



GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

VALUES FOR THE DELEGATE NUMBER AND ALLOCATION PROCESS GENERAL CONFERENCE 2026

❖ Fair Representation of All Constituencies

- Geographic - Ensure proportional representation that reflects the global presence of the GMC
- Demographic - Age, Gender, Ethnic, Linguistic

❖ Data-Informed Decision-Making

- Relying on the most accurate & current data to ensure consistency and fairness for all regions
- Adjusting delegate numbers to reflect growth from congregations and areas joining the GMC

❖ Feasibility and Timeliness

- Prioritizing realistic and achievable timelines for onboarding of delegates
- Providing enough prep time for delegations to engage effectively in critical conversations concerning the breadth and depth of the business of the 2026 General Conference

❖ Financial Stewardship

- Considering the financial implications of decisions, including the cost of individual delegates, and ensuring the church does not overextend resources

❖ Effectiveness and Manageability

- Balancing the size of delegations to ensure they remain effective and engaged in the decision-making process without becoming overly large and unwieldy
- Avoiding delegate totals that could lead to inefficiency or overrepresentation in some areas

❖ Clarity and Transparency

- Crafting clear and rational messaging around delegate allocation and decisions to build trust
- Developing a consistent communication plan to ensure alignment among stakeholders

❖ Sustainability for the Future

- Setting sustainable precedents for future conferences, including ensuring accurate proportional representation and matching programs with available resources.

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and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.***