



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH



DIGITAL RESOURCE GUIDE

VOLUME II

FOSTERING CONNECTIONALISM AND SOLIDARITY

Learning and Living the Faith: A Catechism for Global Methodists

Churches that fail to regularly teach the faith and challenge its people to live it out every day, soon forget who they are and what they stand for. As Paul writes to Timothy, people in such a church “will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, . . . they will turn their ears away from the truth.” In the past 50 years we have seen this happen in a number of denominations.

Therefore, the Global Methodist Church strongly encourages every local church to use its approved [catechism](#) for helping children learn the faith, aiding confirmands as they come to embrace it, and introducing new members to our core confessions. Indeed, now is the perfect time to invite the entire congregation into a season of revisiting the central tenets of the Christian faith and our warm-hearted, Methodist expression of it. We are called to gracefully, thoughtfully, and winsomely share it with others and defend it when necessary. So, please use the catechism regularly; teach it and preach it. Constantly stress its importance. And make it available to your people in both [electronic](#) and physical forms.

You can order Global Methodist Church Catechism booklets from Seedbed. [Click here to place your order.](#)



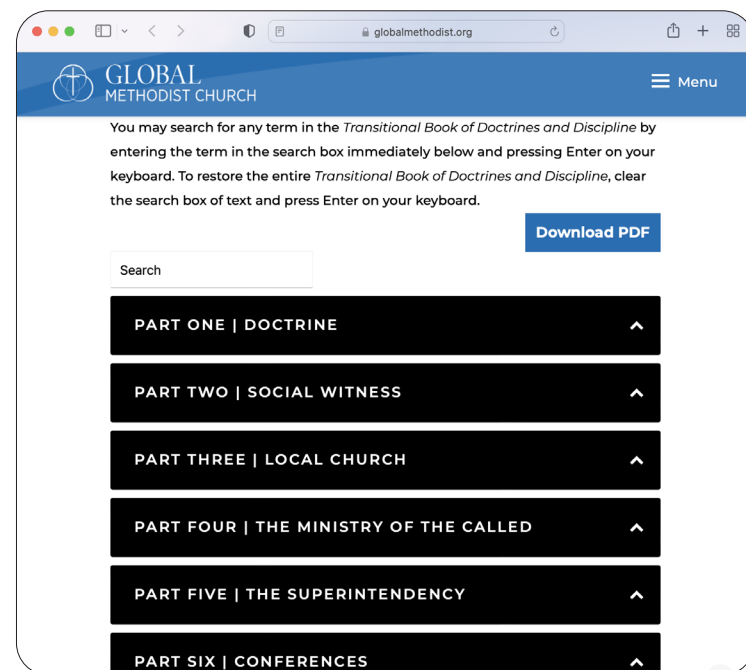
THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH'S TRANSITIONAL BOOK OF DOCTRINES AND DISCIPLINE

All the people of the Global Methodist Church look forward to its convening General Conference. At that conference the **Church's Transitional Leadership Council (TLC)** will joyfully yield its leadership of the Church to duly elected representatives from around the world as they come together to prayerfully discern God's will for it. Until that time, the Global Methodist Church will be governed by its *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline*. The TLC, and individuals and bodies it designates, will guide the Church in the interim.

It is important for pastors to become familiar with the entirety of this brief book and leading lay members should acquaint themselves with those sections that pertain to their leadership responsibilities. In some group setting, all GMC members should read and discuss parts one through three of the *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline* so they are familiar with the Church's core doctrine, its social witness, and the organization and mission of the local church. The *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline* is a critical resource for everyone. It is not an obstacle to the work of the church, but a "methodical" resource that enables local churches and the entire denomination to be about efficiently

and joyfully fulfilling the Great Commission. All members have a right to read it and a duty to use it for the sake of the Church's mission, vision, and for its good order.

Clergy and lay leaders should make sure a link to the *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline* is available on their local church's websites. Local churches without websites should send an email to all church members introducing the book and providing a link to it.



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WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

On at least a weekly basis the Global Methodist Church will use its e-newsletter, *Crossroads*, to communicate with the whole Church. The posts in *Crossroads* will vary from the sharing of important news and updates to devotional columns. During the Church's transitional and formative season, *Crossroads* will be a critical resource for connecting members all around the world so we can work together for the Church's mission and vision. Consistently encourage people to **[register for Crossroads](#)** and make it easy for them to do so by including links to it on the local church's website or send via a church wide email the link to register for *Crossroads*.



