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NEWS, UPDATES & INSPIRING STORIES OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

NEWS & UPDATES

Laying the Foundation: Global Methodist Church Adopts First Denominational Budget

Executive Director of Finance, Matt Conover, shares insight into the **2025 Connectional Funding Budget**. A financial plan rooted in **accountability**, **transparency**, and our shared commitment to **spreading the gospel**.

The budget was developed through a **collaborative effort** among the **Assembly of Bishops**, the **Commissions**, the **Global Operations Team**, and the **Connectional Council**, ensuring a **balanced approach** that supports essential ministries, provides growth, and sustains the work of the **Global Methodist Church**.

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General Conference 2026 Delegate Projections

In order to guide **annual conferences** in electing delegates to the **2026 General Conference**, the General Conference Commission has released its **projections** of how many delegates each annual conference will have. The **official number of delegates** for each annual conference will be set in **February 2026**, based on the number of churches and pastors on **January 1, 2026**.

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Asbury Theological Seminary Announces the Rev. Dr. David F. Watson as its Next President

Congratulations to the Rev. Dr. David F. Watson, one of our own **Global Methodist Church elders**, on being named the next **President of Asbury Theological Seminary**! We believe in your leadership and are filled with excitement and anticipation to see how God will work through you in this new role.

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Translations of the Book of Doctrines and Discipline Now Available in All Official Languages

We are excited to announce that the Book of Doctrines and Discipline (BDD) is now available in all of the official languages of the Global Methodist Church. You can download the PDF versions on our website in **English, Spanish, Portuguese, KiSwahili, Korean, and French**.

As previously announced, **Seedbed is working on a printed version**, and you can sign up below to receive notification when it becomes available.

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COMMISSION UPDATES

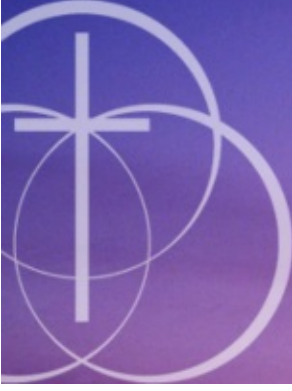
Additional Members Appointed to the Connectional Council

The **Global Methodist Church** is pleased to announce that the **Connectional Council** has completed its build out as outlined in the Book of Doctrines and Discipline. This milestone ensures a **strong foundation** for guiding the mission and ministry of the Church. The Council is chaired by the **Rev. Dr. Jessica LaGrone** and is composed of faithful leaders from around the world.

To view the **full list of members**, click below.

[LIST OF MEMBERS](#)

ASSEMBLY OF BISHOPS UPDATES



A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY OF BISHOPS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ in the Democratic Republic of Congo,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our hearts are heavy as we hear the devastating news of war and the brutal persecution of Christians in your beloved country. The suffering you endure is unimaginable, and yet, even in the depths of such darkness, we know that the light of Christ shines all the brighter.

As an Assembly of Bishops, we stand with you—not only in words but in deep, fervent prayer. We cry out to our God for His protection, His provision, and His unfailing presence in your lives. You are not alone. The body of Christ surrounds you with love, and the Holy Spirit is near, offering comfort and strength.

The Apostle Paul assures us in Romans 8:38-39 that nothing—not hardship, nor persecution, nor even death itself—can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus. Your faith, refined through trials, is a powerful testimony to the world. Though your path is marked with suffering, your unwavering commitment to Christ is a beacon of hope and courage.

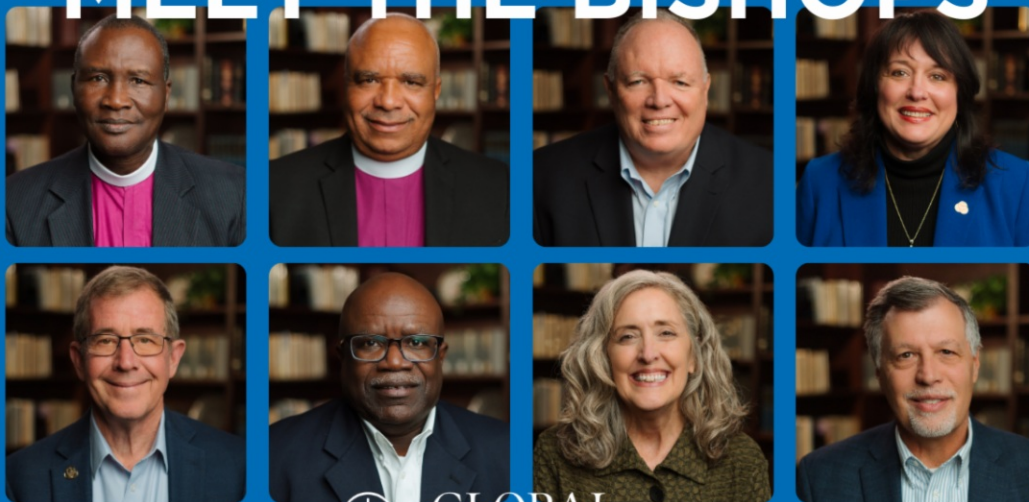
With uplifted hands and steadfast hearts, we pray for peace in the DR Congo, for security in your communities, and for the gospel to continue spreading to all of God's children. May you feel His mighty arms upholding you in this time of sorrow.

We are humbled by your faithfulness to the ministry of the Global Methodist Church. You inspire us with your resilience, and we will not cease in lifting you before the throne of grace.

In the love and strength of Christ,

The Assembly of Bishops

MEET THE BISHOPS



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Meet the Bishops: Profile Videos Now Available

We're pleased to share a new video series featuring each of our **eight bishops**. These leaders play a vital role in guiding the **Global Methodist Church** with wisdom, faith, and vision.

In each video, you'll hear their hearts, learn about their journeys, and gain insight into their hopes for the future of the **GMC**.

We invite you to **watch, be inspired, and pray for our bishops** as they serve the Church and advance **God's Kingdom**.

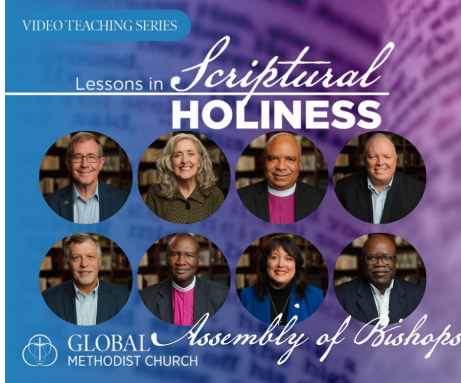
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Wesleyan Theological Society Recognizes Bishop Jones

At the **60th Annual Meeting of the Wesleyan Theological Society**, **Bishop Scott J. Jones** was presented with the prestigious **Pastor/Preacher/Scholar Award** in recognition of his lifelong service to both the church and the academy.

We joyfully celebrate this well-deserved honor, giving thanks for **Bishop Jones' faithful leadership, deep theological insight, and steadfast commitment** to the mission and **vision of the Global Methodist Church**.





Scriptural Holiness Teaching Series

Join us as we continue digging deeper into the Assembly of Bishops' teaching series on Scriptural Holiness, exploring what it means to be a people set apart by grace for God's purposes.

We're now halfway through the series, with four weeks completed and four more to go. **Each Friday**, we'll introduce a new video and reflection questions to help you engage with these teachings.

This is more than a study—it's an invitation. Consider forming a Band or Class to journey through these teachings together, discussing and encouraging one another as we grow in grace.

Follow along on social media, and watch both the short and extended versions of the videos using the buttons below.



[WATCH SERIES VIDEOS HERE](#)



Some Thoughts On The Importance of Faith In God

Devotional by Bishop Jeff Greenway

Samson shows us that despite our failures, God can still use us when we trust Him. His strength, tied to his faith, ultimately led to victory, even in his final moments. Samson's life reminds us that our identity is found in the God we believe in. Join us as we reflect on the power of faith and the importance of trusting God, no matter our circumstances.



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If you have a devotional, essay, message, or faith-filled reflection, share it with us for consideration using the button below.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



LAST CALL TO REGISTER FOR THE 2:42 CONFERENCE April 7 to 9 | Reynoldsburg, Ohio

Designed for young clergy, seminary students, and those exploring a call to ministry, the **2:42 Conference** is a transformative three-day gathering rooted in **Acts 2:42**. Dive deep into faith, fellowship, and Methodist teachings through **powerful teaching, dynamic worship, and meaningful connections** that will equip and inspire your journey. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in community—**learn more today!**

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Next Connectional Conversations Set for April 17

Join us on **April 17 at 8 am CDT** for Connectional Conversations. This month, our focus is on the latest developments as it relates to the **budget and finance** of the denomination. Come ready to **hear their insights, ask questions, and learn more** about the important work shaping our connectional future.

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Join Us at Beyond These Walls in May

We're honored to be a Diamond Sponsor for the **Beyond These Walls** Conference, taking place May 1-3 at The Woodlands Methodist Church in The Woodlands, TX!

This transformative event is an opportunity to connect, learn, and grow alongside others passionate about sharing the Gospel. We look forward to seeing you there!

Hear from our COO, Mike Schafer, as he shares his personal experience at BTW below.



Mike Schafer
Connectional Operations Officer

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Registration rates go up April 1 - secure your spot today!

OTHER EVENTS

APRIL

4-5

**Receive Celebration
National Conference**
The Woodlands, TX

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MAY

5-8

Northeast 2025 Annual Conference
Courtland, NY

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We welcome information about conference-level events and gatherings that serve the broader Global Methodist Church by emailing tmarcus@globalmethodist.org.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPOTLIGHT

The Global Methodist Church is growing and thriving in communities around the world! To help our members stay connected, we'll be featuring an **Annual Conference Spotlight** in each edition of *Across the Globe*. This series will highlight the incredible ways God is moving across our connection—sharing stories, ministries, and updates from our conferences worldwide.

BULGARIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE



The **Bulgaria Annual Conference** is working together in faith to overcome challenges and move toward renewal. With a commitment to prayer, fasting, and financial self-sufficiency, they are strengthening their churches and empowering communities. Through their partnership with the Global Methodist Church, they are experiencing spiritual growth and are committed to building a hopeful future rooted in Christ. **Read more** about their journey!

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Bulgaria at a Glance

Communities Impacted

This conference covers the country of



Bulgaria. The church is rich in diversity, comprised of Bulgarians, Roma people, Turkish-speaking people, and Armenians.



Bishop Leah Gregory
GMC Bishop



Dr. Daniel G. Topalski
Conference
Superintendent



**Pastor Krasimir
Madjarov**
Conference Vice Chair

Average weekly
worship attendance
1,250

Local Churches
24

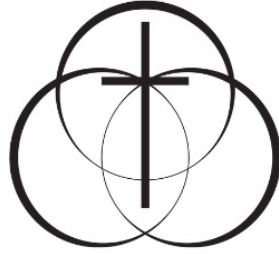
PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT



The Global Methodist Church partners with **MissionInsite** to provide conferences and local churches with powerful demographic and community analysis tools—**at no cost**. These resources help churches better **understand their communities**, **develop outreach strategies**, and **strengthen ministry efforts**.

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