



**2024 Annual Conference**

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# Conference Journal

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# Welcome to the Upper Midwest Annual Conference

## Being Filled

Welcome to the Upper Midwest Provisional Conference's first annual conference! Our theme this year is "Being Filled." For me, this past year has felt a lot like being emptied.

I was letting go of things that are behind me.

I was pouring out old ways. It can be energy

draining to do this work. However, the emptying is needed to make space for what comes next.



We have made room and now we will ask God to pour out his spirit that we will be filled. We will invite God to give us guidance as we continue to build the structure of our conference. Developing a conference that is focused on serving the local church will mean putting off some old ways and being open to the new. This will take all of us working together with our mission in focus of making disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

My hope through our annual conference together you will have opportunities to be open and allow the Holy Spirit to be poured into you. The Spirit will refresh you and send you into the communities of our Upper Midwest Conference to pour his love and grace on all those who desperately need to know the love of God. I hope you come to annual conference ready to pour into others as they pour into you.

May God bless our time together and may he make it fruitful for his kingdom.

Rev. James E. Parks  
President Pro Tempore  
Upper Midwest Provisional Conference

# Our Mission, Vision, Purpose, and Context

## The Upper Midwest Provisional Conference of the Global Methodist Church

**Our Mission:** To lovingly walk alongside laity and clergy as they make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

**Our Vision:** Every church is instrumental, and every leader is effective in sharing the saving and transforming Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Our Purpose:** The Upper Midwest Provisional Conference of the Global Methodist Church exists to create a culture of discipleship and mission by supporting local churches and clergy by shepherding, connecting, and equipping local congregations to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Shepherding churches, clergy, and laity by providing grace-filled accountability and support to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Connecting to facilitate life-giving relationships with churches and clergy that are collaborative and mutually beneficial so that we are united in our mission.

Equipping local churches and clergy by providing the necessary resources within their specific context as a means of assisting them so that they will grow in their vitality and effectiveness to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Our Context:** The Upper Midwest Provisional Conference of the Global Methodist Church is a large geographical area that encompasses seven state regions: North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, Montana, and Wyoming. Though the provisional conference seems large, everyone in this area is accustomed to building relationships and trust across great distances—it is in our DNA. This ability to collaborate and connect across the plains has enabled each region to contribute their own unique gifts and talents to the Upper Midwest Provisional Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

We are dedicated to the rebuilding and strengthening of orthodox Methodism, and to creating both a replicating discipleship and missional culture that will expand the connectional church bonds within the Upper Midwest Provisional Conference and that will also connect with others in the Global Methodist Church. We understand that there is much work that must be done to continue building this new discipleship and missional culture that actively embraces the above mission, vision, and purpose statements. We understand that every church is vital, and every leader is effective in sharing the lifesaving gospel message.

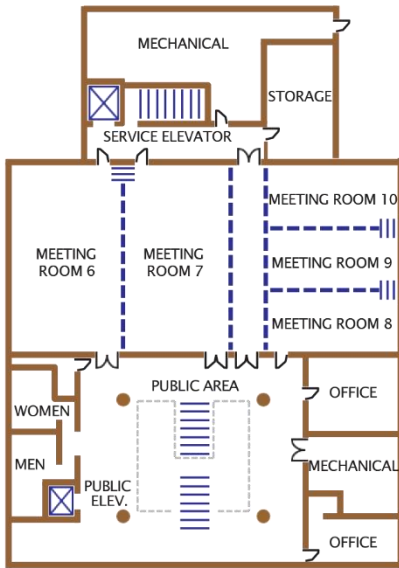


# Convention Center Site Map

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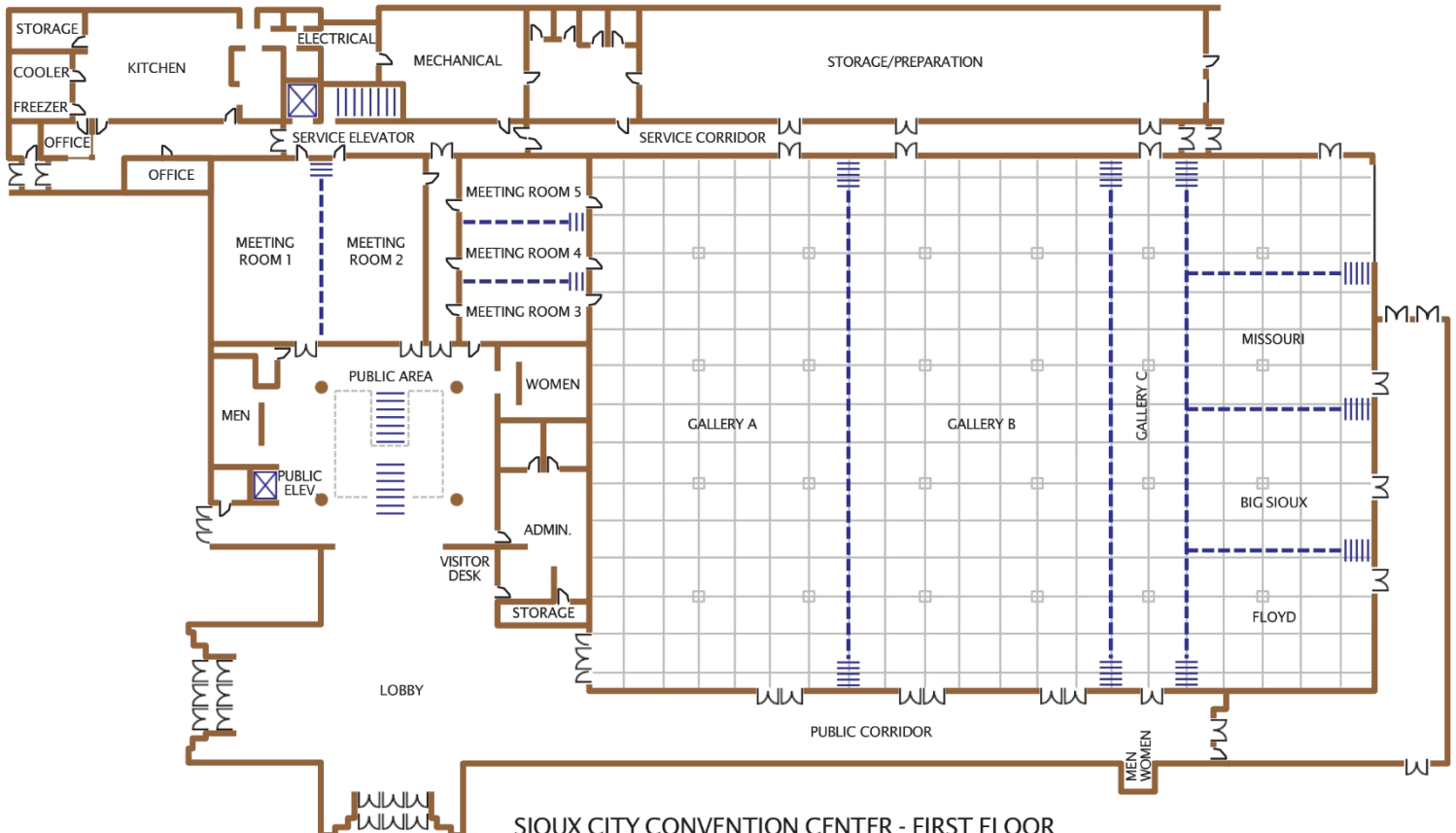


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**METHODIST CHURCH**  
 UPPER MIDWEST CONFERENCE

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# Annual Conference Schedule

## Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>

2:00 PM	ORDINAND MEETING W/BISHOP WEBB	Upper Level Room 6
2:30 PM	BOARD OF MINISTRY MEETING	Main Level Room 1
3:00 PM	DISPLAYS/VENDORS SET UP	Lobby
4:00 PM	DINNER ON YOUR OWN	
5:00 PM	CHECK IN OPENS	Lobby
5:00 PM	DISPLAYS/VENDORS OPEN	Lobby
6:00 PM	WELCOME & OPENING SESSION (Speaker: Rev. James Parks)	Gallery B
7:45 PM	TIME OF PRAYER	Gallery B
8:30 PM	FELLOWSHIP TIME	Gallery B & Lobby
9:30 PM	DISPLAYS/VENDORS CLOSE	Lobby

## Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN	
	SPECIAL GROUP GATHERINGS	Various Meeting Rooms
7:45 AM	Multiplication Team Breakfast	Main Level Room 1
7:45 AM	Breakfast & Curriculum Conversation with Group Publishing	Main Level Room 2
8:00 AM	Asbury Seminary and Friends	Upper Level Rooms 6/7
8:15 AM	Men's Ministry Morning Coffee	Main Level Rooms 3/4/5
8:15 AM	Seedbed	Upper Level Rooms 8/9/10
8:30 AM	CHECK IN OPENS	Lobby
8:30 AM	DISPLAYS/VENDORS OPEN	Lobby
9:00 AM	MORNING TIME OF PRAYER	Gallery B
9:45 AM	CLERGY SESSION	Upper Level Rooms 6/7
9:45 AM	LAITY SESSION	Gallery B
11:00 AM	BREAK	
11:15 AM	WORSHIP SESSION (Speaker: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Moore)	Gallery B
12:30 PM	LUNCH PROVIDED	Gallery B
1:30 PM	BUSINESS MEETING & HISTORICAL QUESTIONS	Gallery B
3:15 PM	BREAK	
3:30 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	Various Meeting Rooms
	Blessman International	Main Level Room 1
	Dirt Roads Network	Upper Level Room 7
	Empowering Ethnic Ministry	Main Level Rooms 3/4/5
	Finance Benefits	Upper Level Room 6
	How Kids Learn	Main Level Room 2
	Women's Ministry	Upper Level Rooms 8/9/10
3:30 PM	ORDINATION REHEARSAL	Gallery B
4:30 PM	CHOIR REHEARSAL	Gallery B
4:30 PM	DINNER ON YOUR OWN	
6:30 PM	EVENING WORSHIP SESSION (Speaker: Rev. Dr. Carolyn Moore)	Gallery B
7:45 PM	TIME OF PRAYER	Gallery B
8:30 PM	FELLOWSHIP TIME	Gallery B & Lobby
9:30 PM	DISPLAYS/VENDORS CLOSE	Lobby

## Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>

	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN	
8:20 AM	CLERGY GATHER BEFORE ORDINATION FOR PROCESSION	Main Level Room 1
9:00 AM	ORDINATION SERVICE (Speaker: Bishop Mark Webb)	Gallery B



# Guest Speakers Bios

## Bishop Mark Webb

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GMC

Bio: Bishop Mark Webb served as the bishop of the Upper New York Annual Conference of the UM Church for over 10 years. Prior to his role as a bishop, he pastored three local churches and served as a district superintendent in Pennsylvania for 23 years. His clergy colleagues elected him as a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 2004, 2008, and 2012. He received the Harry Denman Evangelism Award in 2002, and in 2018 he was named as one of the top 100 leaders by the John C. Maxwell Transformational Leadership Award.



A graduate of Shippensburg University (Shippensburg, Pennsylvania) with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Bishop Webb also holds a M. Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary (Wilmore, Kentucky) and a graduate certificate in nonprofit management from the University of Connecticut (Storrs, Connecticut). He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of United Theological Seminary (Dayton, Ohio).

Bishop Webb lives in Lititz, Pennsylvania and is married to Jodi. They have two sons, Tyler, who is married to Lyndsay and Benjamin, who is married to Mary.

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## Rev. James Parks

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE  
UPPER MIDWEST PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE  
OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Bio: James Parks serves half-time as our president pro tempore of the Upper Midwest Conference. In August he will be changing his local church appointment from Christ Church in Davenport, Iowa to Marion Methodist in Marion, Iowa. Marion Methodist is the church where James was discipled as he grew up. He will serve in Marion half-time, alongside his co-pastor and wife, Helen. They have two children.

James is passionate about helping in the formation of the Global Methodist Church. He sees great possibilities in a church centered on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as known through the scriptures. A church that speaks truth and grace has the ability to transform this world when powered by the Holy Spirit.

James is also working to develop good systems for our Upper Midwest Conference. These systems will be focused on serving the local church. He envisions our conference supporting the local churches by shepherding, connecting, and equipping them to make disciples of Jesus Christ. He is excited to see all that God calls us to in the future.



## Rev. Dr. Carolyn Moore

ORDAINED ELDER GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Carolyn Moore has served for twenty-five years as a pastor and is ordained in the Global Methodist Church. For five years, she served as an associate pastor where she launched a contemporary service as an outreach for a church in a historic Vaudeville Theater. In 2003, she was appointed to Evans, Georgia, to plant a new church, where she has served as founding and lead pastor for 20 years.



Carolyn was born and raised in Augusta, Georgia, and graduated from the University of Georgia (B.A.– Religion, 1985) and Asbury Theological Seminary (Master of Divinity, 1998; and Doctor of Ministry, 2018). Her doctoral degree focused on church planting with an emphasis on how women lead spiritually.

In addition to serving as a pastor, Carolyn hosts a podcast and blogs on issues related to holiness, supernatural ministry, and Wesleyan theology at [ArtOfHoliness.com](http://ArtOfHoliness.com). She is the author of four Bible studies (Encounter Jesus, Encounter the Spirit, Encounter the Father and Supernatural, published by Seedbed) and two books (The 19, published by Abingdon; and When Women Lead, published by Zondervan). She has served on various boards and commissions promoting missions, outreach, and the Global Methodist Church.

Carolyn has been joyfully married since 1985 to Steve Moore, a retired public-school teacher and avid student of U.S. History. They have one daughter who is married with two children.

# Breakout Sessions Descriptions

## Breakout Session 1:

### Blessman International

**Presenter:**

Jim Blessman



**Workshop Description:**

Join Dr. Jim Blessman of Blessman International as we discuss how to engage in global missions. Since 2001, Doc has been ministering to the impoverished children of the Limpopo province of South Africa. Today, Blessman International strives to meet the desperate physical needs the children in this region have, to gain the opportunity to speak to their great spiritual need for Jesus Christ. Learn how water well projects, hygiene and sanitation programs, and a robust feeding program in Southern Africa are reaching tens of thousands of children with the good news and impacting eternity for the Kingdom of God.

**Main Level Room 1**

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## Breakout Session 2:

### Dirt Roads Network

*Leading Leaders in the Midwest*

**Presenters:**

Rev. Steve McVey

Rev. Zach Kingery

**Workshop Description:**

Understanding how your leadership team and congregation sees the world plays a major role in working together to advance the Kingdom of God. Join Rev. Steve McVey, founder of Dirt Roads Network, and Rev. Zach Kingery, Elder in the Upper Midwest GMC, in a conversational breakout on general comparisons between agrarian and business mindsets.



**Upper Level Room 7**

### Breakout Session 3:

#### Empowering Ethnic Ministry:

##### *Case Studies and Coaching Strategies*

#### Presenters:

Erik Shin: Case Study

Patrick Munyakazi: Partnership with Ethnic Churches & Pastors

Mike Morgan - Cross Cultural Coaching



#### Workshop Description:

This session will explore practical case studies and innovative coaching strategies aimed at empowering ethnic pastors and churches. Attendees will gain insights into successful approaches for cross-cultural and cross-racial ministry and learn about the transformative impact of targeted coaching initiatives.

Main Level Rooms 3/4/5

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### Breakout Session 4:

#### Finance Benefits

##### *Information and Questions*

#### Presenter:

Jeff Pospisil



#### Workshop Description:

Do you have questions concerning the financial obligations of being a church in the Global Methodist denomination? Are you wondering about how churches and pastors will be affected by the upcoming move to GuideStone for pension and health benefits? In this session, we will cover these questions as well as do our best to answer any other church finance question you may have.

Upper Level Room 6

## Breakout Session 5:

### How Kids Learn

**Presenter:**

Group Publishing

**Workshop Description:** What makes a lesson great? Is it the teacher? The topic? the supplies? Or might it be the kids themselves?



When you discover how kids learn best, every lesson becomes impactful and memorable. Explore Jesus' teaching, specifically the parable of the sower, to develop a more effective approach to leading kids. You will discover how to help kids not just hear but truly understand God's Word. Plus, unlock secrets of the brain that lead to long-term memory.

**Main Level Room 2**

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## Breakout Session 6:

### Women's Ministry

*Exploring New Beginnings*

**Presenter:** Carla Johnson

**Isaiah 43:19 New Living Translation**

"For I am about to do something new.  
See, I have already begun!"



**Workshop Description:**

Ladies, come and join us as we explore how to begin! We will journey through some beginnings in the Word of God. We will talk about beginnings in our own lives, beginnings in our churches and beginnings in the GMC. We look forward to spending time with you!

**Upper Level Rooms 8/9/10**

# Business Session Agenda

*Only those with badges marked as "Voting Laity" and "Voting Clergy" may participate in voting. All are welcome to attend.*

Call to Order & Prayer Rev. James Parks

Cabinet Report Rev. Henry Jenkins  
• Jethro Report Rev. Mike Morgan

General Conference Delegates Bishop Mark Webb

Report of the Board of Ministry Rev. Valerie Reinhiller  
• Candidates approved for Ordination

Ethnic Ministry Rev. Jonathan Lee

Disaster Response Rev. Phil Rogers

South Africa Conference Partnership Rev. Ross Reinhiller

Multiplication Team Rev. Zach Kingery

Finance & Administration Report Traci Ludeke  
• Presentation of Budget

Benediction Bishop Mark Webb

# Conference Standing Rules

Organizational Resolutions and Standing Rules for Upper Midwest Provisional Conference of the Global Methodist Church, 1<sup>st</sup> Session.

1. Robert's Rule of Order is the primary source of parliamentary procedure employed by the 1st Session of the Upper Midwest Provisional Conference of the Global Methodist Church.
2. The printed agenda becomes the official agenda of the Conference, with adjustments as necessary. All requests for additional items to be placed on the agenda shall be submitted to the Conference Secretary.
3. The bar is Gallery B whether set up as tables or as an auditorium. All in attendance are invited to be seated though only voting members both laity and clergy are given voice and vote. All votes are limited to the bar of the Conference.
4. The following persons are given both voice and vote during the business session of the Annual Conference:
  - a. Registered Lay Members of the Annual Conference who represent Global Methodist Charges or Church who are officially recorded as part of the Upper Midwest Provisional Conference of the Global Methodist Church.
  - b. Registered Clergy assigned or appointed to an official Global Methodist Charge or Church. Registered Clergy who serves in an officially recognized appointment beyond the local church. Clergy who are appointed to Senior Status and are within the first seven years of that appointed status.
5. Voting on some topics is restricted by the Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church. The presiding officer will inform the body of the Annual Conference when restrictions apply to a specific vote.
6. The presiding officer may grant other persons the right of voice during the Conference.
7. During debate or addressing the Annual Conference from the floor the speaker will state their name, church and status of laity or clergy.

# Cabinet Report

Our presiding elders began their work in January 2024. Their task is to shepherd, connect, and equip the pastors and churches in their district. This is done through regular gatherings and specifically guiding churches through our consultative appointment process.

We have a couple of celebrations for this Annual Conference. First, Rev. Mike Morgan will be moving out of his presiding elder role as he moves to senior status. He will take on a role with a new initiative called the Jethro Project. The Cabinet has selected Rev. Andrew Happ to become the new presiding elder of the East Central District in Iowa.

Second, we have seen additional churches join our conference and therefore need to add a new district in Iowa. The Cabinet will bring a motion to the annual conference to increase the districts in Iowa by one. This will take effect July 1, 2024. We will then recommend the appointment of a new presiding elder in Rev. Bruce Smith. This will give us 18 presiding elders for the conference.

Please continue to pray for your presiding elders as many of them serve their local church and the conference in this vital ministry.

## Jethro Project

Jethro, though not a prominent figure in Scripture, blessed God's people through his seasoned experience and insight. As the Upper Midwest Conference grows towards the vital organization necessary for the Kingdom building work to which it is called, some structural assistance is offered by the Senior Members of the Conference. These men and women labored for decades in the church and movement(s) that birthed the Global Methodist Church. Their passion for Christ, expertise and experience in ministry could be very valuable in these fledgling moments of our ministry when channeled towards specific things.

Therefore, given the geographical and "church" cultural diversity of the Upper Midwest Conference we propose the Jethro Project be affirmed and supported. The Jethro Project is aimed at the following ministries:

### 1. Recruitment

- a. **Congregations** – In the states making up the Upper Midwest Conference, dozens of congregations have disaffiliated from United Methodism but not affiliated with any denomination. Because many senior members developed relationships over the years and have access to the leadership in these local churches, they are positioned by God to invite congregations to join the Global Methodist Church.
- b. **Congregational Leaders** – Presently, Senior Members were all early adapters, who guided congregational leaders in both churches they served as well as others to



understand the Methodist way as it is embodied in the Global Methodist Church. Their methodologies could be used to assist GMC congregations both to expedite their “learning curve” and to instruct inquiring congregational leaders in this work of discipleship.

- c. **Lay and Vocational ministers** – Both full and part time ministers are needed to preach the Word, offer the sacraments, rituals of the church and help congregations cast and execute their Kingdom building vision. Senior Members have the passion, time, and capacity to multiply ministers. If authorized, they can recruit and provide field training and mentoring of lay ministers concurrent with the formal Conference training program and be sent to the seminaries to converse with those called to parish ministry with an invitation to serve in this great Conference.

## 2. Training

- a. **Congregational Vitality** – The Senior Members’ experiences endow them with “eyes” that may help congregations and pastors “see” pathways to new and dynamic vital ministry in their community. The Senior Members have the capacity to “roll up their sleeves,” to work with and spend time (digitally and physically) with congregations desiring fresh vigor and opportunities in ministry.
- b. **Lay Ministry Training and Mentoring** – Part time, first time and/or bi-vocational Lay Ministers could benefit greatly from a Senior Member who has already experienced most of what the new to leading a church will experience in their first few years. The passion, intentionality, and time the Senior Member can extend to the new lay ministers can be greatly beneficial.
- c. **Cross Cultural Coaching** – As God grows the Upper Midwest Conference with cross-cultural appointments, Senior Members can (with appropriate help) construct an “onboarding process” with three prongs:
  - i. Coaching a congregation regarding the benefits and potential difficulties of employing and being spiritually led by a person of a different culture, ethnicity, or both.
  - ii. Coaching a pastor regarding the benefits and potential difficulties of being employed by and spiritually leading a congregation made up of people from the majority culture.
  - iii. Advocating for clergy of different cultures and ethnicities in every area of Global Methodist life and ministry.

## 3. Administration

- a. The leader of the Jethro Project is to be selected annually by the Presiding Elders of the Conference.
- b. Oversight of the Jethro Project will be given by the Vice President of the Annual

Conference which will include but not be limited to:

- i. Building the initial processes for selecting specific projects, administrating funding, and reporting activity.
- ii. Helping connect Senior Members from across the Conference with specific expertise to the Project.

Budget Request: 2025

- Travel (Mileage and accommodations)	\$5000
- <u>Materials (including zoom licenses)</u>	<u>\$2000</u>
o Total	<b>\$7000</b>

Submitted by: Wes Gabel, Mike Morgan, Roger Spahr, Jeff Thurman, Steve Todd

# Nominations & Leadership Development Report

## Our Purpose:

The purpose of the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee is responsible for nominating clergy and laity to serve on annual conference committees and boards. They shall also provide resources and opportunities for church and leadership development.

## Introduction:

Since the formation of the Upper Midwest Annual Conference, the Nominations and Leadership Development Committee held its first initial meeting on April 30th, 2024. This meeting was instrumental in determining the priorities and future direction of the committee. The following are areas the committee has identified as initial priorities that will be addressed. It also the intention of the committee to be support, empower, and equip local churches and clergy to our best ability. We also believe that all boards and committees have their specific responsibilities and therefore hold the authority to fulfill those responsibilities. In addition to this, we see the boards and committees' boards as opportunities for people to serve the Kingdom of God and not as an obligatory endeavor.

## Nominations Process:

We will be developing a nominations process which will include a means for individuals to self-nominate themselves for the various boards and committees. The primary avenue for this will be through the conference website.

The process will consider an individual's gifts, passion, and time availability, among other considerations. It will also require the assistance of the presiding elders support in the form of promoting and encouraging local churches and clergy to consider participation.

When the boards and committees were initially set up by the Transitional Conference Advisory Team (TCAT) there was not a class system implemented. Therefore, this will be addressed.

There is also currently an imbalance of laity and clergy on some boards and committees. This too will be addressed.

### Board and Committee Ministry Descriptions:

In an effort for all within the conference to know and understand the various boards and committees' purpose and their value to the life of the local church, we will be developing concise, comprehensive, and easy to understand ministry descriptions of all the boards and committees. We believe this will also be very beneficial in the nomination process as well.

### Conference Ministry Resources

We are extremely excited to share with you that we will be developing ministry resources repository for local churches and clergy. This would include soliciting and vetting recommended materials used by local churches and clergy and housing this information on the conference website. In addition to this, other materials would be added to help support local churches and clergy. If anyone is seeking certain resources that are not listed on the conference website that can submit a request and we will do our best in finding those resources. The list of resource materials would include such things as: VBS, children's ministries, youth ministries, and adult ministries materials. It would also include leadership development, small group, and any other materials that would be beneficial for churches and clergy. This will be done by either a new team or by the Nominations/Leadership Development Committee.

### Doctrines and Disciplines

There will also be some issues addressed regarding compliance with the Doctrines and Disciplines. For example: According to the GMC Transitional Doctrines and Disciplines, the chair of the Conference Nominations and Leadership Development Committee is the bishop, which is not realistic. It also states that all presiding elders are on the committee and that there is to be equal clergy and lay representation. Currently a clergy person is the chair and there are no laity on the committee. In addition, the current Doctrine and Disciplines calls for presiding elders to be on the committee. We have eighteen presiding elders, which is also unrealistic.

## Conference Leadership Council

The Conference Leadership Council shall meet for the purpose of communication and coordination of ministry among the boards and committees.

Role	Name	Status	State
<b>President Pro Tem</b>	James Parks	Clergy	Iowa
<b>Vice President Pro Tem</b>	Ross Reinhiller	Clergy	North Dakota
<b>Secretary</b>	Dale Fadley	Laity	South Dakota
Board of Ministry Chair	Valerie Reinhiller	Clergy	North Dakota
Committee on Episcopacy Chair	Jake Schadel	Clergy	Nebraska
F & A Committee Chair	Tracie Ludeke	Laity	Nebraska
Conference Treasurer	Tracie Ludeke	Laity	Nebraska
Sessions Committee Chair	Elizabeth Pierson	Laity	Minnesota
Dean of the Cabinet	Henry Jenkins	Clergy	North Dakota
Conference Lay Leader	Alan Campbell	Laity	Minnesota
Conf. Prayer & Intercession Leader	Christina Sung	Clergy	Iowa
Church Planting Team	Zachery Kingery	Clergy	South Dakota
Ethnic Ministry Committee	Jonathan Lee	Clergy	Minnesota
Nominations & Leadership Develop.	Thom Bowsher	Clergy	South Dakota
At Large	Elizabeth Pierson	Laity	Minnesota
At Large	David Odell	Clergy	Montana
At Large	Corey Jenkins	Clergy	Nebraska
At Large	Lyn Isom	Laity	Iowa
At Large	John Gaulke	Clergy	Iowa
At Large	Jenice Epp	Clergy	Nebraska

## Cabinet/Presiding Elders

Presiding elders serves the local church and strengthens relationships within our connection. Our districts are intentionally small, so the presiding elder can know each person and church well. Presiding elders typically serve a local church in addition to their ministry as a presiding elder.

Name	Status	States
<b>CHAIR:</b> Henry Jenkins	Clergy	North Dakota
<b>President Pro Tem:</b> James Parks	Clergy	Iowa
<b>Vice President Pro Tem:</b> Ross Reinhiller	Clergy	North Dakota
Jeff Kodis	Clergy	Iowa
Mike Morgan	Clergy	Iowa
Chad Lierman	Clergy	Iowa
Phil Rogers	Clergy	Iowa
Luann Benge	Clergy	Iowa
Bruce Kronen	Clergy	Minnesota
Jonathan Lee	Clergy	Minnesota
David Odell	Clergy	Montana
Jacob Schadel	Clergy	Nebraska
Corey Jenkins	Clergy	Nebraska
Shannon Williams	Clergy	Nebraska
Steve McElroy	Clergy	Nebraska
Val Reinhiller	Clergy	North Dakota
Roger Spahr	Clergy	South Dakota
Darla Hadrick	Clergy	South Dakota
Joleen Pietrzak	Clergy	South Dakota

## Board of Ministry

The Board of Ministry shall be responsible for overseeing the recruiting and credentialing of clergy for the furtherance of the mission of the Global Methodist Church as well as having oversight of all clergy changes in conference relations.

Name	Status	State
<b>CHAIR:</b> Valerie Reinhiller	Elder	North Dakota
<b>VICE-CHAIR:</b> Jeff Kodis	Elder	Iowa
<b>SECRETARY:</b> Jodi Cataldo	Laity	North Dakota
<b>President Pro Tem:</b> James Parks	Elder	Iowa
<b>Vice President Pro Tem:</b> Ross Reinhiller	Elder	North Dakota
<b>Ethnic Ministry Representative:</b> Aaron Limo	Elder	Iowa
Amy Thue	Laity	South Dakota
Corey Jenkins	Elder	Nebraska
Roger Dunn	Laity	Nebraska
Luann Bengé	Elder	Iowa
Joleen Pietrzak	Elder	South Dakota
Travis Stevick	Elder	Iowa
Sarah Herman	Elder	Nebraska
Kathy Fitzgerald	Laity	Montana
Wes Johnson	Elder	Minnesota
Jeff Kelley	Elder	Nebraska
Norman Kelley	Elder	Iowa

## Committee on Episcopacy

The Committee on Episcopacy shall be responsible to support the bishop, and/or the President and Vice President Pro Tempore, in the oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Global Methodist Church, with special reference to the area where they have residential responsibility.

Name	Status	State
<b>CHAIR:</b> Jake Schadel	Clergy	Nebraska
<b>VICE-CHAIR:</b> Thom Bowsher	Clergy	South Dakota
<b>Lay Leader:</b> Alan Campbell	Laity	Minnesota
<b>Ethnic Ministry Representative:</b> Emmanuel Naweji	Clergy	Iowa/South Dakota
Sheri Fadley	Clergy	South Dakota
Lyn Isom	Laity	Iowa
Debbie Brown	Laity	North Dakota
Steve Carpenter	Laity	Montana
Guillermo "Bong" Bongolan	Clergy	Iowa

## Finance and Administration Committee

The Finance and Administration Committee shall be responsible to develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, budgets, procedures, and management services for the annual conference.

Name	Status	States
<b>CHAIR:</b> Tracie Ludeke	Laity	Nebraska
<b>VICE-CHAIR:</b> Phil Rogers	Clergy	Iowa
<b>SECRETARY:</b> Lexie Ludeke	Laity	Nebraska
<b>President Pro Tem:</b> James Parks	Clergy	Iowa
Jeff Pospisil	Laity	South Dakota
Alona Burtz	Laity	South Dakota
Roxann Petzold	Laity	Montana
Robert Duemig	Clergy	South Dakota
Patrick Munyakazi	Clergy	Iowa
Mark Britton	Clergy	North Dakota

## Nominations and Leadership Development Committee

The Nominations and Leadership Development Committee shall be responsible for nominating clergy and laity to serve on annual conference committees and boards. They shall also provide resources and opportunities for church and leadership development.

Name	Status	State
<b>CHAIR:</b> Thom Bowsher	Clergy	South Dakota
<b>Ethnic Ministry Representative:</b> Jonathan Lee	Clergy	Minnesota
David Odell	Clergy	Montana
Mike Morgan	Clergy	Iowa
Brenda Goodman	Clergy	North Dakota
Jake Schadel	Clergy	Nebraska



## Committee on Investigation

The committee on investigation shall be responsible for considering judicial complaints against clergy as set out in Part Eight Judicial Administration of this *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline* and specifically ¶1809.2.

Name	Status	State
<b>CHAIR:</b> Josh Swaim	Clergy	Iowa
<b>President Pro Tem:</b> James Parks	Clergy	Iowa
<b>Vice President Pro Tem:</b> Ross Reinhiller	Clergy	North Dakota
Dale Fadley	Laity	South Dakota
Derek Runge	Clergy	South Dakota
Jayne Kinney	Laity	North Dakota
John Praetorius	Clergy	Minnesota
John Scharf	Laity	Nebraska
<b>Alternates:</b>		
Bob Wynn	Clergy	Nebraska
Marvin Wintry	Clergy	North Dakota
Bruce Smith	Clergy	Iowa
Steve Garrington	Laity	Iowa
Rick Frederickson	Laity	Minnesota
Roxann Petzold	Laity	Montana
Jeff Kelley	Clergy	Nebraska

## Administrative Review Committee

The administrative review committee (¶ 805.2) shall be responsible for ensuring that the disciplinary procedures for resolving a substantiated administrative complaint are properly followed as required by *Judicial Practices and Procedures* 5.2 and fair process (¶1804).

Name	Status	State
<b>CHAIR:</b> Mike McInnis	Clergy	Minnesota
<b>VICE-CHAIR:</b> Mark Tracy	Clergy	South Dakota
<b>President Pro Tem:</b> James Parks	Clergy	Iowa
<b>Vice President Pro Tem:</b> Ross Reinhiller	Clergy	North Dakota
<b>Alternates:</b>		
Andrew Hap	Clergy	Iowa
Jenice Epp	Clergy	Nebraska

## Sessions Committee

The sessions committee shall be responsible for planning and managing all aspects of the annual conference session and any other events/gatherings assigned to it by the Bishop/President Pro Tempore.

Name	Status	State
<b>CHAIR:</b> Elizabeth Pierson	Laity	Minnesota
<b>President Pro Tem:</b> James Parks	Clergy	Iowa
<b>ETHNIC MINISTRY REP:</b> Patrick Munyakazi	Clergy	Iowa
Derek Runge	Clergy	South Dakota
David Odell	Clergy	Montana
Jacob Hanson	Clergy	Minnesota
Phil Schmidt	Clergy	Minnesota
Joleen Pietrzak	Clergy	South Dakota
Joel Rathbun	Clergy	Nebraska
Todd Schlitter	Clergy	Iowa
Val Reinhiller	Clergy	North Dakota
Helen Parks	Clergy	Iowa
Jan Young	Laity	Montana
Brenda Dotseth	Laity	Montana
Sarah Jenkins	Laity	Nebraska
Ben Wedeking	Clergy	Iowa

## Ethnic Ministry Team

Name	Status	State
<b>CHAIR:</b> Jonathan Lee	Clergy	Minnesota
<b>VICE-CHAIR:</b> Aaron Limo	Clergy	Iowa
<b>SECRETARY:</b> Kay Asche	Clergy	North Dakota
Joleen Pietrzak	Clergy	South Dakota
Christina Sung	Clergy	Iowa
Gideon Gallo	Clergy	Iowa
Henry Jenkins	Clergy	North Dakota
Patrick Munyakazi	Clergy	Iowa
Emmanuel Naweji	Clergy	Iowa/South Dakota
Dennis Brown	Laity	Montana
Alberta Sparklin	Laity	Montana
Eric Shin	Clergy	Minnesota
Riaan Nel	Clergy	Nebraska

## Conference Prayer & Intercession Team

The role of The Conference Prayer & Intercession Team is to ensure the work of the emerging conference is thoroughly covered in prayer throughout the developmental process and beyond. The team prays for regional leadership and regional needs as well as the GM Church leadership and needs. This Conference team also prays and works together to encourage local GM Church pastors to prayerfully select a prayer point person from each local church to ensure prayer is a priority in local churches. The Conference Prayer & Intercession team encourages churches to become a “house of prayer.” The team also resources local churches as needed. Most importantly, the team prays for the mission of the GM Church: "Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly."

District Name	Status	Prayer Coordinator
<b>Conference Prayer Coordinator:</b>	Clergy	Christina Sung (IA)
<b>Conference Lay Leader:</b>	Laity	Alan Campbell
		Alisa Parde
<b>Iowa:</b>		
Northwest Iowa	TBD	TBD
Northwest Iowa	TBD	TBD
North Central Iowa	Laity	Carol Bacon
East Central Iowa	Laity	Jen Zoller
East Coast Iowa	TBD	TBD
Southeast Iowa	Clergy	Tracey Burgus
Southeast Iowa	Laity	Barb Coffman
Southeast Iowa	TBD	TBD
<b>Minnesota:</b>		
Northwest Minnesota	TBD	TBD
Southeast Minnesota	TBD	TBD
Southeast Minnesota	Clergy	Eric Shin
<b>Montana:</b>		
Montana	TBD	TBD
Montana	TBD	TBD
<b>Nebraska:</b>		
Nebraska 1	Clergy	Alisa Parde
Nebraska 2	TBD	TBD
Nebraska 3	Clergy	Bob Wynn
Nebraska 4	Clergy	Mike Hader
<b>North Dakota:</b>		
East ND	Laity	Heather Severance
West ND	Laity	Barb Nash
<b>South Dakota:</b>		
Northeast SD	Clergy	Molly Leger
Northeast SD	Clergy	Sandra Marquardt
Southeast SD	Clergy	Tom Summers
West SD	Clergy	Thomas Carlson
<b>Wyoming:</b>		
Wyoming	TBD	TBD

## Multiplication Team

The Multiplication Team is responsible for encouraging and facilitating the planting of new churches (¶ 612.3) as well as encouraging and equipping new church starts during this transitional period and has the overall goal of seeing all healthy congregations in the annual conference actively participating in multiplication.

Name	Status	State
<b>CHAIR:</b> Zachery Kingery	Clergy	South Dakota
<b>SECRETARY:</b> Steven Todd	Retired Clergy	Nebraska
Ross Reinhiller	Clergy	North Dakota
James Parks	Clergy	Iowa
David Odell	Clergy	Montana
Dennis Brown	Laity	Montana
Alberta Sparklin	Laity	Montana
David Bambas	Clergy	South Dakota
Derek Baum	Clergy	South Dakota
Emmanuel Naweji	Clergy	Iowa

## Provisional Districts

District Name	Number of Churches	Presiding Elder
<b>Iowa:</b>		
Northwest Iowa	17	Luann Bengé
North Central Iowa	16	Jeff Kodis
East Central Iowa	13	Mike Morgan
East Coast Iowa	17	Phil Rogers
Southeast Iowa	14	Chad Lierman
<b>Minnesota:</b>		
Northwest Minnesota	6	Bruce Kronen
Southeast Minnesota	4	Jonathan Lee
<b>Montana:</b>		
Montana	2	David Odell
<b>Nebraska:</b>		
Nebraska 1	16	Corey Jenkins
Nebraska 2	14	Shanon Williams
Nebraska 3	9	Jake Schadel
Nebraska 4	10	Steve McElroy
<b>North Dakota:</b>		
East ND	8	Henry Jenkins
West ND	7	Val Reinhiller
<b>South Dakota:</b>		
Northeast SD	11	Roger Spahr
Southeast SD	9	Joleen Pietrzak
West SD	11	Darla Hadrick
<b>Wyoming:</b>	0	

# General Conference Delegates

The Leadership Council of the Upper Midwest Provisional Conference of the Global Methodist Church moves the adoption of a slate of delegates, alternates, and reserve delegates for the Convening Conference of the Global Methodist Church meeting September 20-26, 202, San Jose, Costa Rica. This slate of representatives consists of the Conference President Pro Tempore, clergy delegates from the states of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota (there were no nominees from Montana and Wyoming), and Laity delegates represented from the states of Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota (there were no nominees from Minnesota, Montana, Wyoming) and other delegates, alternate, and reserve delegate chosen through an interview process with no regard to state of origin.

## 1. RATIONAL

A. We are a new Annual Conference composed of states of Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming.

i. The vastness of our geographic size precludes the members of the Conference of knowing members from all the area.

ii. The Conference composition is made from churches and clergy that served in five United Methodist Conferences and three United Methodist Jurisdictions. This former judicatory structure separated our Annual Conference members from interaction with people from other former Conferences and Jurisdictions.

B. The Leadership Council believes the members of the Annual Conference should recognize at least one person on the official delegation to engage that delegate in dialogue and the delegate share information with districts and local churches.

i. The creation of a delegation composed of members from all the states (with nominees) insures there will be at least one delegate the local churches of our Conference will recognize personally or by reputation.

C. The delegation consisting of delegates, alternates, and reserves is completed by persons selected through the same interview process as those individuals selected by states but with no regard for state of origin.

i. All delegates, alternate and reserve delegates represent the Upper Midwest Provisional Conference of the Global Methodist Church and not solely delegate's state of origin.

**THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL OF THE UPPER MIDWEST PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING DELEGATION.**

**Laity Delegates**

Norma Morrison - Iowa  
Andrea Schadel - Nebraska  
Jodi Cataldo - North Dakota  
Jon Reich - South Dakota  
Cameron Scott - Iowa  
Holly Reich - South Dakota

**Laity Alternates**

Dave Mendyk - Nebraska  
Jerry Rozeboom - Iowa

**Laity Reserves**

R1: Gabriel Holen - South Dakota  
R2: Darcy Ruebenking - Iowa  
R3: Clarence Mittleider -North Dakota  
Glen Flint - Iowa  
Richard (Dee) Willoughby - Iowa  
Becky Heeren - Iowa  
Mark Deth - Iowa  
Stephen Garrington - Iowa  
Matthew Kearns - Iowa

**Clergy Delegates**

James Parks - President Pro-Temp  
Mike Morgan - Iowa  
Jonathan Lee - Minnesota  
Corey Jenkins - Nebraska  
Valerie Reinhiller - North Dakota  
Rey Colon - South Dakota

## **Clergy Alternates**

Zach Kingery - South Dakota  
Jeffrey Kelly - Nebraska

## **Clergy Reserves**

R1: Henry Jenkins - North Dakota  
R2: Thomas Bowsher - South Dakota  
R3: Andrew Happ - Iowa  
Travis Stevick - Iowa  
Bruce Kronen - Minnesota  
Mark Britton - North Dakota  
Darka Hadrick - South Dakota  
Philip Rogers - Iowa  
Tom Shinkle - Iowa  
Jeff Kodis - Iowa  
Ben Wedeking - Iowa  
Andrew Rubenking - Iowa



# Board of Ministry Report

The Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM) is intentional about our work and mission. We are blessed with the task of building a culture of call throughout the Upper Midwest Provisional Conference. We nurture people through the candidacy and ordination process. We train new lay leaders in the Conference. We maintain standards for clergy effectiveness throughout a clergy member's life of service and honor the service of our clergy members at pivotal transition points. We take this task seriously. We pray and seek God's guidance as we work with each person.

The BOM offers events and opportunities in the Upper Midwest Conference. The two opportunities at present are:

- Certified Lay Ministry School
- Candidacy Mentor Training

We urge all churches and clergy to prayerfully consider God's leading and the Spirit's moving in people's lives. God has called each Christian to ministry, whether lay or ordained. If you have a call to pastoral ministry, please seek out your pastor or Presiding Elder and share your call.

Submitted by Val Reinhiller, Chair, Upper Midwest Board of Ministry

## CLERGY SESSION BOARD OF MINISTRY REPORT

### CERTIFIED LAY MINISTERS

1. What persons in the past year have transferred to the GMC who had previously held the status of Lay Servant Ministry certification? And from what conference in the predecessor denomination did they transfer?

Year of Transfer	Certified Lay Minister	Conference Transferring From
2024	Bruce Baker	IA
2024	Mary Baker	IA
2024	Betty Janke	Dakotas
2024	Rebecca Krause	Dakotas
2024	Karmen Jamison	IA
2024	Merlyne Smith	IA

2. What persons have completed the certification for Certified Lay Ministry in the GMC? In what conference was their training?

Year of Completion	Certified Lay Minister	Conference Where Trained
2024	Greta Burck	Upper Midwest
2024	Phillip Grile	Upper Midwest
2024	Nola Horvey	Upper Midwest
2024	Nancy Karnley-Clark	Upper Midwest
2024	Richard Ohm	Upper Midwest
2024	Merilee Sieck	Upper Midwest

## CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION

3. What persons have been approved as candidates for ministry?

Year of Approval	Candidates for Ministry
2024	Greta Burck
2024	Stephenie Henson
2024	Donna Johnson
2024	Kristin Lupkes
2024	Andrea Schadel
2024	Michael Sells
2024	Erin Wetzel
2024	Deann Ganzley

4. What persons have transferred to the GMC as candidates for ministry? From what conference did they transfer?

Year of Transfer	Candidates for Ministry	Conference Transferring From
2024	Deann Ganzley	Iowa UMC Conference

5. What persons have completed the candidacy for ordination? What year was their candidacy approved?

Year Approved	Candidates for Ordination

## TRANSITIONAL LOCAL PASTOR

6. What persons are recognized as Transitional Local Pastors and in what year was that status recognized?

Year Recognized	Transitional Local Pastors
2024	Jared Cass
2024	Anthony Coffman
2024	Laura Greenlee
2024	Brenda Goodman
2024	Michael Hader
2024	Jeff Hauser
2024	Mike Jager
2024	Michael Jones
2024	Shawn LaRue
2024	Marlene Leger
2024	Brian Loy
2024	Patrick Munyakazi
2024	Adriaan Nel
2024	Bobbie Postal
2024	James Sweers
2024	Mary Timmermann
2024	Cheri Van Gorp
2024	David Wittmann
2024	Jacob Yochum
2024	Jennifer Zoller

## SUPPLY PASTOR

7. What persons have been appointed as Supply Pastor? What is the current appointment? What year were they *first appointed*?

Year of First Appointment	Supply Pastors Appointed	Current Appointment
2024	Greta Burck	Kindred/Walcott, ND
2024	Donna Johnson	Curtis, NE
2024	Michael Sells	Alice/Urbana, IA
2024	Erin Wetzel	Corning, IA

## DEACON

8. What persons are inactive Deacons?

Year First Inactive	Deacons

9. What persons have moved from inactive to active status as a Deacon?

Year Moved to Active	Deacons

10. What persons are Senior Deacons?

Year Moved to Senior	Senior Deacons
2024	Loronda Schuler

11. What Deacons have taken retired/Senior status?

Year Moved to Senior	Senior Deacons

12. What persons have been approved for ordination as a permanent Deacon? What year? Do they have educational requirements remaining to complete?

Year of Approval	Permanent Deacons to be Ordained	Educational Requirements Completed? (yes/no)

13. What persons have been approved for ordination as a Deacon? What year? Do they have educational requirements completed?

Year of Approval of Deacon	Deacons intending to be Ordained Elder	Educational Requirements Completed? (yes/no)
2024	Sedar Shako	yes
2024	Jenice Epp	yes

## ELDERS

14. What persons are inactive Elders? (Persons serving a non-GMC Church)

Year First Inactive	Elders
2024	Jani Dahlin
2024	Jeff Dahlin
2024	Tim Frasher
2024	John Gaulke
2024	Kevin Gingerich
2024	Eduardo LaRoche
2024	Jonathan Lee
2024	Juwle Nagbe
2024	James Sweers
2024	Randall Taber

15. What persons have moved from inactive to active status as an Elder?

Year Moved to Active	Elders

16. What persons are Senior Elders?

Year Moved to Senior	Senior Elders
2024	John Battern
2024	James Beranek
2024	Robert Duemig
2024	Robert Dodge
2024	Mike Ellson



2024	Valera Heydenberk
2024	Jerry Heydenberk
2024	Vincent Homan
2024	Gary Hoyt
2204	Morris Hurd
2024	Norman Kelley
2024	Darwin Kopfmann
2024	Gwen Mader
2024	Gary McDonough
2024	Nora Mendyk
2024	Cynthia Morrison
2024	Steven Nelson
2024	Joyce Savage
2024	Richard Savage
2024	Franklin (Keith) Schadel
2024	Roger Spahr
2024	Judson Stover
2024	James Turner
2024	Marvin Winstryg

17. What Elders have taken retired/Senior status?

Year Moved to Senior	Senior Elders
2024	Jamie Farias
2024	Barbara McKewin
2024	Mike Morgan
2024	Ray Sherwood
2024	Jeff Thurman

2024	Kyle Reinhiller
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18. What persons have been approved for ordination as an Elder? What year? Do they have educational requirements completed?

Year of Approval of Elder	To be Ordained Elder	Educational Requirements Completed? (yes/no)
2024	John Bergh	yes
2024	Todd Hartsock	yes
2024	Eduardo LaRoche	yes
2024	Gary McDonough	yes
2024	Vernon Olson	yes
2024	Helen Parks	yes
2024	Ward Richards Jr.	yes
2024	Michael Stevens	yes
2024	James Strom	yes
2024	Steve Swenson	yes
2024	Timothy Morgan	yes

19. What persons have taken Outside and Beyond the Local Church appointments?

Year Appointment Began	Clergy Elder	Location and Agency
2024	Carl Benge	Ida Grove, IA – Ida Grove Fire Dept and Ida County Chaplain
2024	Thomas Carlson	Fire/Law Enforcement/Pastoral Counselor
2024	Timothy Frasher	Air Force National Guard
2024	Darla Hadrick	Fire/Law Enforcement Chaplain

2024	Stephen Peters	Air Force National Guard
2024	Luke Smith	Watertown, SD – Canyon Pathways
2024	Michael Willer	Army Reserve

## VALID CLERGY

20. What persons have been appointed Valid Deacon in the conference? What was the *first year* of that appointment?

Year first Appointed	Approved and Appointed Valid Deacon

21. What persons have been approved and appointed as Valid Elders in the conference? What was the *first year* of that appointment?

Year first Appointed	Approved and Appointed Valid Elders

## TRANSFERS

22. What persons have transferred to the conference? The date of their transfer, the conference from which they transferred, and their status.

Date of Transfer	Transfers In	Status	Conference Transferring From
7/1/24	Sarah Fisher	Elder	North Carolina

23. What persons have been transferred to other GMC conferences?

Date of Transfer	Transfers To	Status	Conference Transferring To
2024	Buck Linton-Hendrick	Elder	Heartland

## LEAVES

24. What clergy are on Voluntary Leave? What is their status? What year did the leave begin?

Year first on Leave	Clergy on Leave	Status
2023	Greg Ciesluk	Elder
2024	Joy Mitchell	Elder
2024	John Nadasi	Elder
2024	Emmanuel T. Naweji	Elder
2024	Dallas Rostad	Elder
2024	Christina Sung	Elder

## DISCONTINUED

25. What candidates for Ordination have been discontinued? Withdrawn or by action of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

Year Discontinued	Candidates for Ordination Discontinued

26. What Deacons have had their clergy status terminated? Withdrawn or by action of the Board of Ordained Ministry? What was their status at the time of termination?

Year Terminated	Deacons	Status (Active, Inactive, Senior)

27. What Elders have had their clergy status terminated? Withdrawn or by action of the Board of Ordained Ministry? What was their status at the time of termination?

Year Terminated	Elders	Status (Active, Inactive, Senior)

28. What Deacons have died during the year?

Year Deceased	Deacon	Status (Active, Inactive, Senior)

29. What Elders have died during the year?

Year Deceased	Elders	Status (Active, Inactive, Senior)
2024	William "Don" Morrison	Senior

## Appointment List

DISTRICT	PRESIDING ELDER	CHURCH	LOCATION
Iowa East Coast	<b>Phil Rogers</b>	Cedar Valley	Atalissa, IA
	Kyle Myers (Lay)	First	Clinton, IA
	Pete Buschman (Lay)	Community	Colesburg, IA
	James Parks/Helen Parks	Christ	Davenport, IA
	Keith Pitts	Delhi	Delhi, IA
	Tom Shinkle	Center Grove	Dubuque, IA
	Tom Shinkle	Grand View	Dubuque, IA
	Tom Shinkle	Wesley	East Dubuque, IL
		Elwood Christian	Elwood, IA
	Phil Rogers	Manchester	Manchester, IA
	David Wittman	New Hope	Muscatine, IA
	Donald Timmermann	Sweetland	Muscatine, IA
	Kyle Myers (Lay)	Nichols	Nichols, IA
	Mike Jones	Calvary	Walcott, IA
		Wyoming	Wyoming, IA
	Eduardo LaRoche		Wilton, IA
	Ethan Larson (Great Lakes Conf)	New Albin	New Albin, IA
	Mike Jager (TLP)	Sumner (Not GMC)	Sumner, IA
	Christina Sung	Voluntary Leave of Absence	Clinton, IA
	Iowa East Central	<b>Mike Morgan</b>	Alburnett
Todd Holman		Alice	Center Point, IA
Michael Sells		Anchor Bible	Center Point, IA
Andrew Happ		Coggon United Parish	Coggon, IA
Sharon Andersen		Riverview Bible	Central City, IA
Patrick Munyakazi		Living Hope	Lisbon, IA
Joshua Swaim		Christ Community	Marion, IA
Becky High		Marion	Marion, IA
Mike Morgan		Prairie Chapel	Marion, IA
Todd Holman		First	Tiffin, IA
Ruby Bongolan		Urbana	Urbana, IA
Mike Sells		New Hope	Walker, IA
Patrick Munyakazi		Springville	Springville, IA
Guillermo Bongolan			Olin, IA
Jen Zoller (TLP)		Senior Status	Center Point, IA
Mike Ellson		Family Leave	West Branch, IA
Joy Mitchell		Senior Status	Marion, IA
Norman Kelley			

**Iowa North Central****Jeff Kodis**

Kim Ragland (Lay)  
 Craig Lutrell  
 Aaron Limmo  
 David Bracht-Wagner  
 David Bracht-Wagner  
 Ward Richards

Gideon Gallo  
 Ben Wedeking  
 Jeff Kodis  
 Rob Bacon (Lay)  
 Evelyn Lewiston  
 Ward Richards  
 Mary Baker (CLM)

John Gaulke  
 Mark Willer (Chaplain)  
 Jeff Dahlin/Jani Dahlin  
 Steve Peters (Chaplain)  
 Jerald Swanberg  
 James Beranek  
 Robert Dodge  
 Gary Hoyt  
 Cynthia Morrison  
 Steven Nelson  
 Judson Stover  
 James Turner  
 Christy Ehrle

Faith Bible  
 Geneseo  
 Cedar Valley Comm.  
 First  
 Mabaan  
 Dunkerton  
 Mt. Hope  
 Gifford  
 Chapel  
 Gladbrook  
 Prairie Creek  
 First  
 Maxwell  
 Grace  
 Owasa  
 Pleasant Hill Country Church  
 Heritage  
 Trinity on Fifth (not GMC)

Praise Community (Not GMC)

Senior Status  
 Senior Status  
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 Senior Status  
 TBOE

Britt, IA  
 Buckingham, IA  
 Charles City, IA  
 Clarion, IA  
 Des Moines, IA  
 Dunkerton, IA  
 Dunkerton, IA  
 Gifford, IA  
 Gladbrook, IA  
 Gladbrook, IA  
 Grimes, IA  
 Marshalltown, IA  
 Maxwell, IA  
 Ogden, IA  
 Owasa (Iowa Falls), IA  
 Prairie City, IA  
 Waverly, IA  
 Altoona, IA  
 Ames, IA  
 Mason City, IA  
 Fort Dodge, IA  
 Ankeny, IA  
 Cedar Falls, IA  
  
 Ankeny, IA  
 Marshalltown, IA  
 Winterset, IA  
 Winterset, IA  
 Buckingham, IA  
 Clear Lake, IA

**Iowa Northwest****Luann Bengé**

Lyndon Roesler  
 Todd Hartsock  
 Sedar Shako  
 Luann Bengé

Sedar Shako  
 Travis Stevick  
 Steve Swenson

Todd Hartsock  
 Scott Squires  
 Merlyne Smith (Lay)  
 Scott Squires  
 Todd Schlitter  
 Kathy Flaugh (Lay)

Armstrong  
 Cornerstone  
 Harris  
 First  
 Kingsley  
 Lake Park  
 Grace  
 Ocheyedon  
 Seney  
 Community  
 Crescent Park  
 St. James  
 Trimble  
 Wesley  
 Riverside

Armstrong, IA  
 Estherville, IA  
 Harris, IA  
 Ida Grove, IA  
 Kingsley, IA  
 Lake Park, IA  
 Marcus, IA  
 Ocheyedon, IA  
 Seney, IA  
 Swea City, IA  
 Sioux City, IA  
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 Sioux City, IA



Tim Frasher	LeMars	LeMars, IA
Carl Bengé (Chaplain)	River's Edge (Not GMC)	Spencer, IA
Kevin Gingerich	Fire Dept/EMT	Ida Grove, IA
Emmanuel Naweji	Faith Community (Not GMC)	Sheldon, IA
James Sweers	Voluntary Leave of Absence	Crooks, SD
John Battern	Serving a non-GMC Church	Doon, IA
Morris Hurd	Senior Status	Arnolds Park, IA
Gary McDonough	Senior Status	Ida Grove, IA
		Apache Junction, AZ

**Iowa Southeast**

**Chad Lierman**

John Abraham (not GMC)	Melrose	Argyle (Keokuk), IA
Jacob Yochum	Danville	Danville, IA
Vincent Homan	Delta	Delta, IA
Michael Elrod	Hedrick Community	Hedrick, IA
JD Boatman (not GMC)	Faith	Libertyville, IA
Bruce Smith/Tracey Burgus	Mediapolis	Mediapolis, IA
Shawn LaRue	Grace	Moravia, IA
Rick Baarda	Lacey	New Sharon, IA
Steve Lamb	Prairie View	Ollie, IA
Chad Lierman	Trinity	Oskaloosa, IA
Michael Elrod	Richland	Richland, IA
Nicholas Needham	The Bethel	Sigourney, IA
Bruce Smith/Tracey Burgus (Deacon)	Sperry	Sperry, IA
Vincent Homan	What Cheer	What Cheer, IA
Kevin Glesener (Chaplain)		Pella, IA
Mike Townsley	Senior Status	Deep River, IA

**Minnesota Northwest**

**Bruce Kronen**

John Carpenter	Akeley	Akeley, MN
Bruce Kronen	Pilgrim Methodist Church	Plymouth, MN
Wesley Johnson	Living Hope Family	Sebeka, MN
Ken Uhren	Verndale Community Church	Verndale, MN
Ken Uhren	Hewitt Community	Vining, MN
Michael McInnis	Windom First Methodist Church	Windom, MN
James Strom	Grace Fellowship Church	Money Creek/Houston, MN
Randall Taber	Robbinsdale (Not GMC)	Robbinsdale, MN
Dallas Rostad	Voluntary Leave of Absence	

**Minnesota Southeast**

**Jonathan Lee**

Eric Shin/Won Guen Lee	Korean Evangelical	Hopkins, MN
Philip Schmidt	Redeeming Grace	Lake City, MN
Ricardo Alcoser	Ottertail	Ottertail, MN
Ricardo Alcoser	Joyful Spirit	Wadena, MN
Jonathan Lee	Christ's Community (Not GMC)	Dayton, MN
Josh Doughty	Living Word Lutheran (Not GMC)	Marshall, MN
Loronda Schuler	Permanent Deacon Senior Status	St. Marshall, MN

Gregory Ciesluk Voluntary Leave of Absence Fairbault, MN

**Montana**

**David Odell**

David Odell Sun River Sun River, MT  
David Odell Great Falls Westside, MT  
John Nadasi Voluntary Leave of Absence Miles City, MT

**Nebraska 1**

**Corey Jenkins**

Riaan Nel Benkelman Benkelman, NE  
Alisa Parde Chappell Chappell, NE  
Bill Williams Culbertson Culbertson, NE  
Brian Loy Elsie Elsie, NE  
Riaan Nel Imperial Imperial, NE  
Lewellen Lewellen, NE  
Lodgepole Lodgepole, NE  
Max Max, NE  
Jeff Kelley Garden Prairie McCook, NE  
Jeff Kelley Memorial McCook, NE  
Faith Ogallala, NE  
Oshkosh Oshkosh, NE  
Faith Sidney, NE  
Corey Jenkins Trenton Trenton, NE  
Alisa Parde Wauneta Wauneta, NE  
Brian Loy

**Nebraska 2**

**Shanon Williams**

Joel Rathbun Arapahoe Arapahoe, NE  
Arcadia Arcadia, NE  
Joel Rathbun First Beaver City, NE  
Sarah Herman Bertrand Bertrand, NE  
Donna C. Johnson Curtis Curtis, NE  
Sarah Herman Elwood Elwood, NE  
Elmo Herman Eustis Eustis, NE  
Elmo Herman Farnam Farnam, NE  
Dave Mendyk (Lay) Giltner Giltner, NE  
Sarah Fisher Holdrege Holdrege, NE  
Shanon Williams Maywood Maywood, NE  
Dave Mendyk (Lay) Phillips Phillips, NE  
Dave Mendyk (Lay) Trumbull Trumbull, NE  
Shanon Williams Wallace Wallace, NE  
Nora Mendyk Senior Status Hastings, NE  
Joyce Savage Senior Status Grand Island, NE  
Richard Savage Senior Status Grand Island, NE

**Nebraska 3**

**Jake Schadel**

Bob Wynn Atkinson Atkinson, NE  
Jenice Epp Bassett Bassett, NE  
Michael Loy (Lay) Calamus Trinity Burwell, NE

	Hunts Chapel	Cody, NE
	Clinton	Gordon, NE
	Jamison	Jamison, NE
Bob Wynn	O'Neil	O'Neil, NE
Jenice Epp	Springview	Springview, NE
Michael Loy (Lay)	Calvary	Taylor, NE
Jake Schadel	Valentine	Valentine, NE
Franklin (Keith) Schadel	Senior Status	Valentine, NE

**Nebraska 4**

**Steve McElroy**

Jeff Thurman	Ashland	Ashland, NE
Mike Hadar	Barada	Barada, NE
Jeff Thurman	Cedar Hill	Cedar Hill, NE
Andrew Rubenking	Community	Clarinda, IA
Erin Wetzel	Faith Community	Corning, IA
Mike Hader	Bethel	Falls City, NE
Steve McElroy	First	Harlan, IA
Laura Greenlee	Arising	Lenox, IA
Dean McPherson	Louisville	Louisville, NE
Linda Westerhold	Living Faith	Omaha, NE
Steve McElroy	Monroe Chapel	Walnut, IA
Jamie Farias	Senior Status	
Valera Heydenberk	Senior Status	Bellevue, NE
Willis (Jerry) Heydenberk	Senior Status	Bellevue, NE

**North Dakota East**

**Henry Jenkins**

Charles Omsted (not GMC)	Trinity Methodist Church	Cavalier, ND
Mark Britton	Dickey Methodist Church	Dickey, ND
Wilfred Showers (Lay)	Calvary Fargo African GMC	Fargo, ND
Henry Jenkins	Calvary Fargo Church	Fargo, ND
Greta Burck	Kindred Methodist Church	Kindred, ND
Mark Britton	Marion Grace Methodist Church	Marion, ND
Mark Britton	Oakes Methodist Church	Oakes, ND
Greta Burck	Zion Methodist Church	Walcott, ND
John Bergh	Senior Status	Fargo, ND

**North Dakota West**

**Val Reinhiller**

	Bowman Methodist Church	Bowman, ND
	Hazen Methodist Church	Hazen, ND
Chet Cataldo (not GMC)	Lehr Community Church	Lehr, ND
Jodi Cataldo (Lay)/Val Wagner (Lay)	"	"
Brenda Goodman	Grace Emmanuel Church	Medina, ND
Brenda Goodman	Tappen Cornerstone	Tappen, ND
	Tuttle Salem GMC	Tuttle, ND
Ross Reinhiller/Valerie Reinhiller	Faith Methodist Church	Williston, ND
Juwle Nagbe	Napoleon/Streeter Church (not GMC)	Streeter, ND

Ray Sherwood	Senior Status	
Marvin Winstryg	Senior Status	Bismarck, ND

**South Dakota Northeast**

<b>Roger Spahr</b>		
Barbara McKewin	Tabor	Big Stone, SD
Molly Leger	Bristol-Butler	Butler, SD
Rodney Ulmer	Claremont	Claremont, SD
Sandy Marquardt	Clear Lake	Clear Lake, SD
Sandy Marquardt	Gary	Gary, SD
Rodney Ulmer	Resurrection	Hecla, SD
Steve Behrens	Hitchcock	Hitchcock, SD
Bobby Postal	Vienna	Kellerton, SD
Thom Bowsheer	Central	Milbank, SD
Barbara McKewin	Parkview	Milbank, SD
Barbara McKewin	Ortonville	Ortonville, MN
Rey Colon	Tulare United	Tulare, SD
Steve Anderson (not GMC)/Mark Tracy	Cornerstone	Watertown, SD
Joy Tracy/Luke Smith/Bobby Postal	"	"
Molly Leger	Webster	Webster, SD
Roger Spahr	Senior Status	Watertown, SD

**South Dakota Southeast**

<b>Joleen Pietrzak</b>		
Joleen Pietrzak	Arlington	Arlington, SD
Rick Andrus	Elk Point United Parish	Elk Point, SD
Tom Summers	Geddes	Geddes, SD
Paul Manson/Jared Cass	Faith Alive	Huron, SD
Derek Runge	Kimball Protestant Parish	Kimball, SD
Arlyn Coalter	Christian Church	Olivet, SD
David Bambas	Redeeming Grace	Sioux Falls, SD
Bill Hoffman	Prairie's Edge	Stickney, SD
Cheri Van Gorp	Wessington Springs	Wessington Springs, SD
Paul Kimball	Platte Community Student Ministry	Platte, SD
Kyle Reinhillier	Senior Status	Harrisburg, SD
Gwen Mader	Gracepoint - Senior Status	Gilbert, AZ

**South Dakota West**

<b>Darla Hadrick</b>		
Derek Baum/Mike Waldrop	Aldersgate	Aberdeen, SD
Sheri Fadley	Belle Fourche	Belle Fourche, SD
Zach Kingery	Cresbard	Cresbard, SD
Shawn Abbas	Saving Grace	Eureka, SD
Thomas Carlson	Kennebec	Kennebec, SD
Darla Hadrick	Mobridge	Mobridge, SD
Thomas Carlson	Presho	Presho, SD
Jeffrey Hauser	Faith Community Church	Rapid City, SD
Thomas Carlson	Reliance	Reliance, SD
Darla Hadrick	Selby	Selby, SD
Zach Kingery	Tolstoy	Tolstoy, SD
Anthony Coffman	Winner	Winner, SD
Robert Deumig	Senior Status	Edgemont, SD
Darwin Kopfmann	Senior Status	Custer, SD

## Ordination List

On June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM in the Gallery B of the Sioux City, IA Convention Center, our service of ordination will take place with Bishop Mark Webb presiding. The following candidates have been approved by the Board of Ministry of the Upper Midwest Provisional Conference of the Global Methodist Church for ordination.

### TO BE ORDAINED ELDER

John Bergh  
Todd Hartsock  
Eduardo LaRoche  
Gary McDonough  
Timothy Morgan  
Vernon Olson  
Helen Parks  
Ward Richards  
Michael Stevens  
James Strom  
Steve Swenson

### TO BE ORDAINED DEACON

Jenice Epp  
Sedar Wembonyama Shako

# Ethnic Ministry Team Report

I am immensely proud of the Upper Midwest Annual Conference. We are the only Annual Conference in the GMC to have a Committee on Ethnic Ministry. Thank you to all the leaders for providing this significant opportunity to our ethnic pastors and churches. Our work is rooted in the gospel, which is for all people at all times and in all places. The good news of God's redemption transcends every false boundary and definition humanity has created, which would divide people based on appearance, custom, language, tribe, or nation. In truth, human beings bear the divine image of God, carrying the immeasurable value that entails.

The work of Jesus Christ on the cross has begun the restoration of what was lost. As Paul writes in Colossians, "Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all" (Colossians 3:11 NIV). Therefore, we seek one humanity, defined only by an identity in Jesus Christ, and a church that recognizes the gifts and graces of all people, "forming one body, where each member belongs to all the others" (Romans 12:5 NIV).

The Committee on Ethnic Ministry has met regularly once a month. Our focus for 2023-2024 has been on five key areas:

1. **Building Relationships:** The Upper Midwest Annual Conference comprises several states. We needed to get to know each other and build strong relationships.
2. **Sharing Leadership:** The Committee on Ethnic Ministry was created to share and experience conference leadership. Most committees in the Upper Midwest Annual Conference have ethnic representatives. This inclusion allows many ethnic individuals to join committees and bring their unique perspectives.
3. **Supporting Ethnic Churches and Pastors:** Many ethnic churches and pastors wish to join the GMC but hesitate due to various obstacles such as finances, status, and worship space. We are working together to support those churches and pastors still in the UMC.
4. **Partnership Churches:** Many ethnic churches are struggling financially. Establishing partnerships between ethnic churches and other congregations can provide much-needed support and strengthen ethnic ministries in our Annual Conference.
5. **Education:** The local church, districts, and conference should strive to educate the local churches and pastors about the authority they have to structure themselves to attract ethnic groups in their community. This includes choosing the most qualified pastor and adjusting worship times and styles. While avoiding generalizations about people groups, cultures, and ethnicities, we seek to be a diverse body. However, diversity should not be prioritized over expertise, qualifications, giftedness, and commitment. Diversity is a goal of the gospel of Christ but should not be idolized above Him.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to advancing ethnic ministry within our conference. Blessings,

Jonathan Lee  
The Chair of the Committee on Ethnic Ministry

# South Africa Report

Bishop Webb asked the Upper Midwest Conference to partner with the South African Conference. This is in keeping with the ethos of our denomination. Every US Conference is to develop a relationship with a Conference outside the USA.

The South African church is one of the first in Africa to take a stand and break with the United Methodist Church. In doing so, they gave up all financial support and mentoring relationships.

The need of the South African church that is most pressing is operating capital. The clergy, including their President and staff as well as almost every pastor receives little to no salary. Because of this, the initial need is to have enough administrative resources to organize their Conference. Basic office expenses and small stipends are the most pressing needs currently.

The initial ask for our Conference is \$65,000. We have about \$20,000 set aside the 2024 half year for the partnership and ask this Annual Conference to increase that amount to \$45,000 for the 2024-2025 budget. We encourage local congregations to give advanced connectional gifts to make up the difference.

As time goes on, the hope is to develop a friendship between African and Upper Midwestern Churches. We know that there is much we can do together and will be blessed by the South African sisters and brothers experience.

Our hope is that local churches will begin supporting the general work in South Africa and then take on a sister relationship with a South African congregation.

We encourage other partnerships with Blessman Ministries that already work with the South African Conference providing work in the northern part of the country.

In Christ,

Ross Reinhillier  
Vice-president Upper Midwest Conference.

# Multiplication Team Report

## Every Church Plants

The Multiplication Team shall be responsible for encouraging and facilitating the planting of new churches (¶ 612.3), encouraging, and equipping new church starts during this transitional period, and has the overall goal of seeing all healthy congregations in the annual conference actively participating in multiplication.

*Our Mission* is to see every community no matter the size has a Bible believing, Spirit led congregation committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

*Our Vision:* Every church is instrumental and every leader effective in making disciples who make disciples who are actively on mission for Jesus.

Because of the mission and vision our goal is simple: **Every church plants.**

It is our hope to see healthy congregations of all sizes participating in church planting by the year 2030.

This will require discernment through fasting and prayer, a renewed missionary zeal for the gospel, a paradigm shift of what church looks like by adopting a minimal ecclesiology, a reorienting from pastoral dependency to the practice of the 'pastorhood' of all believers, and deliverance from dead discipleship practices.

The Multiplication Team is working to encourage and equip the New Church Starts in our Conference. Fall 2024 we are planning training in partnership with Dirt Roads Network for all the New Starts and their leadership teams. There are currently ten New Church Starts which are listed below.

We also recognize the importance of proper discipleship methods as we collectively discern God's path for our Conference. Any method of multiplication and planting will ultimately be ineffective if we do not truly be disciples who actively make disciples of Jesus Christ who understand the importance of being on mission. Because of this need the Multiplication Team is planning training for our Presiding Elders with Dirt Roads Network beginning early 2025.

It is our hope the pioneering spirit of Methodism is reignited within our laity and clergy as we faithfully follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.



## Budget

2024 Budget: \$10,000

Proposed Budget for 2025: \$20,000

## New Church Starts

New Church Starts are characterized as an organized community of believers who left their previous denomination and joined the movement of Global Methodists not through disaffiliation but through the start of something new. These committed believers chose to honor God and His word for “those who honor Me, I will honor” (1 Sam. 1:30), and have boldly stepped out in faith in order to follow the call of Jesus and serve Him in this world (John 12:26). Please pray for and encourage our faithful brothers and sisters in Christ.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Leader</b>
Cedar Valley Community Church	Charles City, Iowa	Kim Ragland, Laity
Cornerstone GMC	Estherville, Iowa	Todd Hartsock, Clergy
Faithful Community Church	Corning, Iowa	Erin Wetzel, Laity
First Methodist Church	Tiffin, Iowa	Ruby Bongolan, Clergy
Ogden Grace	Ogden, Iowa	Evelyn Lewiston, Clergy
Trinity Church	Oskaloosa, Iowa	Chad Lierman, Clergy
West Dubuque	Epworth, Iowa	Karl Dallefeld, Laity
Faith Methodist Church	Ogallala, Nebraska	Jeff Meyer, Laity
Rapid City Faith Community	Rapid City, South Dakota	Jeff Hauser, Clergy
Redeeming Grace Church	Sioux Falls, South Dakota	Dave Bambas, Clergy

# Finance Report

## Statement of Financial Position

	As of Dec 31, 2023	As of Apr 30, 2024	Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Bank Accounts	42,218	221,889	179,671
Other Current Assets	3,694	0	-3,694
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>45,912</b>	<b>221,889</b>	<b>175,977</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	459	0	-459
Credit Cards	31	0	-31
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-489</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
General Fund	29,984	127,839	97,855
Dirt Road's Network	0	76,076	76,076
New Churches	6,072	8,222	2,150
Other Designations	7,000	7,385	385
Ethnic Ministries	2,367	2,367	0
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>45,423</b>	<b>221,889</b>	<b>176,467</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>45,912</b>	<b>221,889</b>	<b>175,977</b>

## Budget for 2024-2025

	Actuals		Approved Budget		Proposed Budget			
	Jan - Dec 2023	Jan - Apr, 2024	Jan - Mar, 2024	Apr - Jun, 2024	Jul - Sep, 2024	Oct - Dec, 2024	Jan - Mar, 2025	Apr - Jun, 2025
<b>Revenue</b>								
Donations	5,321	10,211	500	500	6,700	6,700	6,700	6,700
Connectional Funding	49,035	143,686	113,313	113,313	90,000	90,000	90,000	90,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>54,356</b>	<b>153,896</b>	<b>113,813</b>	<b>113,813</b>	<b>96,700</b>	<b>96,700</b>	<b>96,700</b>	<b>96,700</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>								
Tithe	0	0	0	20,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Leadership Council	1,275	0	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
President Pro Tempore	31,470	50,861	43,375	43,375	45,450	45,450	45,450	45,450
Cabinet/Presiding Elders	0	0	600	600	550	550	550	550
Provisional Districts	305	16,350	20,499	20,499	12,720	12,720	12,720	12,720
Board of Ministry	0	0	10,000	10,000	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
Committee on Episcopacy	0	0	250	250	250	250	250	250
Finance & Administration	2,059	2,586	2,550	650	1,075	575	2,375	575
Nominations & Leadership Dev	0	0	250	251	251	247	250	250
Committee on Investigation	0	0	123	123	123	131	125	125
Administrative Review Committee	0	0	125	124	124	128	125	125
Sessions Committee	6,113	-13,465	-3,000	23,000	0	0	-500	20,500
Prayer & Intercession Team	0	0	250	250	250	250	250	250
Ethnic Ministry Team	0	0	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
Multiplication Team	0	0	1,250	1,250	6,250	6,250	6,250	6,250
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>41,223</b>	<b>56,041</b>	<b>78,772</b>	<b>122,872</b>	<b>86,043</b>	<b>85,551</b>	<b>86,845</b>	<b>106,045</b>
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	<b>13,133</b>	<b>97,855</b>	<b>35,041</b>	<b>-9,059</b>	<b>10,657</b>	<b>11,149</b>	<b>9,855</b>	<b>-9,345</b>

# Prayer & Intercession Team Report

The 2023 Provisional Conference defined the Role of The Conference Prayer & Intercession Team as follows: "The role of The Conference Prayer & Intercession Team is to ensure the work of the emerging Conference is thoroughly covered in prayer throughout the developmental process and beyond. The team prays for regional leadership and regional needs as well as the GM Church leadership and needs.

This Conference team also prays and works together to encourage local GM Church pastors to prayerfully select a prayer point person from each local church to ensure prayer is a priority in local churches. The Conference Prayer & Intercession Team encourages churches to become a "house of prayer."

The team also resources local churches as needed. Most importantly, the team prays for the mission of the GM Church: "Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly." (Convening Annual Conference JOURNAL, November 2-4, 2023).

- The team started our ministry in January 2024 with 26 members representing six districts. Wyoming currently has no members. We have been praying faithfully together monthly on the first Monday at 7:30 PM (CT) and pray all aspects of the life of the churches and their ministries in the Conference. We have additional meetings to plan the prayer ministry.
- As we try to fulfill its role, we encourage local Churches and pastors to 1) select a prayer "point person" with whom the Conference Team can work closely for support, 2) ensure that prayer is a priority in the ministry of the church so that the church will be a "House of Prayer" "(Isa. 56:7, Mt 21:13); and 3) start/continue prayer meetings. Perhaps extend the prayer meeting for the community prayer walks or pray on Sunday mornings for the worship service and anointing the sanctuary for the church with an ongoing prayer meeting.
- We are working on creating a sub-team for each district with the hope of having a distinct prayer network to connect with churches to encourage, discuss, and plan for the prayer ministry. Sharing the monthly prayer points with the local churches will be effective and unite prayers.
- We had a training session via Zoom in May on how to pray for others. We might offer training/teaching on prayers at the conference level via Zoom in the near future.
- Thank God we have a designated prayer ministry time during the Annual Conference, which indicates that prayer matters to our churches and the Conference. During this time, we will share our team's goal, mission, and why we need to pray: pray for the leaders of

the Conference, General Conference delegates, laities, pastors, and their spouses; pray for the church's renewal, revival, evangelism/mission locally and globally; prayer time for individual and offer an altar call.

- We provide a "Prayer Station" at the Conference where the delegates freely come and pray at any time. Our team will pray for those who request prayer during the break times.
- We will offer "Conference Noon Prayer." We ask and encourage everyone to pray the same prayer provided at noon. Prayer takes 45 seconds. We plan to change the prayer every few months and distribute it to all churches. Can you imagine what will happen in a spiritual atmosphere when we all pray together in the same prayer at the same time every day?
- We provide the "World Prayer Map" (from Every Home for Christ) for every church at the Annual Conference. The map will help the churches to pray for all nations.
- We are working on building and using the Conference Website as a connecting tool to the churches to share resources, support, and prayer points and announcements. So we can pray and work closely together as one body.
- We have been writing articles on prayer for the Nebraska District Newsletter to encourage and support the prayer movement in the churches.

I thank God to all the team members who have faithfully served in this manner. We cannot fulfill the Great Commandment and the Great Commission without Prayer and Intercession. History tells us that revivals of the church and fruitful evangelism/mission happen upon prayer. Prayer opens the way for God to work locally and globally for His Kingdom. If prayer made the early church thrive and triumph, is prayer not what we desperately need today?

Above all, Jesus prayed regularly, alone, for others, and with people, prayed in nature, and prayed, "Not my will but as Your will be done." Jesus, the Messiah, needed prayer and prayed, and now He still prays on the throne for us. Jesus knew the need for prayers and prayed; how about we? Do you agree we need "more prayer" than anything else?

*Rev. Dr. Christina Sung, the team leader, submitted this report.*

# Our Mission Effort

## Fill the Tubs for Disaster Relief

*Help Support Our Annual Conference Mission Effort!*

We hope your church can join the Upper Midwest Challenge for Disaster Relief to Fill the Tubs! Upper Midwest congregations are encouraged to collect donations for Just Help One Disaster Response. Our Districts are divided into 4 challenge areas: Minnesota and Montana, Iowa, South Dakota & North Dakota and Nebraska.

The items donated will be used to assemble Disaster Relief Health Kits on Friday, June 14 at Annual Conference. Scott Shipman of Just Help One Disaster Response will have a table at Annual Conference with details about this ministry. Financial Donations can be donated at the mini tubs at the Just Help One table. Learn more about this ministry at [www.justhelpone.net](http://www.justhelpone.net).

**Fill the Tubs  
for Disaster Relief**




**JUST HELP ONE**  
CLEANUP RECOVERY  
REBUILD  
DISASTER RESPONSE


**Relief Items needed**

- Hand towel & Wash cloth
- Travel soap
- Travel Deodorant
- Travel Toothpaste & toothbrush
- Comb
- Travel Size Shampoo & Conditioner
- Travel Size tissues
- Financial donations to Just Help One




MN/MT Churches    IA Churches    SD/ND Churches    NE Churches




## Conference Exhibitors



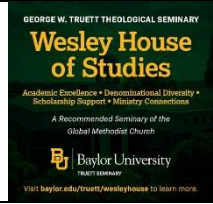
<p>Blessman International</p>	
<p>We exist to bring South African children and their families the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ through faith formation and locally sustainable programs.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.blessmaninternational.org">www.blessmaninternational.org</a></p>	
<p>Chosen People Ministries</p>	
<p>Chosen People Ministries exists to pray for, evangelize, disciple, and serve Jewish people everywhere and to help fellow believers do the same.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.chosenpeople.com">www.chosenpeople.com</a></p>	
<p>Camp Comeca</p>	
<p>Comeca is proud to provide incredible Christian camps for youth in Central Nebraska, and year-round retreats where all people can experience Christ.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.comeca.camp">www.comeca.camp</a></p>	

<p>Dirt Roads Network</p>	
<p>Connecting and equipping rural churches in small towns and communities across America. For more information: <a href="http://www.dirtroadsnetwork.com">www.dirtroadsnetwork.com</a></p>	
<p>Grace3 Ministries</p>	
<p>The goal of Grace3 Ministries is to help all believers in Jesus Christ to live the abundant, grace filled life Jesus came to give. For more information: <a href="http://www.grace3.org">www.grace3.org</a></p>	
<p>Group Publishing</p>	
<p>We believe it's worth the additional effort to craft experiences that engage the senses, trigger emotions, and create lightbulb moments. Our role is to create experiences that prepare people's hearts for the Holy Spirit to do transformational work. For more information: <a href="http://www.group.com">www.group.com</a></p>	



<p>GuideStone</p>	
<p>For you and for us, financial security and resilience are not the ultimate goal – it’s a means to an end. It gives you the freedom to answer God’s calling, provide for your family and bless the next generation of believers. Our vision is that every servant of Christ finishes well.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.guidestone.org">www.guidestone.org</a></p>	
<p>Just Help One</p>	
<p>Our Mission: To challenge people to have a deep desire to reflect Jesus in their everyday life by promoting faith, hope, and love to the world, while recognizing their life as a mobile worship service (Romans 12:1).</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.justhelpone.net">www.justhelpone.net</a></p>	
<p>One Child</p>	
<p>As a global community of Child Champions, we advocate for children in hard places and provide holistic care so they have hope and thrive.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.onechild.org">www.onechild.org</a></p>	

<p>Out In Faith</p>	
<p>We are a ministry of Faith Methodist Church in Williston, ND. We are assisting God's children to meet the basic needs of life.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="#">Visit their Facebook Page</a></p>	
<p>Red Rock Camp Minnesota</p>	
<p>Red Rock Camp is a time away with Jesus and His family at a beautiful setting that will leave you spiritually recharged, stronger in your faith, and with wonderful new relationships.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.redrockcamp.org">www.redrockcamp.org</a></p>	
<p>Seedbed</p>	
<p>We are sowing for a great awakening.</p> <p>Seedbed gathers, connects, and resources the people of God to encounter Jesus in their hearts, homes, churches, and cities.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.seedbed.com">www.seedbed.com</a></p>	

<p>Summer Games</p>	
<p>The mission of Summer Games is to engage students in their relationships with Jesus, other Christians, and local community to achieve full participation in the Church.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.sgu.camp">www.sgu.camp</a></p>	
<p>Wesley Biblical Seminary</p>	
<p>Wesley Biblical Seminary develops trusted leaders for faithful churches. For 50 years WBS has combined an uncompromising commitment to the full truth and authority of Scripture with a deep commitment to Wesleyan theology. Serve where you are while developing life-changing relationships with professors and other students. Special scholarships are available to GMC pastors!</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.wbs.edu">www.wbs.edu</a></p>	
<p>Wesley House of Studies at Truett Seminary</p>	
<p>The Wesley House of Studies at Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary seeks to form and equip Christ-centered, Spirit-led students to serve churches and other institutions in the Wesleyan tradition.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="https://truettseminary.baylor.edu/programs-centers/wesley-house-studies">https://truettseminary.baylor.edu/programs-centers/wesley-house-studies</a></p>	

