22:37-39) is demonstrated in our mission as a Global Methodist Church. I fully embrace, follow and proclaim our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ, to worship passionately, love extravagantly & witness boldly. Living into this mission affirms my belief in the Triune God as one, true, eternal God - Father, Son & Spirit. From God's grace and mercy, I trust and believe by faith that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, Lord and Savior of my life. I know by God's Word and through the transformative grace experienced in relationship with the Holy Spirit that I will be empowered to live into this mission. Lastly, each day when I fail to live as Christ has commanded me, I return to the presence of God in his grace, and encounter love again.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

Having come from Methodist Lay Ministry, then to an Elder appointment in the local church, and now as Presiding Elder - I bring well rounded laity and clergy experience; as well as, leadership perspectives to the AECC delegation. Prior to vocational ministry, I have career experience for over 28 years in corporate marketing and in public education. As a result, I have an understanding of, and appreciation for organizational communication, structure and polity - which is important for the delegation's tasks. Even more, I desire to see all of our churches thrive in every way possible to live out their respective ministries for the sake of the Gospel of Christ and scriptural holiness. I have served in various size churches and in multiple capacities. Therefore, I believe every person and every church holds a vital position in this AECC and in the GMC to impact the mission and work of Christ. Finally, knowing that this is a call to integrity and earnest work, I commit to seek the Lord first through prayer and in his Word for all that is before us as delegation to General Conference.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Clayton Lassiter

Clergy (Deacon)
Headland Methodist



Local Church / Conference Participation

I'm current the pastor at Headland Methodist Church. I have served on the district board cohort for Dr. Larry Bryars with a panel of other pastors. I also have helped 3-4 pastors in leaving the United Methodist Church and get connected in two conferences. I was awarded the One Matters Discipleship Award in 2022 & have helped write 32 grants totaling \$152k. I also was selected to plant a church in 2015 and helped bring about changes in the conference approach to church planting and multiplication.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

My theological beliefs are deeply rooted in Wesleyan Orthodoxy and Biblical holiness, mirroring the core tenets of the Global Methodist Church. I fervently believe in the transformative power of God's grace, as emphasized in Wesleyan theology, and strive to live out the doctrine of sanctification in my daily life. My commitment to Biblical holiness is unwavering, recognizing the importance of personal and social holiness in aligning with God's will. This alignment underscores my dedication to uphold the Church's teachings, promote spiritual growth, and contribute to its mission in a meaningful way.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

My practiced leadership skills, honed through diverse experiences in the business, theological, and military arenas, offer immense value to the Global Methodist Church General Conference. In the business world, I developed strategic thinking, financial acuity, and team-building capabilities. From the military, I gained resilience, discipline, and the ability to make calm decisions under pressure. In the theological domain, I learned empathy, spiritual discernment, and an understanding of Biblical Holiness in heart and life. These skills enable me to drive strategic vision, foster unity, and navigate complex issues, thereby enriching the Conference's mission and fostering its growth and to help shape the future of our annual conference and create strategic partnerships around the world.

Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Tony McCullough

Clergy (Elder)
Christ Methodist Church (Auburn)



Local Church / Conference Participation

During 14 years of pastoral leadership, I have served faithfully in the following spiritual leadership capacities:

- Chair, AWF Committee on Investigations - 4 years (UMC)
- Member, AWF Conference Finance Committee - 2 years (UMC)
- Chair, Baypines District Trustees Committee - 1.5 years (UMC)
- Member, District Core Leadership Team - 1.5 years (UMC)
- Member, Pastoral Covenant Groups and Clergy-Laity Learning Cohorts (UMC)
- Sunday School Teacher, Montgomery FUMC (2007-2008)
- Certified Lay Speaker, UMC (2008)
- Pastor (Bi-Vocational), Booth UMC (2009-2010)
- Minister, Dexter Avenue UMC (2010-2013)
- Minister, River City Church (2013-2015)
- Minister, Brewton FUMC (2015-2018)
- Senior Minister, Prattville FUMC (2018-2023), Prattville First Methodist Church (2023-2024)
- Senior Minister, Christ Methodist Auburn (March 2024 - Current)

Theological Alignment with the GMC

Guided by a strong Wesleyan theology, my personal beliefs parallel the mission and theology of the Global Methodist Church. With a strong belief in the transformative power of God's grace, my principles are grounded in the Wesleyan tenets of the authority of Scripture, affirmation of the Holy Trinity, a commitment to social holiness, and an integration of faith and works. My life and ministry within the Global Methodist Church are committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit in conveying God's truth and grace to all people in order to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

I believe that I can bring enthusiastic ecclesial spiritual leadership, administrative giftings, a strong desire to build diverse relationships, and a bold proclamation and love for the Word of God to the AECC delegation and the GMC General Conference. My experience as a long-standing Methodist lay person combined with my track record for building the Kingdom of God wherever I have served, in a pastoral capacity, would be extremely beneficial to the important work of this initial meeting (and in subsequent gatherings) of the Global Methodist General Conference.

Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Allen Newton

Clergy (Elder)
Destin Methodist, Presiding Elder



Local Church / Conference Participation

- I presently serve as a Presiding Elder for the Gulf Coast District as well as serve on the Board of Ministry for the AEC / GMC.
- I am a present member of the Board of Directors for our Asbury Foundation.
- I served 4 years as a District Superintendent in the Demopolis and Montgomery-Prattville Districts.
- I also served on the Board of Ordained ministry for 15 years.
- I was a Clergy Delegate to General conference in 2012. And an alternate Clergy delegate to the postponed 2020 General Conference.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I am fully committed to the theology and mission of the Global Methodist Church. I believe is the foundation of who we are as Methodist. It is what my life has been rooted in and continues to grow in. I believe our theology and mission are securely rooted in scripture and have proven fruitful for the Kingdom.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

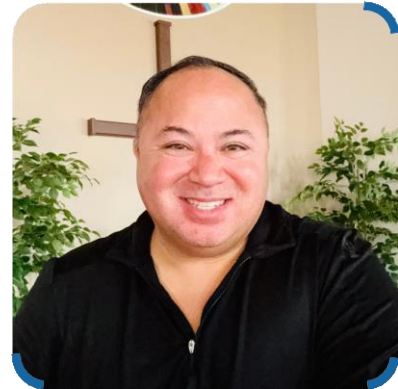
I have served as a leader in both our former UMC and continue to serve the GMC. I believe my theological grounding, my relational friendships and my practical understanding of ministry would serve the GMC well.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Alex Palomaria

Clergy (Elder)
Parker Global Methodist



Local Church / Conference Participation

I'm an elder appointed to Parker Global Methodist Church in Panama City, FL (Beaches/Wiregrass District) of the AL Emerald Coast Conference. I have served the church for 35 years, most recently in the United States Air Force as a chaplain. I led our church to a 100% disaffiliation (the first church in the district to disaffiliate). We are also one of the early churches to disaffiliate in 2022. I provided hundreds of fellow pastors and laity in the UMC a "Lessons Learned" digital binder on "How to Disaffiliate." I assisted the Presiding Elder in my district with a database of pastors and churches that were leaning toward disaffiliation. On the GMC conference level I assisted the Lay Leader as a volunteer cartographer in designing a prototype conference map that has since been modified and updated. At the 2022 laity banquet at Saint James Church I was a guest speaker that shared about the history of Methodism. Currently I'm assisting the Lay Leader in forming a future classes (i.e., Lay Academy) to help local church leaders understand their roles as officers in the church. I've also been appointed by the conference to be a mentor to two candidates seeking Elder Orders.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

My personal beliefs are shaped by God's Word and aligned with the theology and mission of the GMC. Jesus is the Son of the living God (Mt. 16:16-19) and by faith I am God's witness (Acts 2:32). Furthermore, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." (Proverbs 29:18, KJV) I believe that God's Word, God's vision for the church, support the mission of the GMC, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Mt. 28:19, NKJV) I promise the lay and clergy to let my life be guided by the Holy Spirit in preparing His bride (the church) for Christ's return.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

I bring 35 years of ministry experience to the delegation. I was mentored and served on staff at Frazer Methodist under the leadership of Dr. John Ed Mathison. I bring a unique set of leadership skills that I learned from the Air Force while serving in the Middle East, Europe, and South Korea. Additionally, I was stationed in different parts of the United States from the East Coast to the West Coast. While serving in these strategic locations I was blessed to win numerous awards including Chaplain of the Year for South East Asia and for Air Education Training Command. Additionally, I helped transition the chaplain's office at Los Angeles AFB to Space Force. The experience I gained from that transition I think will benefit the continued transition of the GMC. I believe God has given me the opportunity to work and serve all over the world and in the United States for such a time as this. I have been exposed to different leadership styles, customs, and cultures which is an added benefit to the delegation.

Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Joseph Shimko

Clergy (Elder)
Ascension Sacred Heart Emerald Coast
(Extension Ministry)



Local Church / Conference Participation

I have been an ordained elder in the Global Methodist Church since January 1, 2024. I previously served as an ordained minister and elder in the Free Methodist Church since 1998 where I have been a local pastor, and a district and conference leader in Alabama, New York, and Pennsylvania. I was on the ministerial education board (MEG) for seven years and was chair for two years. In 2023, I moved to the Emerald Coast after serving as an associate pastor of a United Methodist Church in Pennsylvania for two years. I accepted the Lead Chaplain position at Ascension Sacred Heart of Emerald Coast in Miramar Beach, Florida. Since moving into the area my family and I started to attend Crosspoint Church, Niceville Campus, where we've gotten actively involved in their small groups ministry and student ministries. I've been following the development of the GMC through the Wesleyan Covenant Association for several years and have found it to be a really good fit for future ministry and leadership. In February of 2024, I was granted ecclesiastical endorsement by the GMC for appointment in the extension ministry setting of healthcare. I've also been invited to assist in the future with the GMC endorsing board in helping interview other potential hospital chaplain candidates.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

John Wesley said, "The world is our parish". This statement has always challenged me to practice ministry outside of the church walls and reach the communities I've been called and appointed for many years. Finding unique ways to communicate the Gospel to a hurting world in need of the saving grace of Jesus has been evident in my life and ministry. Consequently, I believe the intentionality of the GMC to be true to our Wesleyan/ Holiness heritage, which is rooted in the interpretation and living out of scripture as well as reaching the world with the Gospel. This enables me to confidently have the support of the church to do ministry in similar creative ways as Wesley preached and served the people in non-traditional settings and methods.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

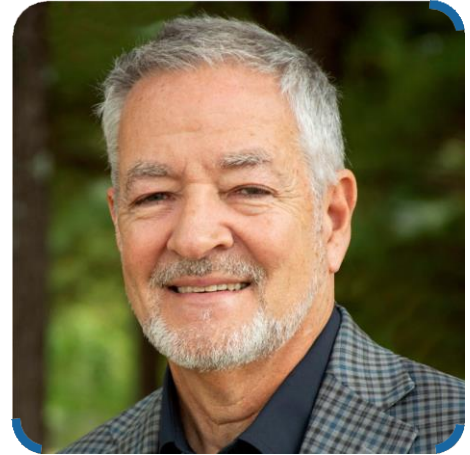
As a graduate of Asbury Seminary in 1998 with a M.Div. in Pastoral Leadership and again in 2020 with a D.Min. in Preaching and Leadership, I bring ministry and leadership experience and education to help the GMC to continue to develop as a new movement and denomination for Kingdom growth. A few things I hold true in my own personal life that I believe would be beneficial to the conference and the GMC at this time...

1. Authority of Scripture: Adhering to the historical and wholistic interpretation of Scriptures believing God has been at work since the beginning of time to save all of creation.
2. Authenticity: Living out the Gospel in our homes, on the job, as well as in our communities and not just on Sundays.
3. Integrity: Being true to our convictions and not whether they go along with the current cultural fads, trends or beliefs.
4. Honor: Following through with our beliefs and covenants with one another (ie. Book of Discipline) and God (ordination).
5. Leadership Development: Raising up and developing of new leaders, whether young or old, male or female, non-educated or educated.
6. Learner: Live with an attitude of curiosity and willingness to learn new things or methods.

Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Lester Spencer

Clergy (Elder)
Alabama Emerald Coast Conference,
President Pro Tem



Local Church / Conference Participation

- Lead Pastor at Saint James Church in Montgomery, AL. for 25 years;
- Lead Pastor at Gulf Breeze UMC in Gulf Breeze, FL. for 5 years;
- Associate Pastor at Auburn UMC, Auburn, AL. for 6 years.
- Served as: Elected as a Clergy Delegate to UM General Conference 2020; elected to serve on several Delegations to other past UMC General Conferences; served as Episcopal Committee Chair in the AWFC for 4 years.
- Served as President of UMVIM SEJ for 8 years.
- Now serve as President Pro Tem of the Alabama Emerald Coast Conference of the GMC.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I wholeheartedly agree with and my personal beliefs align with the theology and mission of the GMC.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

As President Pro Tem of the Alabama Emerald Coast Conference of the GMC since its inception and as the President of the Wesleyan Covenant Association in our conference for the last 8 years, I have worked alongside many others to advance the work of the WCA and the launch of the GMC in our conference. I have played a key leadership role in the organization and launch of the Alabama Emerald Coast Conference as well as the GMC. In my role as President Pro Tem, I meet regularly with the GMC Bishops and President Pro Tems from around the world to continue to expand the work of the GMC and to facilitate its growth. Because of my experience in the GMC, I am very familiar with the structure and the on-going work of the GMC as well as the challenges and decisions facing us as we gather for our first General Conference in San Jose, Costa Rica! I believe this GMC General Conference will not only be historic, but it will be world changing as we make decisions that will impact the world for Christ in new and exciting ways beyond what we can measure. Greater Things are yet to come!



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Terry Tatum

Clergy (Elder)
Lynn Haven Methodist



Local Church / Conference Participation

I have served as a Methodist pastor in Northwest Florida for the past 16 years. During that time, I have served on various committees on the district level including three years on the district core team. I was honored to receive the Harry Denman Evangelism Award in 2022. I have also had the opportunity to speak at a few district conferences to encourage small membership churches.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I am a sinner saved by grace who thanks God every day for another chance to serve Him. I believe that I am still a work in progress and through God's Sanctifying Grace I am moving on to perfection. At the core of who I am you will find a man who loves God and loves others while trying to live out a Wesleyan Arminian theology. I am forever thankful for the opportunity to serve in the Global Methodist Church where it is our mission to worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. If we can live out this mission I have no doubt that one day we will hear God say, "Well done good and faithful servant".

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve in this area at both large and small membership churches as Lead Pastor, Executive Pastor, and Next Steps Pastor. I have also had the chance to be heavily involved in mission efforts in Mexico, Honduras, and in Uganda. These experiences have given me a more global vision and better understanding of the needs of different cultures and different size congregations. Because of these experiences I believe I can bring a well-rounded viewpoint as a delegate to General Conference. I feel like I would represent the theological beliefs and values of the members of the Alabama Emerald Coast Conference, and other conferences around the world. I would consider it a true honor to serve as a delegate to General Conference.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Barbara Brown

Laity
Mulder Church



Local Church / Conference Participation

I have been a member of Mulder Church for 23 years. Thirteen of those years were spent serving on the church staff as an administrative professional. I have served on numerous church committees, including serving as the Chairperson - Church Council, education chair and coordinator of our connect ministry. I was also a lay leader for our congregation.

At the district level (before disaffiliation), I was part of the Board of Pensions and Health Benefits.

Currently, I facilitate two women's small groups while actively participating in current church ministries. I also provide administrative support to the Presiding Elder of the River Region Plains District.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I believe the Bible to be the inerrant Word of God and embrace all the GMC offers to the Methodist church.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

Having been actively involved in church leadership and serving on a church staff gives me a unique gift package that I believe can be used to benefit the AECC and the GMC as we work to establish a denomination that will bring Glory and Honor to God.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Vicki Bryars

Laity
Stockton/Latham GMC



Local Church / Conference Participation

Local Church - As a clergy spouse for over 40 years I have been involved in all of the activities and worship of the local church. More specifically, in the choir, soloist and director of children's choirs and VBS. I taught Sunday school, Bible studies and been the featured speaker for special events.

District - As the spouse of a district superintendent for two tenures I organized and hosted the annual summer Welcome gatherings and the Christmas parties for the clergy and spouses.

Conference - Attended Annual Conferences for over 40 years and co-hosted several Clergy Spouse Luncheons. Southeastern Jurisdiction - Attended the past 6 Jurisdictional Conferences and hosted the receptions for the Bishop and attendee's from our conference. I was also asked to be a member of the Bethea Welcome Center committee at Lake Junaluska. General Conference - Attended 2 General Conferences as an observer.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

As a supporter of the Wesley Covenant Association for many years, I attended several of the international gatherings. I became a member of the WCA and Global Methodist Church because of my agreement with the theology and mission. I actively attended numerous informational meetings that prepared the way to launch the Alabama Emerald Coast Conference. I stand firmly with a commitment to Scripture and personal/social holiness.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

I will take seriously the responsibilities of a delegate by being knowledgeable of the proposed legislation for the future of the denomination and faithfully attend the sessions to represent our conference. I will bring my conservative values to all decisions.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Nathan Cherolis

Laity
First Methodist Church of Bay Minette



Local Church / Conference Participation

I have been a member since 2010. I have served on the SPRC in multiple stints and am chair of the PPR now. I was chair of the task force on disaffiliation, and I have served as youth pastor (volunteer) on two occasions totaling 5 years. I have been an alternate delegate to annual conference as well.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I am a Matthew 28 Wesleyan. I love the GMC because it is all about discipleship. We are here to make disciples. That's my calling and that's the focus of the GMC.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

I have been a Methodist my whole life. I watched what happened in the UMC for decades. While we cannot look backwards or act in fear, we cannot make the same mistakes. I will focus on getting help for the local churches to make disciples.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Jacque Cooke

Laity
Crosspoint, Pace AKA Grace Methodist
Church



Local Church / Conference Participation

Member of Crosspoint, Pace for 54 years (please note we have had name changes through the years). Served in various roles and positions; Wednesday Night study teacher for grades 3-5; Children's Church 18 years; I have participated and team taught adult bible studies; Feeding the Gulf Coast; a previously trained volunteer for UMCOR ERT (now expired); SPRC member and chair person, nominating committee, Lay Delegate; successfully helped with laity led movement in our church to disaffiliate from the UMC; helped lead our church during decision to join Global Methodist; helped lead the process of voting to merge with Crosspoint; chaired Transition team while not having a pastor; member of Executive Team for Crosspoint, Pace. Though it is not offered at my church, for the past five years, I have participated and lead in BSF (Bible Study Fellowship), an intense bible study.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I know I am a sinner saved by Grace by my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through his death and resurrection. I believe the one GOD in three persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. I believe God sent his only Son to die on the cross to pay the price for my sins so that I might have eternal life. I know I am made new each day and strive to live as Christ modeled. While I was justified the day I accepted Christ into my heart, I work steadily through the power of the Holy Spirit that resides with me and in me of being transformed into the person God planned. I strive to be a light bearer for HIM (though not always successfully) witnessing to others (working on really using every opportunity to be a witness) so that others may know HIS love and be saved. I believe in the power of Prayer. I know that I know my Savior hears each one of my prayers and knows my heart.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

I bring my excitement and commitment to follow Christ. I have served in multiple capacities in my church and community. I am a retired school administrator (41 yrs public school) with a diverse background in teaching, counseling, and in administration. My husband and I were given the opportunity to have and raise two amazing children who have given us two even more amazing granddaughters. I have a heart for people and love serving. I have an established history of being able to work well with others and I enjoy it. I am beyond excited about our back to our roots expression of Methodism known as the Global Methodist Church. Finally, we are focusing on what God intended us to do... preaching his Word in order to make disciples for Christ.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Nominee Information

Faith Ellisor

Laity
Global Methodist of Pensacola



Local Church / Conference Participation

I am married to Rev. Bobby Ellisor and have served the church gladly and wholeheartedly with him for over 25 years.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I believe that Jesus Christ is the One truly begotten Son of God. That the divinity of Christ is solid and the Word of God is the basis for which all decisions are made. I believe His Word is Truth - without exception and that the same God of the Old Testament; the same Christ of the New Testament; the same Holy Spirit indwelling therein is the same then, today, and forever.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

As a lover of Jesus Christ, His church, and His people, I count it the greatest honor in life to serve all through serving in the church. I bring a host of administrative, marketing, and communication skills that can be of benefit to our conference and I am more than willing to serve in any capacity needed.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Clergy Nomination

Gene Floore

Laity
Destin Methodist



Local Church / Conference Participation

Past Local Church: Church Council Chairman, Building Committee Chairman, SPR Chairman, Lay Delegate To Annual Conference, Finance Committee, Trustee Committee, Stewardship Committee.

Past Pensacola District: Chairman of Church Buildings and Location committee, District Lay Leader

Past AWF Conference: CFA board member, CORE Team Chairman, Methodist Foundation Board of Directors, Methodist Homes of Alabama and NW Florida Board of Directors, Elected Conference Lay Leader, Elected Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference Delegate, Elected General Conference Delegate

Current Alabama/Emerald Coast Conference of the GMC: Leadership Team Member, Cabinet Member, annual conference Planning Team, Election Team and last but not least: The First Conference Lay Leader of our newly formed AEC Conference.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

Very Simply I believe in a traditional Interpretation of scripture. I believe in a church and denomination that will proclaim the word of God as Written and witness boldly.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

Since before our inception as a provisional annual conference in the GMC and before the GMC launched as a denomination, I have been working with other key leaders to design, build and launch our Alabama Emerald Coast Conference of the GMC. I have spent 2 years traveling to all corners of our conference speaking to hundreds of churches ,Leadership Teams, Lay Groups, new church starts, etc. answering questions about both the UMC the GMC and the difference between the two. Because of this unique experience being in on the ground floor of creating our conference, that has afforded me a very unique perspective during this transitional period. it is easy to see areas in our discipline that we need to strengthen in order to never go through a division we all have just experienced. Strengthening the Local Church is critical to our success in the future as a vibrant thriving GOD centered movement. So my experience being part of creating our conference, leading others to join our movement provides me excellent hands on experience. Knowing the structure, organization, and people of the church is critical to be a successful General Conference Delegate.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Clergy Nomination

James “Jim” Hammond

Laity
Crossview Church



Local Church / Conference Participation

Active for 20 years in the Walk to Emmaus Ministry at Blue Lake. Have served many positions along with the Board of Directors. Locally, I have served as SPR Chair, Sunday School Superintendent and currently am the recovery pastor (Celebrate Recovery) and youth pastor for Crossview Methodist Church in Pensacola. I have always served in the Choir and Men's ministries. I am a proud clergy spouse, as my wife is an ordained elder in the GMC. At the District/Conference level, I am a prior Harry Denman Evangelism Award winner (2021).

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I truly believe the Global Methodist Church is Holy Spirit-inspired and that our theology is clear and biblically based. Worship Passionately, Love Extravagantly and Witness Boldly are set in my heart's foundation. I am passionate about my witness and want the world to hear the message.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

Looking at the Global Methodist Church formation, I am resolute in leading a charge for accountability and responsibility during this period we are in. I consider this time of renewal as a call to Holiness and want to do all in my power to help in any way possible with the Lord's guidance.

Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Clergy Nomination

Roy E. McBryar

Laity
First Methodist Church of Bay Minette



Local Church / Conference Participation

Currently serving as the Lay Delegate of the First Methodist Church in Bay Minette, AL. I have served in various roles and positions such as, Lay Speaker, leading and co-leading bible adult study classes, Finance and Investment Committees, Trustees, SPRC, Co-chair Committee to investigate issues surrounding Disaffiliation from the UMC.

As a previous member in the UMC, I served as a member and Chairperson for the Bay Pines District Trustees, Buildings and Location Committee and the Core Team Committee. As a member, I was involved in Budget and Financial issues as well as Legal issues relating to UMC owned Properties.

Currently serving as a member of the Alabama/Emerald Coast Conference of the GMC Leadership Team, Election Design Team, and Legal Team assisting in the formation and Incorporation of the AECC of the GMC.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I believe in the authority of Scripture, that the Bible is the living, unchanging Word of GOD. With this core belief, I carefully examined the Theology of the Global Methodist Church and fully embrace our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ, who worship passionately, love extravagantly and witness boldly. My belief in the GMC movement and our mission is one reason I am serving the AECC of the GMC.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

As an Attorney, Certified Public Accountant, and Financial/Investment Consultant for over forty years, it is my belief that I can use these God given talents to assist the AECC and General Conference in accomplishing our mission. Having followed the GMC movement since inception, I am familiar with the structure and the on-going work of the GMC and am willing to accept and assist in developing answers to the challenges, opportunities, and decisions we will encounter in our first General Conference.

Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Clergy Nomination

Debbie Smalley

Laity
Christ Methodist Church of Auburn



Local Church / Conference Participation

I was one of the leaders of the Steering Committee which led the disaffiliation effort of our group from Auburn UMC. When we were not allowed a vote, I was one of the leaders of the Leadership Team which has successfully sustained and grown our breakaway group into a thriving GMC congregation with Dr. Tony McCullough as our first pastor and Dr. George Mathison as our Pastor Emeritus. I was a member of the TCAT led by Dr. Lester Spencer which organized and launched the AECC. I have been serving on the AECC Leadership Team and the AECC Board of Ministry since their beginnings.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I am in full agreement with all that the GMC stands for, but what resonates with me personally is the aspect of joyfully serving others and worshiping God in fellowship with other GMC members. Also, of utmost importance to my beliefs, is the commitment to the Lordship of Christ, the inspiration and authority of Scripture, and the work of the Holy Spirit. And most of all, I support the GMC in the making of disciples who make disciples!

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

I was a member of the UMC for over 40 years and a lay delegate to Annual Conference. I didn't really begin to study the UMC Book of Doctrine until around 2012 when I began to perceive the many violations of it. Since then I have practically memorized parts of it, it seems, in order to point out the many violations in our local church. I closely followed the formation of the GMC Book of Doctrines and Discipline. I feel that I could offer the experience and knowledge I've gained from being involved with the GMC and the AECC since their inceptions. Being involved on the conference level has given me insight into the 'whole' picture which I believe helps when it's time to make decisions for all GMC members.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Clergy Nomination

Bruce Strampe

Laity
Parker Global Methodist



Local Church / Conference Participation

- Church: Methodist Member (1971-Present);
- Lay Leader (2021-Present);
- Trustees Chair (2016-2023);
- Preached three sermons (Parker);
- Led local church to disaffiliate.
- District: Board of Directors at "The Ark" retreat center (2021);
- Lay Servant - Conference: Lay Delegate (2019 & 2024),
- Wesley Covenant Association (2018-2019)

Theological Alignment with the GMC

My personal beliefs are that the Quadrilateral was used improperly with the formation of the UMC. The GMC must establish at the General Conference that the Bible is primary in our beliefs and theology.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

I fully understand what my calling is and have accepted it fully. This calling is to be a servant of the Lord and His people of the Alabama/Emerald Coast Conference. I whole heartedly put God first in all things.



Global Methodist Church Convening Conference Clergy Nomination

Rebecca Williams

Laity
Saint James Church



Local Church / Conference Participation

I serve as the director of children's and women's ministry at Saint James Church. I am responsible for overseeing a children's ministry which averages over 150 weekly children and an active women's ministry. I also help lead a young adult Sunday School class and provide mentoring to young mothers.

Theological Alignment with the GMC

I hold to the historic orthodox views of the Global Methodist Church and align fully with its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

Value Brought to the Delegation and General Conference

I have a heart for the next generation becoming fully committed disciples of Jesus Christ. I have spent my life investing in the children, youth, and young adults, first as a kindergarten teacher, then in higher education, school system administration, and now in church ministry with children.

I want to make sure that the Global Methodist Church will outlive all of us and ensure that our denomination is able to hold strong to its values and theology while making sure we are adapting our methods and outreach to ensure that we have children, youth, and young adults for generations to come to make our local churches strong and sustainable.