



GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 GENERAL CONFERENCE

(AS OF FEBRUARY 6, 2025)

APRIL 1, 2025

- ❖ Begin recruiting volunteers for the conference
- ❖ Commission publishes its projection of delegate allocation to guide annual conference elections

JANUARY 1, 2026

- ❖ Date upon which the final number of churches and FTE pastors is determined in each annual conference

JANUARY 5, 2026

- ❖ Begin receiving petitions

JANUARY 21, 2026

- ❖ Deadline for conference superintendents to report the number of FTE pastors to the General Conference Commission and for all churches to be registered in the GMC database

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

- ❖ Goal date for having all volunteers in place
- ❖ Deadline for delegations to submit nominations for administrative committees

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

- ❖ Deadline for the Commission to recommend the allocation of delegates

MARCH 3, 2026

- ❖ Deadline for the Connectional Council to approve the allocation of delegates (allocation announced publicly ASAP)
- ❖ Deadline for annual conferences and individuals to submit nominations for general church commissions and committees (including 100-word biographical statement)
- ❖ Deadline for the Connectional Council to elect the GC administrative committees

*The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ
and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.*

APRIL 1, 2026

- ❖ Deadline for delegates to be elected and certified to the GC Commission

MAY 1, 2026

- ❖ Deadline for submitting all petitions
- ❖ Nominations Committee publishes slate of nominations for general church commissions and committees
- ❖ Deadline for delegates to submit 100-word biographical statement
- ❖ Deadline for delegates to submit legislative committee preferences to GC Secretary

MAY 15, 2026

- ❖ Deadline for annual conference delegations to submit episcopal nominees

JUNE 1, 2026

- ❖ Deadline for individuals to submit additional nominations for general church commissions and committees (those part of the first round of submissions are automatically included in the pool for election, with Nominations Committee slate indicated by asterisk)
- ❖ Global Episcopacy Committee publishes list of episcopal nominees
- ❖ Commission finalizes legislative committee assignments

JUNE 1 - JULY 31, 2026

- ❖ Plenary area episcopacy committees establish episcopal areas based on the number of bishops recommended by the Global Episcopacy Committee
- ❖ Area episcopacy committees conduct episcopal interviews, establish ranked list of episcopal nominees

JUNE 15 - 30, 2026

- ❖ Legislative Committee virtual meetings to elect officers

JULY 1, 2026

- ❖ Pre-Conference Workbook (including Petitions Report) published

JULY 31, 2026

- ❖ Global Episcopacy Committee shares ranked list of episcopal nominees for each episcopal area

AUGUST 30, 2026

- ❖ The General Conference Convenes

TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 GENERAL CONFERENCE DELEGATE ELECTION PROCESS

APRIL 1, 2025

- ❖ Commission publishes projected delegate allocations to guide annual conference elections

APRIL 1, 2025 - MARCH 1, 2026

- ❖ Annual conferences elect delegates, including sufficient reserves in case the delegate number increases

JANUARY 1, 2026

- ❖ Date upon which the final number of churches and FTE pastors is determined in each annual conference

JANUARY 21, 2026

- ❖ Deadline for conference superintendents to report the number of FTE pastors to the General Conference Commission and for all churches to be registered in the GMC database

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APRIL 1, 2026

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TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 GENERAL CONFERENCE CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENTS

JANUARY 1, 2026

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APRIL 1, 2026

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TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 GENERAL CONFERENCE PETITIONS PROCESS

JANUARY 5, 2026

- ❖ Begin receiving petitions

MAY 1, 2026

- ❖ Deadline for submitting all petitions

JULY 1, 2026

- ❖ Petitions Report published as part of Pre-Conference Workbook

TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 GENERAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATIONS

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

- ❖ Deadline for delegations to submit nominations for administrative committees

MARCH 3, 2026

- ❖ Deadline for annual conferences and individuals to submit nominations for general church commissions and committees (including 100-word biographical statement)

MAY 1, 2026

- ❖ Deadline for delegates to submit 100-word biographical statement
- ❖ Deadline for delegates to submit legislative committee preferences to GC Secretary

MAY 15, 2026

- ❖ Deadline for annual conference delegations to submit episcopal nominees

TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 GENERAL CONFERENCE EPISCOPAL ELECTIONS PROCESS

MAY 15, 2026

- ❖ Deadline for annual conference delegations to submit episcopal nominees

JUNE 1, 2026

- ❖ Global Episcopacy Committee publishes list of episcopal nominees

JUNE 1 - JULY 31, 2026

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JULY 31, 2026

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TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 GENERAL CONFERENCE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE PROCESS

MAY 1, 2026

- ❖ Deadline for delegates to submit legislative committee preferences to GC Secretary

JUNE 1, 2026

- ❖ Commission finalizes legislative committee assignments

JUNE 15 - 30, 2026

- ❖ Legislative Committee virtual meetings to elect officers

JULY 1 - 15, 2026

- ❖ Training for Legislative Committee officers
- ❖ Officers begin organizing their committee's work

TIMELINE FOR THE 2026 GENERAL CONFERENCE GENERAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION

APRIL 1, 2025

- ❖ Commission publishes its projection of delegate allocation to guide annual conference elections

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