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METHODIST CHURCH  
MidTexas Conference

# 1000 GENERATIONS

EXODUS 20:6

But I **lavish** unfailing love  
for a thousand **generations**  
on those who **love** me  
and **obey** my commands.

2026 ANNUAL AWAKENING  
CONFERENCE JOURNAL

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# A Word from our Hosts

Welcome to First Frisco Global Methodist! We are thrilled to be hosting the 4 th Annual Awakening for the Mid-Tex Conference of the Global Methodist Church, and we want you to know that we have been praying for you and for the Awakening for months now. We can't wait to celebrate and worship with you!

As we rejoice in the new thing that God is doing in, through, and around us, it's fortifying and exciting to look back and see God's faithfulness in times past, too. The history of First Frisco GMC can be a great vehicle for that kind of reflection: as the oldest church in Collin County, Texas, this congregation's rich heritage dates from the mid-1800s. The church served the people of the North Texas frontier for more than fifty years before the city of Frisco even came into being!

Our more recent history confirms a First Frisco core belief that every church serves a unique purpose in God's kingdom work. First Frisco's purpose centers around "family ties" – we strive to "build a Family of Faith"; that reaches out to the world with the good news that Jesus loves and desires relationship with everyone. As followers of and family members with Jesus, we are working to BE disciples of Jesus Christ who MAKE disciples of Jesus Christ. Our weekly worship services (contemporary and traditional) as well as mission-work (local and international), Bible studies, youth and children's ministries, and adult fellowship emphasize creating spaces where people can know and be known as "faith-family" members.

The First Frisco church family has been witness to God's amazing work in many ways and many times. This week, with you, we continue in the mission that has motivated us for 177 years: making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness across the globe. We are so glad to welcome you to the family!



God's blessings,  
Pastor Mark Vowell  
Senior Pastor, First Frisco Global Methodist Church



# First Frisco Global Methodist Church

# Our Speakers



*Dr. Sandra Richter*

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*Bishop Kenneth Livingston*

Bishop of the Global  
Methodist Church,  
Episcopal Leader of the  
MidTexas Conference



*Bishop Carolyn Moore*

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Bishop of the Global  
Methodist Church

*Bishop Leah Hidde Gregory*

Bishop of the Global  
Methodist Church,  
Conference Superintendent of  
the MidTexas Conference

# Conference Agenda

## WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11

**9:00 AM**  
BOM Sacramental Training | Loft

**1:00 PM**  
MidTexas Connectional Council Lunch | TrueFire Grill

**3:00-7:00 PM**  
MidTexas Cabinet Retreat | First Frisco GMC |  
The Loft (Dinner Included)

**6:00 PM**  
Women's Ministry Dinner with Sandra Richter | First  
Methodist Carrollton (Registration Required)

**Men's Ministry Dinner with Russ Baley | First Frisco  
GMC (Registration Required)**

**Spanish Speaking Gathering with Ray Zirkel | First  
Frisco GMC (Registration Required)**

## THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12

**8:00 AM**  
Ordinand Breakfast with Bishops | Sponsored by  
Methodist Children's Home | Gym Dining Room

**9:30 AM**  
Clergy Executive Session | Sanctuary

**11:30 AM**  
*Lunch on your own*

**1:30 PM**  
Opening Worship with Bishop Gregory | Sanctuary

**2:30 PM**  
Business Session | Sanctuary

**5:00 PM**  
*Dinner on your own*

**7:00 PM**  
Laity Dinner with Bishop Livingston (Registration Required)  
| Gym

**7:00 PM**  
Clergy Family Worship with Dr. Sandra Richter |  
Sanctuary

# Conference Agenda (Continued)

## FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13

**9:00 AM**  
Morning Worship | Sanctuary

**10:00 AM**  
Plenary with Dr. Sandra Richter | Sanctuary

**11:30 AM**  
*Lunch on your own*

**1:30 PM**  
Plenary with Dr. Sandra Richter | Sanctuary

**3:00 PM**  
Workshops | Various Rooms

**4:45 PM**  
Marriage Renewal Ceremony | Chapel (Optional)

**5:00 PM**  
*Dinner on your own*

**7:00 PM**  
Worship & Holy Communion with Dr. Sandra Richter | Sanctuary

## SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14

**8:30 AM**  
Ordinand Rehearsal & Photos | Sanctuary & The Loft

**9:30 AM**  
Conference Prayer Meeting | Led by Revive Ministry | Gym

**11:00 AM**  
Ordination Service with Bishop Livingston | Sanctuary

**12:30 PM**  
Dismissal

# REVIVE

NEXT GENERATION RESOURCES



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# Episcopal Greetings

Dear MidTexas Family,

I cannot wait to join you again in celebrating the ongoing work of God at our 2026 Mid Tex Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church. Since our 2025 gathering at Coker Methodist Church in San Antonio, much has happened to challenge and deepen our faith and resolve in God.

Many of you personally experienced the unimaginable and devastating floods through the heart of our Annual Conference. The loss of life, especially the loss of so many precious children, is something we can never forget or fail in honoring their memory.

Continue to pray with me that these families may know and experience God's everlasting love and healing. God calls Global Methodists to "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ and Spread Scriptural Holiness Across the Globe." We have witnessed the awakening power of the Holy Spirit, and together we have turned to scripture and set our course to call everyone to faith and belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

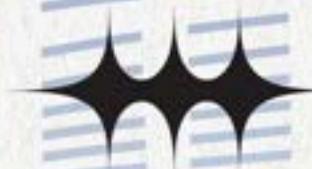
Throughout the Conference materials, you will discover the many ways the Mid Texas Annual Conference is prepared and eager to connect with the local church. I pray you will get to know and walk with your nearest neighbor into the very heart of Christ. Seek ways you may become involved and engaged with our international partners to reach the whole world for the glory of God.

Exodus 20:6 offers hope for now and the future. God will show love to "a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments." The Conference theme, "A Thousand Generations," borrows from this passage, and it reminds us that God remains faithful to every generation who makes God the main thing. Putting God first is rooted in scripture; it is a heart posture, a way of life, and essential in our continuing journey from justification to sanctification into the image of Christ.

The work we do together this week did not begin with us and will not end with us. May the work God has sanctified us to do be a blessing not only now, but to a thousand generations yet unborn.



**Bishop Kenneth Livingston**  
Epicopal Leader  
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# 1000 GENERATIONS

EXODUS 20:6

## A Note on Our Theme

The MidTexas Annual Conference is richly blessed to be a truly multigenerational connection. We are witnessing the growing presence of Generations Z & Alpha within our churches, even as families continue to find their way into our congregations seeking guidance for shaping Christ-centered homes. Adults of all ages are longing for deeper connection—with one another and with God—and our saints are faithfully offering the wisdom, testimony, and prayer forged through years of walking with Christ. Together, we embody the beautiful breadth of the body of Christ, united across generations by a shared faith and a shared calling.

As a Global Methodist people, we are a connected church with a missional purpose—bound together not by bureaucracy, but by shared doctrine, shared mission, and shared accountability. We are part of a growing global expression of Methodism that is orthodox in belief, Wesleyan in spirit, and expectant of the Holy Spirit's work among us.

One of the clearest ways God has been shaping us in this season is through a renewed emphasis on generational ministry: Family matters. The intimate, intergenerational bonds of family have a profound capacity to shape values, nurture habits of faith, and influence life callings and vocational trajectories. Scripture reminds us that faith is most often formed not in isolation, but within community—through faithful witness passed from one generation to the next.

From the earliest days of God's covenant people, the call has been clear: "These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). The psalmist declares, "One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4). The faith we hold today was entrusted to us by those who came before us, and it is now entrusted to us for the sake of those who will follow.

Within the church—which itself functions as a family of believers—we are called to “do good to all, and especially to those who are of the household of faith” (Galatians 6:10). Our congregations are strongest when they welcome and nurture disciples at every stage of life: infants brought to the waters of baptism, children learning the stories of Scripture, youth discerning God’s call, adults growing in faith and service, and older saints bearing wisdom, testimony, and prayer. Each generation is not only a recipient of grace, but a steward of it.

Families within our congregations serve as vital hubs from which the many spokes of congregational life extend—worship, discipleship, service, mission, leadership development, and spiritual formation. When families are strengthened, the whole body grows—and the mission expands..

This conviction stands at the heart of this year’s Annual Awakening Conference, centered on the theme “1000 Generations.” Drawing from the witness of Scripture—“I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands. (Exodus 20.6 NLT)—we are reminded that the work God is doing among us today is never only for the present moment. It is an investment in generations yet unborn and a vision of Kingdom impact far beyond what we can presently see.

May we be a church that joyfully embraces multigenerational ministry, faithfully hands on the gospel, and trusts that the God who has been faithful before us will remain faithful—through us—to a thousand generations.

**Save the Date!**  
Annual Awakening 2027  
February 24-27, 2027  
First Methodist Waco

# A Note from the Conference Superintendent

I write with a heart full of gratitude and hope. This past year has been one of faithful labor, courageous witness, and clear evidence of God's grace at work among us. We are living in a season of new growth and expansion in MidTexas, and I am deeply thankful for each of you and for the ways you have responded to the Global Methodist Church's call to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to spread scriptural holiness across the land—and around the world.

We truly have much to celebrate.

In a time of realignment and renewal across Methodism, you chose conviction over convenience and faithfulness over fear. Our churches have remained steadfast in worship, generous in mission, and bold in proclamation. Clergy have led with theological clarity and pastoral courage. Laity have stepped forward as disciple-makers, servants, and leaders. Together, you have shown that the Global Methodist Church is not simply preserving a tradition, but participating in a Spirit-led movement of renewal and hope.

This year, we have seen tangible fruit from that faithfulness. Lives have been changed through the preaching of the Word and the faithful administration of the sacraments. New believers have been welcomed into the body of Christ. Children and youth have encountered Jesus in ways that are shaping their faith for a lifetime. Leaders have been trained and equipped. New churches have taken root, and existing congregations have discovered renewed vitality and missional clarity. These are signs of resurrection life and evidence that God is building His Church among us.

Our desire as the leadership team of the MidTexas Conference is to energize and equip local churches for ministry with all ages—children, youth, families, and elders—so that faith is shared across generations. We long to see congregations where people worship together, serve together, and are sent together into God's mission, trusting that God will multiply our faithfulness for the sake of His Kingdom.

As we look to the year ahead, I sense God calling us to move forward with renewed clarity, courage, and expectancy. The mission before us remains urgent. Our communities are hungry for truth, hope, and grace. The world needs a church that is deeply rooted in Scripture, alive in the Spirit, and willing to plant, send, and grow for the sake of the gospel.

Let us be a people who expect God to move.

Let us be churches that disciple deeply and multiply faithfully..

Let us walk together in unity, trusting that “He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

We labor today with a long view of the Kingdom, confident that the seeds planted in this season will bear fruit for a thousand generations.

Thank you for your faithfulness, your sacrifice, and your trust. It is a profound honor to serve as your Conference Superintendent, and I look forward with great anticipation to all that God will continue to do among us as we grow in Christ. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

With deep gratitude, abiding hope, and a call to storm the gates of hell,



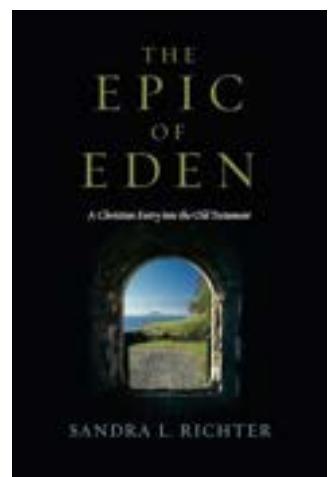
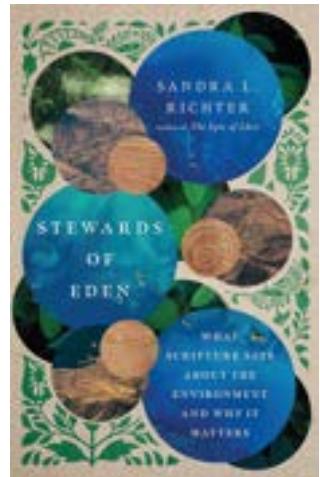
**Bishop Leah Hidde Gregory**  
Conference Superintendent  
MidTexas Conference  
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# Conference Teacher



*Dr. Sandra Richter*

Sandra L. Richter is the Robert H. Gundry Chair of Biblical Studies at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, CA. Richter earned her PhD in Hebrew Bible from Harvard University and her MA in Theological Studies from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. In the Academy she is known for her work in the book of Deuteronomy and the Deuteronomistic History, often writing on the intersection between Syro-Palestinian archaeology, linguistics and Bible. Sandy is also the author of *The Epic of Eden: A Christian Entry into the Old Testament* (IVP) and the much-loved series of video Bible study curriculums that have grown from that project. Richter is a member of the NIV Committee for Biblical Translation. She is deeply committed to the wellbeing of the Church, and also deeply involved in conversations regarding environmental theology. Her book, *The Stewards of Eden: What Scripture Says About the Environment and Why It Matters* (IVP), draws together more than a decade of technical work and activism and her children's book Abigail and the Waterfall just came out this year. Sandy is married to Steven Tsoukalas and they share two perfect daughters, Noël and Elise. She is a sought after speaker in many contexts, look for her forthcoming commentary on Deuteronomy with Eerdmans.





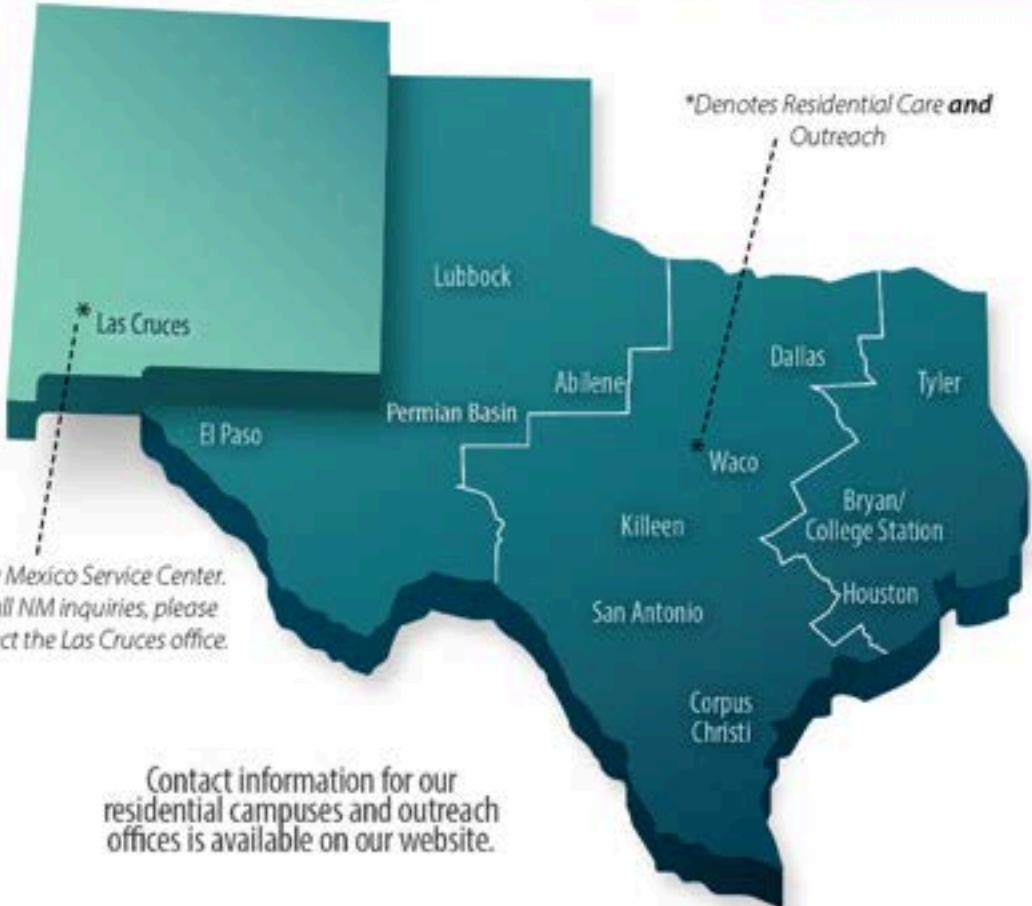
*Our vision is to empower all we serve to experience life to the fullest.*

Methodist Children's Home (MCH) serves youth through 24-hour care on both the Waco campus and Boys Ranch. Each location is unique in its offerings, but together provide a caring, Christ-centered and education-focused community designed specifically to meet the needs of children in our care. Transition Services helps young adults ages 18-26 make a successful transition to independent living and adjust to college or the workforce, whether they are an MCH graduate, a child served through foster care, or referred through community collaborations. MCH Family Outreach provides home and community-based services to individuals and families across Texas and New Mexico. Foster and kinship care are offered through the Abilene, Dallas, Tyler, and Waco locations. Each program through MCH Family Outreach is designed to provide the relationships, services and support that equip families to flourish. MCH is an independent charitable organization, supported by churches and donors who choose to invest in God's Kingdom-work through our ministry.



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# Mid-Texas Annual Conference 2026

## Business Session Agenda

February 12, 2026 / 2:30PM

Call to Order & Greetings	Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory
• Election of Conference Secretary: Rev. Ben Huebner	
Prayer	Christy Rolf, Connectional Council
Adoption of Standing Rules	Rev. Ben Huebner, Conference Secretary
Report of the Cabinet	Rev. Bill Killough, Cabinet Officer
Prayers for Churches in Disaffiliation Lawsuits	Jim McClain, Finance & Admin.
Report of the Connectional Council	Rev. Dr. Adam Thornton, Chair
• Gratitude for 2025 MidTexas Leaders	
• 2025 Church Census	
• 2025 Finance and Administration Report	
◦ 2025 Rebate Report	
◦ Foundation for Awakening	
• 2025 Disaster Relief Efforts	
• International Partnerships	
◦ Greeting & Update on Bulgaria from Rev. Daniel Tolpalski	
◦ Greeting & Update on Costa Rica: Ray & Lidia Zirkel	
◦ Update on Rwanda: Rev. Matt Pennington	
◦ For Adoption: Mexico: Rev. David Almanza	
• 2026 Connectional Giving Percentages remain at 3% and 1%	
• 2026 Leadership Nominations	
◦ ILI Graduates Stand and be Recognized	
• 2026 Annual Conference Budget	
• 2026 General Conference Delegation Report	
Report of the Board of Ministry	Rev. Dr. Leslie Tomlinson, Chair
Setting of Appointments & Blessing over Mid-Texas Leadership	Bishop Levingston
Election of Additional General Conference Delegates	Bishop Levingston
5 Year (2027-2031) Strategic Planning Report	Rev. Ryan Barnett, COO
Adjournment	

\*Those eligible to vote in these matters include:

- Lay delegates elected by their congregations/charges.
- Appointed Elders and Deacons.
- Senior Status clergy who meet requirements in BDD520.
- Supply pastors have full voice, but no vote.

# Standing Rules

*Adopted by the 2025 Annual Conference*

The MidTexas Conference will submit all meetings to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. As such, we will introduce as few rules as possible while adopting helpful guidelines that advance our work.

1. We will actively seek Biblical guidance before speaking. Avenues include, but are not limited to: Scripture, Mentors, Clergy and Lay Colleagues, and Prayer.
2. We will ask the Holy Spirit to confirm whether we ought to stand and address the body or not.
  - a. A prayer akin to the following may be used, "Holy Spirit, help me to stand out of your way that we might all hear from you."
3. We will love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, strength, and soul and love our neighbor as ourselves.
4. We will honor Christ's commands in Matthew 18, if we wrong or have been wronged by a brother or sister, even if unintentionally.
5. We will attempt consensus on decisions and adopt measures "without objection" as often as possible.

Finally, we recognize that there are times more structure may be needed to efficiently do the work of the MidTexas Conference. In those times of uncertainty, we will defer to using Martha's Rules in committee and the 10th Edition of the Democratic Rules of Order in plenary. Either the chair or 1/3 of the body may decide to move the session into our formal rules.

These standing rules were adopted by the Business Session of the 2025 Mid-Texas Annual Conference.

# 2025 Cabinet Report

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ,

During the 2025 appointment cycle, the Cabinet has participated in the sacred work of discernment, and we joyfully report that **forty-six new appointments** have been made across the MidTexas Annual Conference. These appointments are not merely organizational decisions; they are holy moments of sending and receiving, shaped by prayer, the Holy Spirit, God's Word and collaboration with local churches.

In the Wesleyan tradition, appointments are an expression of our shared covenant and connection. Through this year's work, the Cabinet has sought to listen deeply—to God, to pastors, to congregations, and to one another—trusting that Christ continues to call and place leaders for the sake of the gospel.

In this holy work, we have sought to:

- **Energize** congregations by sending pastors whose gifts and graces align with God's unfolding mission in each local context
- **Equip** clergy for faithful service by discerning appointments that foster growth, fruitfulness, and long-term spiritual health
- **Connect** pastors and churches through a shared spirit of trust, prayer, and mutual submission to Christ

As pastors are sent and congregations receive them, we are reminded that appointment-making is ultimately an act of obedience—responding together to God's call rather than pursuing individual preference.

## New Resource for Pastor-Parish Relations Committees (or SPRC)

The Cabinet is also pleased to announce the release of a new MidTexas SPRC resource designed to strengthen and support the appointment process. This resource is intended to equip and connect SPRCs by clearly articulating:

- The spiritual, pastoral, and relational responsibilities of the SPRC
- The committee's role as a bridge between pastor and congregation
- The MidTexas appointment process
- Best practices allow both pastor and congregation to thrive

Our prayer is that this resource will energize SPRCs to approach their work not as a task to be managed, but as a ministry to be stewarded.

## Looking Ahead in Hope and Trust

The Cabinet remains committed to serving the conference through this sacred trust. Everything we do is shaped by a deep desire to energize, equip, and connect clergy and congregations for the work of making disciples and spreading scriptural holiness. As we move forward together, we invite the prayers of the Annual Conference for all pastors who are being sent and for all congregations who are receiving new leadership.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Cabinet  
MidTexas Annual Conference



# 2025 Church Census

Joined in 2025

The Cross Gospel Church	Coppell, TX
Utopia Methodist Church	Utopia, TX
First Church of Cotulla	Cotulla, TX
Shiloh Church of Tioga	Tioga, TX
Mission Church of Zion	Austin, TX

Transfer to Korean American Annual Conference of the GMC

## The Lord's Church, Waco

Disaffiliated in 2025

# 2025 Actions of the Connectional Council

JANUARY 9, 2025

Election of new Connectional Council members: Adam Thornton, Lynn Gross, Jill Jackson-Sears, and Karen Clark were approved unanimously.

Ryan Barnett nominated Adam Thornton to serve as Chair of the Connectional Council. The motion was approved unanimously.

Equalization of delegates: Ben Huebner explained the equalization process. Based on the BOM, 255 clergy delegates (including senior status clergy) and 255 lay delegates. The base number of lay delegates is 231. Twenty-four laity will be needed to serve as delegates. Quorum is 261. Ryan Barnett made a motion to fill these roles via the lead team of Revive Ministries, as well as college students engaged in college ministry in the GMC and BOM candidates who are not appointed. The motion was approved unanimously.

A request to consider adopting the African Rwandan Global Methodist Church Conference to include providing emergency relief of up to \$5k for emergency funding for January and February 2025. Dave Roberson made a motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ryan Barnett made a motion to approve the 2025 Nominations Committee Report. The motion was approved unanimously.

FEBRUARY 6, 2026

Conditional Adoption of Rwanda Partnership. Ryan Barnett discussed the partnership in detail. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adoption of Standing Rules for 2025 Annual Conference. The motion was approved unanimously.

Recommendation to host virtual Annual Conference on June 21, 9 am -12 pm: Purpose to elect 2026 General Conference Delegation. The motion was approved unanimously.

The 2026 General Conference Delegation Selection Process was approved unanimously.

Request to cover the cost of New Room registration for Presiding Elders and District Lay Leaders. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Connectional Funding Waiver Request from La Santisima Trinidad for 2025 was approved unanimously.

Shooks Chapel Methodist Church's request to disaffiliate was approved unanimously.

#### MARCH 6, 2025

No action items.

#### APRIL 10, 2025

A motion to approve a \$10k grant to Rev. Kim Ethridge to support development and outreach of a new church start, Christ the Rock GMC, in San Antonio was approved unanimously.

Ryan Barnett presented the MidTexas Annual Conference's mission statement for approval: "Local churches make disciples for Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe. The MidTexas Annual Conference exists to energize and equip local congregations for faithfulness and to keep pastors and congregations connected for Kingdom success." The motion was approved unanimously.

#### MAY 8, 2025

A motion to approve a \$2,500 grant to Rev. Lauren Yates to support two Wall Shakers Retreats in June and September 2025 was approved unanimously.

A motion to amend the Conference Journal to correct the omission of the Conference Lay Leader as an ex officio member with voice and vote on the Nominating Leadership Committee was approved unanimously. Conference Secretary Ben Huebner will make the correction to the Journal.

JUNE 3, 2025

A grant request for \$3,200 was submitted via email by Ryan Barnett on behalf of the Storm the Gates podcast to purchase equipment for the conference podcast production. While the hosts will use the equipment, ownership will remain with the Conference, ensuring it stays with the show even if hosts change. This request is supported by a strong recommendation from the Executive Committee. The motion received unanimous approval.

JULY 10, 2025

A motion to approve a \$15,000 grant for the Sound Conference was approved. This event is intended for young adults and will take place at Tyler Street Methodist Church on October 3-4, 2025.

Mark Vowell made a motion to approve the strategic partnership with Texans on Mission, an affiliated group of On Mission Network, to manage disaster relief efforts. Ryan Barnett outlined the partnership in detail and shared a draft MOU, reviewed by legal counsel, that provides a flexible, turnkey disaster response. The motion was approved.

The Executive Committee recommends initial grants of \$20,000 each to four churches (First Menard, First San Saba, First San Angelo, and Kerrville GMC) for disaster relief, with funds allocated to pastors' discretionary accounts and accompanying guidelines for use and documentation. There is flexibility to increase grants up to \$50,000 per church if needed. The motion was approved.

The Executive Committee was authorized to replenish disaster relief funds up to the amount received, with monthly reports to ensure accountability and prevent delays in addressing urgent needs. The motion was approved.

AUGUST 7, 2025

Ben Huebner presented a revised Annual Conference Vendor Policy geared to keep the event focused on worship. The discussion covered the definition of 'conference-sponsored ministries,' the difference between vendors and ministries, and the need to protect the Conference Secretary from having to make individual decisions.

The new policy establishes clear guidelines while allowing ministries to present their cases to the Connectional Council for approval. Mark Vowell made a motion to approve the Vendor Policy as presented. Bill Killough seconded. The motion carried.

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

Grant for Leadership Training in South Korea. Approved. A request was made for a grant of up to \$5,000 to cover the costs for Kim Ethridge and Josh Pruett to attend a top leadership training conference in South Korea. The executive team approved this grant to support Kim Ethridge in her new ministry role.

Discipleship Team Nominations and Confirmations. Approved. Ryan Barnett submitted three nominations for the Conference Discipleship Team. Kim Ethridge to serve as Prayer Coordinator (effective January 2026), Blossom Matthews to serve as Evangelism Coordinator (effective immediately), Russ Bailey to serve as Men's Ministry Coordinator (effective immediately).

Mexico Annual Conference Support. Approved. A proposal was made to support the emerging Mexico Annual Conference, which started with a single church plant in 2024 and now has over 20 churches. This included two motions:

- First, to allocate up to \$10,000 (from a requested \$20,000) to help build a church, which is necessary for their official registration (estimated cost \$14,000). This reallocation of funds was considered due to challenges in transferring previously budgeted funds to the Rwandan Methodist Church, where only \$5,000 has been directly given, and other funds were paid to educational institutions. A piece of land has been donated in Mexico, and a physical structure is needed for its registration and to serve as a headquarters.
- Second, to authorize exploration of an official partnership with the Mexico GMC, given MidTexas's significant Spanish-speaking church presence.

Flood Disaster Relief Fund distributions. Approved. The Connectional Council unanimously authorized the following disaster relief fund disbursements. Each pastor must submit an expense report. There will be an 18-month clawback period for unused funds. Funds sent to Texans on Mission are for:

- Funding deployments to flood-affected areas, focusing on San Angelo and Menard, and

- Acquiring additional trailers with equipment to be stationed at GMC churches for future deployments. TXM has discretion over fund spending, but should consider the conference's recommendation of \$150,000 for deployments and \$100,000 for trailers. Texans on Mission total \$250,000 (recommendation: \$150,000 for San Angelo & Menard deployments, and \$100,000 for TXM trailers).
- Allocation details: San Angelo \$500,000. Hunt/Ingram/Centerpoint/Kerrville \$250,000. Menard \$150,000. San Saba \$100,000. With an additional reserve of \$100,000+ to allocate as needed.

OCTOBER 9, 2025

A nomination of Leigh Gettman Allen to serve as Director of Young Adults for MidTexas was approved. This is a separate position from the NextGen ministry under Rev. Dr. Rusty Freeman.

A grant request was approved to reimburse Grace Lucas for expenses related to the Kingdom Builders Conference: \$ 4,200.00.

A grant request to co-sponsor the Next-Level Evangelism Conference on April 9-11, 2026, was approved. Amount Requested: \$ 10,000. This funding will provide a \$75 discount for all attendees.

Mexico Partnership MOU and Budget Request. A proposal was approved to pursue a partnership with the Methodist Church in Mexico. Following last month's discussion, a motion was made to allocate the Rwandan budgeted funds of \$25,000 for Mexico and to begin drafting an MOU with Mexico. The plan involves reallocating \$25,000, which was initially set aside for Rwanda but remained unused this year, to support the Mexico partnership. The MOU will need ratification by the annual conference before it can be finalized. Georgia will continue to be a partner with Mexico, but it was noted that Mexico needs an additional partner, and MidTexas already has strong connections through its Spanish-speaking members of the Board of Ordained Ministry (BOM).

The council approved connectional funding waiver requests for the following churches:

- First Frisco: Requested a waiver for \$45,378.32 due to ongoing litigation costs.
- Coker Methodist: Requested a waiver for \$99,831 due to disaffiliation costs.
- Resurrection GMC of San Antonio: Requested a waiver for \$4,151.71.
- Christ the Rock of San Antonio: Requested a waiver for \$6,000.
- First Poteet: Requested a waiver for \$6,500.

Waivers are typically granted for one year and are revisited annually. New Church Starts can be granted waivers for three to five years.

#### NOVEMBER 6, 2025

The 2026 budget was discussed and approved without objection. A Connectional Funding waiver request from First Methodist Church of Burnet (\$13,849.36) was approved without objection.

#### DECEMBER 4, 2025

Jim Noble made a motion to approve Cambodian Good News Church as a Missional Church. Jill Jackson-Sears seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Nominations Committee Report was reviewed. A suggestion was made to include the Board of Ministry (BOM) officers. New roles will begin on January 1. The council approved the report.

Ryan Barnett presented the end-of-year rebate recommendation for managing the available rebate funds to those who have contributed to Connectional Funding. A notice will be sent with three options:

- receive the rebate
- allocate it to International Partnerships
- direct it to New Church Starts

The deadline to select an option is January 31st. Non-responses will automatically default to International Partnerships. The council approved this recommendation.

# There's Joy in the Journey

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[123askaboutME@gmail.com](mailto:123askaboutME@gmail.com)

# 2025 Finance & Administration Report

## 2026 Apportionment Rate

The Finance Committee and Connectional Council recommend maintaining the current 3% Connectional Funding Rate to the MidTexas Conference. The GMC Denominational percentage also remains what it has been, 1%.

## Foundation for Awakening

Early in 2025, the Foundation for Awakening (the Foundation) was incorporated in the State of Texas and issued EIN #33-3846600. A few months later, the Foundation was granted 501(c)(3) public charity status by the Internal Revenue Service, as a supporting organization under the MidTexas Conference of the Global Methodist Church. The Foundation is soliciting second mile and legacy gifts to bear fruitful awakening in four primary areas:

- Youth & Children's Ministries
- Church planting, revitalization, and multiplication
- Clergy education, development, & support
- International partnerships

We are very excited about the future of the Foundation for Awakening!

## 2025 Rebate Report

Due to the faithfulness and generosity of member churches, the MidTexas Conference determined it was holding excess reserves at the end of 2025. As a reminder, the Conference has a policy not to hold undesignated reserves greater than 6 months of operating expenses. Therefore, the Connectional Council voted to rebate \$250,000. This year, eligible churches were given options to either receive payment of their rebate or repurpose their rebate toward International Partnerships or Church Multiplication. We are blessed!

### Disaster Relief

The July 4th weekend brought devastating floods across Texas. As of December 2025, MidTexas has received nearly \$2.3 Million in flood relief donations. These donations have come from all over the country and, in fact, all over the world! Our Bulgarian partners even donated sacrificially to this disaster! We are blessed! To date, most of these funds have been given to pastors in the impacted areas to be used, with proper accounting, connection, and follow-up. Total donations to impacted areas to date are as follows:

#### Flood Relief Disbursements by Area/Ministry

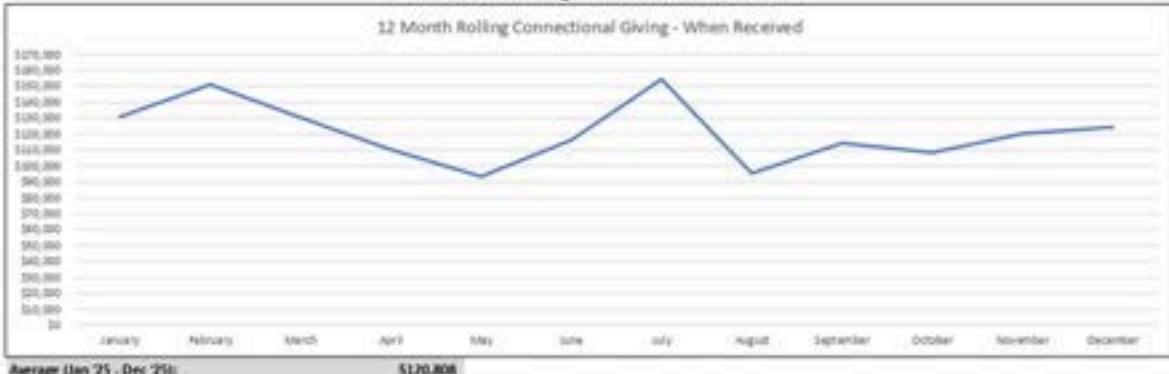
San Angelo	\$805,000
Kerrville	\$330,000
Texans on Mission	\$250,000
Menard	\$245,000
San Saba	\$140,000
Brady	\$233,000
Marble Falls	\$20,000
Ruidoso	\$20,000
Harlingen	\$10,000
Cuba	\$10,000
<u>Miscellaneous Supplies, etc</u>	<u>\$3,854</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,066,854</b>

**MidTexas GMC**  
**2025 Financial Summary (Unaudited)**  
**Rev. Jim Noble - CFO/Treasurer**

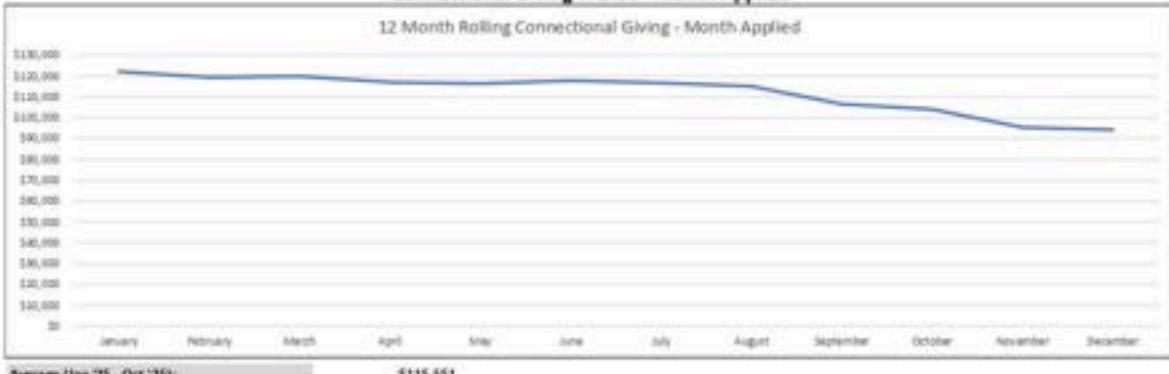
**Bank Balances 12/31/2025**

Texas Bank Checking	\$ 148,113
Texas Bank Trust	<u>\$ 132,539</u>
	<u><u>\$ 1,481,632</u></u>

**Connectional Giving Trends - When Received**



**Connectional Giving Trends - Month Applied**



Number of Connectional Giving Churches - December	November Report	October Report
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December 2024	176	174
January 2025	193	190
February	193	189
March	191	186
April	192	185
May	192	185
June	191	184
July	187	176
August	186	173
September	186	170
October	182	152
November	172	119
December	159	

**Bulgaria Support - Off Budget**

Beginning Balance 2025	\$37,488
Raised 2025 So Far	\$78,609
Sent in 2025 So Far	(\$102,525)

Available	<u><u>\$11,572</u></u>
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**Disaster Relief & Humanitarian Aid (as of 12/31)**

Starting Balance 2025	\$984
Raised So Far 2025	\$2,286,099
Disbursed 2025	(\$1,930,237)

Available Balance	<u>\$356,846</u>
<b>Other Fund Balances (Off Budget)</b>	
International Partnerships - Rwanda	\$29,741
Miracle In The Desert	\$18,279
Events & Miscellaneous Other	\$53,254
International Partnerships - Other	\$813
New Church Starts	\$8,724
<b>Trust Income</b>	
January 2025	\$2,679
February 2025	\$2,193
March 2025	\$2,133
April 2025	\$2,445
May 2025	\$2,510
June 2025	\$2,799
July 2025	\$2,796
August 2025	\$3,695
September 2025	\$6,105
October 2025	\$4,532
November 2025	\$4,263
December 2025	<u>\$4,286</u>
Total 2025	<u>\$40,346</u>

<b>Budget Vs Actual Expenses Through December</b>			
	<b>Spent So Far</b>	<b>Total 2025 Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Personnel	\$585,786	\$65,000	((\$585,786))
<b>General Operating</b>			
Administrative Costs	\$75,255	\$50,000	((\$25,255))
Bookkeeping / Accounting / Legal / HR	\$61,181	\$50,000	((\$11,181))
Insurance	\$3,643	\$15,000	\$11,357
Communications	\$11,933	\$15,000	\$3,067
<b>Travel</b>			
PE Reimb + Staff ABP	\$107,823	\$140,000	\$32,177
Gen Conf '26	\$22,574	\$25,000	\$2,426
Staff Travel	\$47,731	\$35,000	((\$12,731))
<b>Programming</b>			
Awakening	\$35,031	\$25,000	((\$10,031))
Revive Grant	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0
Other	\$22,285	\$50,000	\$27,715
<b>Equipping</b>			
International Partnerships	\$45,237	\$50,000	\$4,763
Lay Activities	\$1,146	\$10,000	\$8,854
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,081,860</b>	<b>\$1,095,000</b>	<b>\$11,140</b>
<b>% of Total Budget</b>	<b>98.98%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	

October 16, 2025

To the Connectional Council  
The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church  
Waco, Texas

We have audited the financial statements of The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church (the "Organization") for the year ended December 31, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated October 16, 2025. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated June 5, 2025. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

***Qualitative Aspects of the Organization's Accounting Practices***

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by the Organization are described in Note 2 to the financial statements. There have been no initial selection of accounting policies and no changes in significant accounting policies or their application during the year ended December 31, 2024. No matters have come to our attention that would require us, under professional standards, to inform you about (1) the methods used to account for significant unusual transactions, and/or (2) the effect of significant accounting policies in controversial or emerging areas for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

***Significant Accounting Estimates and Related Disclosures***

Accounting estimates and related disclosures are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

***Financial Statement Disclosures***

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

***Significant Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit***

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

***Identified or Suspected Fraud***

We have not identified fraud or obtained information indicating that fraud may have occurred during the year ended December 31, 2024.

#### ***Uncorrected and Corrected Misstatements***

For purposes of this communication, professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that we believe are trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Further, professional standards also require us to communicate the effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods on the relevant classes of transactions, account balances or disclosures, and the financial statements as a whole. Management has corrected all identified misstatements.

Uncorrected misstatements or matters underlying those uncorrected misstatements could potentially cause future-period financial statements to be materially misstated, even though the uncorrected misstatements are immaterial to the financial statements.

In addition, professional standards require us to communicate to you all material corrected misstatements that were brought to the attention of management as a result of our audit procedures. The attached schedule summarizes the material misstatements identified as a result of our audit that were brought to the attention of and corrected by management.

#### ***Disagreements with Management***

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, which could be significant to the Organization's financial statements or the auditor's report. No such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

#### ***Representations Requested from Management***

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated October 16, 2025.

#### ***Management Consultations with Other Accountants***

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the Organization's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### ***Other Audit Matters, Findings, or Issues***

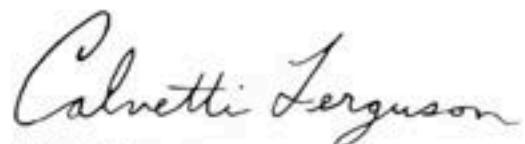
In the normal course of our professional association with the Organization we generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, significant events or transactions that occurred during the year, business conditions affecting the Organization, and business plans and strategies that may affect the risks of material misstatement. None of the matters discussed resulted in a condition to our retention as the Organization's auditor.

We would like to express our appreciation for the courtesy and cooperation extended to us by Jim Noble and his staff.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Connectional Council and management of the Organization and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you want to discuss any of the matters contained herein.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Calvetti Ferguson".

Calvetti Ferguson  
San Antonio, Texas

## AJE Report

Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church  
12/31/2024

Account	Description	Debit	Credit
<b>Adjusting Journal Entries</b>			
<b>Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 1</b>			
	To adjust beginning net assets to prior year's ending balance.		
3200	3200 Retained Earnings	1,000	
3500	3500 Unrestricted Net Assets		1
4001	4001 Connectional Giving		1,001
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,001</b>	<b>1,001</b>
<b>Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 2</b>			
	To reverse client prepared AJE for proper financial statement reporting.		
3400	3400 Restricted Net Assets	56,024	
7000	7000 Bulgaria Partnership-Expenses		50,105
6000	6000 Bulgaria Partnership		106,129
<b>Total</b>		<b>106,129</b>	<b>106,129</b>
<b>Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 3</b>			
	To reverse client prepared AJE for proper financial statement reporting.		
3400	3400 Restricted Net Assets	1,710	
7002	7002 General New Church Start-Expenses		4,079
6002	6002 General New Church Start-Revenue		5,789
<b>Total</b>		<b>5,789</b>	<b>5,789</b>
<b>Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 4</b>			
	To reclass Connectional Giving income to proper account.		
6000	6000 Bulgaria Partnership	7,632	
4001	4001 Connectional Giving		7,632
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,632</b>	<b>7,632</b>
<b>Adjusting Journal Entries JE # 5</b>			
	To properly record net assets with donor restrictions at year-end.		
3500	3500 Unrestricted Net Assets	30,012	
3400	3400 Restricted Net Assets		30,012
<b>Total</b>		<b>30,012</b>	<b>30,012</b>
<b>Total Adjusting Journal Entries</b>		<b>150,563</b>	<b>150,563</b>

**The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church**  
**4901 Cobbs Drive**  
**Waco, Texas 76710**

October 16, 2025

Calvetti Ferguson  
250 W. Nottingham Drive, Suite 100  
San Antonio, TX 78209

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church (the "Organization"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the disclosures (collectively, the "financial statements"), for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material aspects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of October 16, 2025, the following representations made to you during your audit.

**Financial Statements**

We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the terms of the audit engagement letter dated June 5, 2025, including our responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

- 1) The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. GAAP.
- 2) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- 3) We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- 4) The methods, significant assumptions, and data used in making accounting estimates and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement, or disclosure that is reasonable in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 5) Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 6) All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which U.S. GAAP requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.

- 7) We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries you have proposed, and they have been posted to the Organization's accounts. In this case, no representation about uncorrected misstatements is necessary.
- 8) The effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, and assessments have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 9) Material concentrations have been appropriately disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 10) Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Organization is contingently liable, have been properly recorded or disclosed in accordance with U.S. GAAP.
- 11) As part of your audit, you assisted with preparation of the financial statements and related disclosures. We acknowledge our responsibility as it relates to those nonaudit services, including that we assume all management responsibilities; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably within senior management, who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services performed; and accept responsibility for the results of the services. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for the financial statements and related disclosures.

#### **Information Provided**

- 12) We have provided you with:
  - a) Access to all information, of which we are aware, that is relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements, such as records, documentation, and other matters.
  - b) Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
  - c) Unrestricted access to persons within the Organization from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
  - d) Minutes of the meetings of the governing board or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
- 13) All material transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- 14) We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- 15) We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud that affects the Organization and involves:
  - 1) Management,
  - 2) Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
  - 3) Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 16) We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Organization's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, grantors, regulators, or others.

- 17) We have no knowledge of any instances of noncompliance or suspected noncompliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- 18) We have disclosed to you all known actual or potential litigation, claims, and assessments whose effect should be considered when preparing the financial statements.
- 19) We have disclosed to you the names of all the Organization's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions, including side agreements.
- 20) The Organization has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral, except as made known to you in the notes to the financial statements.
- 21) We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us.
- 22) The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any activities of which we are aware that would jeopardize the Organization's tax-exempt status, and all activities subject to tax on unrelated business income or excise or other tax, have been disclosed to you. All required filings with tax authorities are up-to-date.

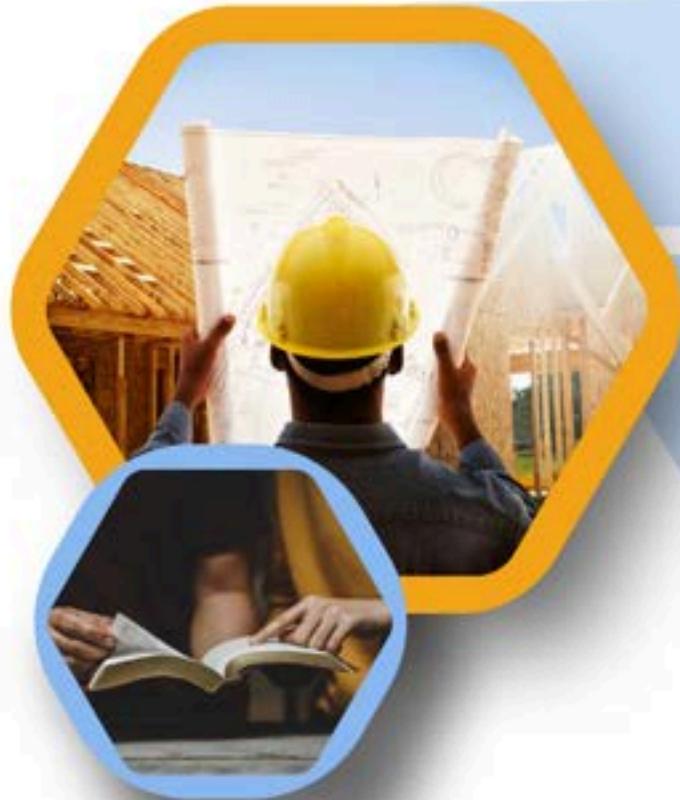
Signed: 

Jim Noble, Treasurer



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# THE MID-TEXAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Financial Statements and  
Independent Auditor's Report

December 31, 2024

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## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Connectional Council  
The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church  
Waco, Texas

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church (the "Organization"), a non-profit corporation, which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2024, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the Organization's financial position as of December 31, 2024, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAS"). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Organization and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Management's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events that, considered in the aggregate, raise substantial doubt about the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date the financial statements are issued.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not absolute assurance; as such, it is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, misrepresentations, intentional omissions, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events that, considered in the aggregate, raise substantial doubt about the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are also required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

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San Antonio, Texas  
October 16, 2025

**The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church**

**Statement of Financial Position**  
**As of December 31, 2024**

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	<b>Assets</b>
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 815,826
Total current assets	<u>815,826</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 815,826</u></b>
	<b>Liabilities and Net Assets</b>
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 6,883
Accrued expenses	<u>6,879</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>13,762</u>
Total liabilities	<u>13,762</u>
Net assets:	
Without donor restrictions	695,813
With donor restrictions	<u>106,251</u>
Total net assets	<u>802,064</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 815,826</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church

**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<b>Operating support and revenues:</b>			
Connectional Giving	\$ 1,226,559	\$ -	\$ 1,226,559
Contributions	20,829	158,888	179,717
Services	28,119	-	28,119
Interest income	12,404	-	12,404
Miscellaneous income	7,716	-	7,716
Sales of products	293	-	293
Net assets released from restrictions	128,876	(128,876)	-
<b>Total operating support and revenue</b>	<b>1,424,796</b>	<b>30,012</b>	<b>1,454,808</b>
<b>Operating expenses:</b>			
Program	904,185	-	904,185
General and administrative	101,058	-	101,058
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>1,005,243</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,005,243</b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>419,553</b>	<b>30,012</b>	<b>449,565</b>
<b>Net assets, beginning of year</b>	<b>276,260</b>	<b>76,239</b>	<b>352,499</b>
<b>Net Assets, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 695,813</b>	<b>\$ 106,251</b>	<b>\$ 802,064</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church

Statement of Functional Expenses  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Connectional	Missional	Total Program	General and Administrative	Total
Operating expenses:					
Salaries and wages	\$ 234,258	\$ -	\$ 234,258	\$ 5,580	\$ 239,838
Employee benefits	20,591	-	20,591	296	20,887
Payroll taxes	4,992	-	4,992	515	5,507
Total payroll expenses	259,841	-	259,841	6,391	266,232
Connectional giving rebate	197,786	-	197,786	-	197,786
Bulgaria partnership	-	135,949	135,949	-	135,949
Cabinet travel and ministry support	78,225	-	78,225	19,556	97,781
Seminars and events	77,712	-	77,712	-	77,712
Contract and professional fees	11,100	-	11,100	29,500	40,600
General conference	29,494	-	29,494	-	29,494
Awakening conferences	27,939	-	27,939	-	27,939
Disaster relief	-	23,925	23,925	-	23,925
International partnerships	-	21,470	21,470	-	21,470
Travel	21,456	-	21,456	-	21,456
Equipping costs	16,369	-	16,369	-	16,369
Software and applications	-	-	-	10,682	10,682
Miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	9,432	9,432
Meetings and supplies	-	-	-	6,554	6,554
Office supplies	-	-	-	6,553	6,553
Bank fees and service charges	-	-	-	6,083	6,083
Website fees	-	-	-	4,175	4,175
Insurance	1,976	-	1,976	219	2,195
Lay activities	943	-	943	-	943
Shipping and postage	-	-	-	644	644
Phone	-	-	-	582	582
Printing and photocopying	-	-	-	446	446
Memberships and subscriptions	-	-	-	241	241
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 722,841</b>	<b>\$ 181,344</b>	<b>\$ 904,185</b>	<b>\$ 101,058</b>	<b>\$ 1,005,243</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

**The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church**

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2024**

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Cash flows from operating activities:	
Change in net assets	\$ 449,565
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operations:	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Accounts payable	6,883
Accrued expenses	1,686
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>458,134</u>
Net change in cash flows	458,134
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>357,692</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 815,826</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

# The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church

## Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2024 and 2023

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### Note 1 – Nature of Activities

The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church (the "Annual Conference") was established in 2022 as a Texas 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. The Annual Conference is subject to the provisions and governance of the Global Methodist Church's Transitional Book of Discipline, as amended from time to time, and any subsequent Book of Doctrines and Discipline adopted by the Global Methodist Church's General Conference. Connectional giving and contributions comprise the majority of the revenue received by the Annual Conference. The Annual Conference is an association of congregations, clergy persons, and laity within the Global Methodist Church denomination. The Annual Conference's mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

### Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### *Basis of Accounting*

The accompanying statements of the Annual Conference have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

#### *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Annual Conference considers all highly liquid savings and securities with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### *Property and Equipment*

All purchased classes of property and equipment owned by the Annual Conference Church are stated at cost. Donated assets are recorded at estimated market value at the date of donation. The Annual Conference capitalizes all asset acquisitions in excess of \$10,000. Depreciation on the assets owned by the Annual Conference is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. At December 31, 2024, the Annual Conference had no capitalized property or equipment.

#### *Basis of Presentation*

The Annual Conference is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets:

- Net assets without donor restrictions – Net assets available for use in the general operations and not subject to donor restrictions. Assets restricted solely through the actions of the Connectional Council are reported as net assets without donor restrictions, designated.
- Net assets with donor restrictions – Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions that are more restrictive than the Annual Conference's mission and purpose. Some donor-imposed restrictions are temporary in nature, such as those that will be met by the passage of time or other events specified by the donor. Donor-imposed restrictions are released when a restriction expires, that is, when the stipulated time has elapsed, when the stipulated purpose for which the resource was restricted has been fulfilled, or both. Other donor-imposed restrictions are perpetual in nature, where the donor stipulates that resources be maintained in perpetuity.

## The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church

### Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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### Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### *Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### *Connectional Giving and Contributions*

The Annual Conference records connectional giving and contributions in accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2018-08, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made*. Connectional giving and contributions received are recorded as revenue without donor restrictions or with donor restrictions, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions. Donor-restricted support is reported as an increase in net assets with donor restrictions, depending on the nature of the restriction. When a restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is fulfilled, net assets with donor restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

#### *Exchange Transactions*

The Annual Conference recognizes revenue related to exchange transactions in accordance with ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*. The Annual Conference receives revenue through exchange transactions related to fees for various conferences and activities the Annual Conference provides to its members throughout the year (classified as services income in the statement of activities) and through the sale of products to the public (classified as sales of products income in the statement of activities). The amount of consideration received from these transactions is variable. Revenue from these transactions is recorded as an increase in net assets without donor restrictions to the extent that the earnings process is complete. Performance obligations are satisfied at a point in time when the conference/activity is held or the sale is completed. There were no receivables, contract assets, or contract liabilities related to these exchange transactions at December 31, 2024, December 31, 2023, and January 1, 2023. Disaggregation of revenue is presented on the face of the statement of activities.

#### *Donated Services*

The Annual Conference receives a variety of volunteer services. The value of these services and support is not reflected in the financial statements as such services are not susceptible to objective measurement or valuation.

#### *Functional Expense Allocation*

The costs of providing various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited. These expenses require allocation on a reasonable basis that is consistently applied. The expenses that are allocated include payroll expenses which are allocated on the basis of estimates of time and effort, as well as cabinet travel and ministry support, contract and professional fees, and insurance expenses which are allocated on the basis of estimated usage or some other reasonable basis.

## The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church

### Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 2024 and 2023

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#### Note 3 – Concentration of Credit Risk

The Annual Conference maintains cash accounts at multiple financial institutions. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insures the balances in the cash accounts up to \$250,000 per bank. At December 31, 2024, the Annual Conference's uninsured cash balances totaled \$421,113, without consideration of reconciling items.

#### Note 4 – Net Assets With Donor Restrictions

Purpose-restricted net assets were as follows at December 31, 2024:

Good News women's ministry	\$ 26,002
Costa Rica	21,672
Hurricanes	15,892
Turkey	14,818
Bulgaria	12,460
Minority New Church	6,458
Maui	3,492
New church start-ups	1,710
Puerto Viejo	1,200
Flood Buckets ministry	1,061
Africa	1,000
Ukraine	248
Area 16	186
LaGrange	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 106,251</b>

#### Note 5 – Liquidity and Availability of Financial Resources

The following reflects the Annual Conference's financial assets as of the statement of financial position date, reduced by amounts not available for general use because of donor-stipulated restrictions.

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 815,826
Donor restrictions	<u>(106,251)</u>
Financial assets available to meet cash needs for expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 709,575</u>

## The Mid-Texas Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church

### Notes to the Financial Statements

December 31, 2024 and 2023

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#### Note 6 – Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Annual Conference follows the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC" 820), *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*. ASC 820 defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market, and establishes a framework for measuring fair value in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

The valuation techniques required by ASC 820 are based upon observable and unobservable inputs, and ASC 820 establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

- Level 1 inputs consist of unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities and have the highest priority.
- Level 2 valuations are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active.
- Level 3 valuations are based on inputs that are unobservable and supported by little or no market activity.

The Annual Conference's current assets and liabilities as presented in the statement of financial position are Level 1. The Annual Conference has no Level 2 or Level 3 assets or liabilities. The carrying amounts reported in the statement of financial position approximate fair values because of the short maturities of those instruments.

#### Note 7 – Employee Benefit Plan

The Annual Conference has a 403(b) plan covering its clergy employees. The Annual Conference's contributions to the plan are comprised of a 5% non-matching contribution plus up to an additional 5% matching contribution based upon the amount employees defer from their compensation into the plan.

The Annual Conference's total plan contributions for the year ended December 31, 2024 totaled \$14,610.

#### Note 8 – Subsequent Events

The Annual Conference evaluates subsequent events in accordance with ASC Topic No. 855, *Subsequent Events*. The guidance requires an entity to disclose the date through which subsequent events have been evaluated, as well as whether that date is the date the financial statements were issued or the date the financial statements were available to be issued. In preparing these financial statements, the Annual Conference has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through October 16, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# Update on the MidTexas-Bulgaria Partnership

We give thanks to God that we are now three years into a faithful and fruitful partnership between the Mid-Texas Conference and the Bulgarian Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church. What began as an act of covenantal commitment in a moment of great need has grown into a mutually strengthening relationship that embodies our shared mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to spread scriptural holiness across the land—and around the world.

One of the distinctive characteristics of the Global Methodist Church is our deep commitment to be truly global. As John Wesley reminded us, “The world is my parish.” We recognize that we are better disciples of Christ, our faith is deepened, and our accountability strengthened when we are in meaningful relationship with our global brothers and sisters.

## Background of the Partnership

The Global Methodist Church has been global since its first day—May 1, 2022—when the churches in Bulgaria courageously stepped away from the United Methodist Church, leaving behind nearly 70% of their funding in order to remain faithful to their convictions.

During the July 6, 2023 Connectional Council meeting, the then Mid-Texas Provisional Annual Conference unanimously approved a formal ministry partnership with the Bulgarian Provisional Annual Conference. This decision followed both the call of the Transitional Doctrines and Discipline and the expressed intent of Mid-Texas to support an international conference once financially able to do so.

Growth and Capacity in Mid-Texas

When Mid-Texas was received as a provisional annual conference, we consisted of 72 congregations. Today, we are well over 240 churches strong, supported by 23 volunteer Presiding Elders overseeing 23 covenant areas.

Faithfulness and Progress in Bulgaria

The Bulgarian Provisional Annual Conference currently consists of:

- 24 churches
- 19 pastors
- Approximately 2,000 people engaged in active congregational life
- Numerous preaching points and small groups
- An average full-time clergy salary of \$10,005 annually

The Methodist Church in Bulgaria carries more than 160 years of history, including decades of persecution following World War II when nearly all church activity was forbidden. By 1989, only three churches remained. Through faithful evangelism and restructuring over the last 30 years, the church has experienced renewed life and growth.

Importantly, this partnership is bearing fruit:

- Several Bulgarian congregations are now fully self-sustaining
- The Leadership Team is dreaming about planting new churches in cities with very little protestant presence.
- Bulgarian churches are missionally participating financially in the Mid-Texas partnership with Rwanda raising over \$5K in second mile offerings
- Bulgarian Methodists raised funds to assist flood victims in the Texas Hill Country

This is no longer a one-directional relationship. It is a shared ministry marked by generosity, sacrifice, and mutual witness.

Financial Commitment for 2026

As we continue to honor our covenant together, each District is asked to raise \$3,600 in 2026 to support the ongoing ministry in Bulgaria and to fulfill our partnership agreement.

Why This Partnership Matters

While Bulgaria benefits from financial support, Mid-Texas benefits spiritually. We are reminded that the gospel is not shaped by American culture, abundance, or convenience. Our Bulgarian sisters and brothers offer us a living testimony of resilient faith, sacrificial discipleship, and deep dependence on God.

Together, we are learning what it means to be the Body of Christ—connected across cultures, languages, and contexts—yet united in mission, doctrine, and hope.

Looking Ahead

As we move from start-up into a more settled transitional phase of conference life, the Connectional Council continues to act on behalf of the conference between sessions. At the Annual Awakening, delegates will receive updates on this partnership, hear testimony, ask questions, and vote to ratify the ongoing work already underway.

We invite clergy and laity alike to prayerfully consider how God may be calling you, your district, or your congregation to participate more deeply in this global relationship—through prayer, giving, relationship-building, and mission.

When we walk together across borders, we discover again that Christ's Church is larger, stronger, and more beautiful than any one nation—and that holiness truly is spread best when it is shared.

# Update on the MidTexas-Rwanda Partnership

In 2025, MidTexas and Rwanda entered into partnership. The situation for churches in Rwanda was tenuous at the time and has only gotten more challenging as the year has progressed.

Conference COO, Ryan Barnett has met regularly throughout the year with the Conference Superintendent of Rwanda, Marc Balyanga, Rwanda Bishop, Jeff Greenway, and GMC Director of Africa, Simon Mufunda. Together, they have provided all requested support that we are able to legally provide in Rwanda.

The Rwanda government now requires all churches to meet clergy education standards (a theological degree from a recognized university), meet building code standards, establish social outreach projects that materially benefit the people of the community, and secure 1,000 signatures per parish stating that the church is of benefit to the community. There are other requirements as well.

The MidTexas Conference committed to provide \$50,000 in budgeted funds to assist the GMC in Rwanda. However, the Rwandan GMC requested that we stop sending funds temporarily to avoid a setback in the registration process with the government. We were able to send funds for clergy education (directly to the universities), benevolence funds to help pastors survive, and funds for legal representation in the registration process.

Many MidTexas churches provided second mile offerings to help with needs in Rwanda. Gifts for clergy education were able to be put to use while gifts for capital (building) repairs have been held in designated accounts in MidTexas. They will be wired to Rwanda as soon as the Rwandan GMC tells us we can safely do so.

Please continue to pray for the church in Rwanda and their ability to become officially registered with the government so that we can get even more help in to the country to help them rebuild and grow.

# Update on the MidTexas-Costa Rica Partnership

The Costa Rica Methodist Church is a national Methodist Church who officially affiliated with the GMC in 2024. As an autonomous affiliate member of the denomination, they do not have the more formal partnership agreement that is used between conferences in the GMC.

However, long and deep ministry relationships have existed for decades between churches that comprise MidTexas and the Costa Rica Methodist Church. In honor of that, MidTexas entered into a missional partnership in our earliest days of formation.

Today, many churches send mission teams to Costa Rica each year and the conference works to connect people and resources to support their ongoing ministry as well as the full time Texas missionaries serving in Costa Rica, Ray and Lidia Zirkel.

MidTexas also hosts the “Texas Camp,” at which the entire senior class of the Collegio Methodist (Methodist School of San Jose) comes to Texas for a spirit filled camp experience. Last year, COO Ryan Barnett preached at the camp and Presiding Elders, Rob Price and Matt Bailey provided worship for it.

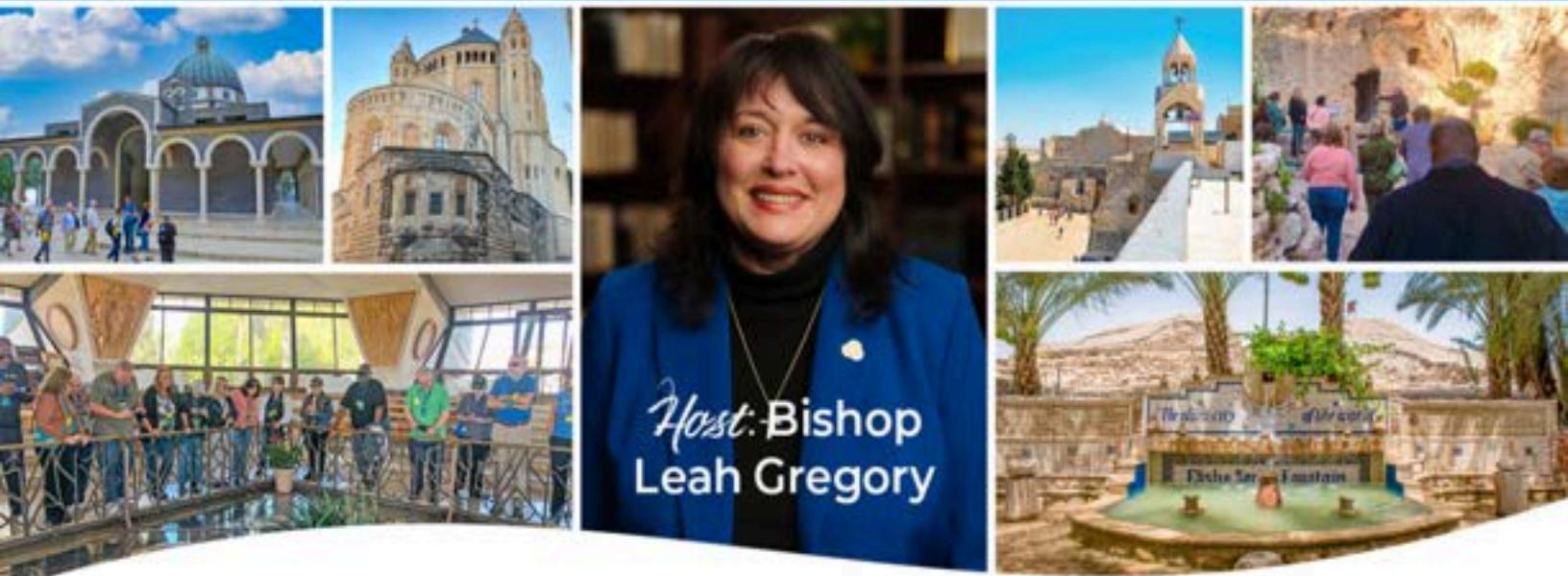
Those wishing to serve in Costa Rica as a church or even as individuals should contact Lindy Thomas at the MidTexas Conference to secure a spot for an upcoming mission trip!



Bishop Leah Gregory Welcomes the Bulgaria, Mexico,  
Mid Texas, Northeast and South Georgia GMC

to the *Holy Land*

October 27 - November 5, 2026



I invite you to join me on a spiritual journey to the Holy Land, where together we will experience the Bible coming alive! This journey will guide us in the footsteps of Jesus and allow us to see and feel the actual places Jesus carried out His ministry. I pray this will allow you to experience the biblical narrative in ways you never imagined and in doing so, enrich your spiritual life like you never imagined.

I hope you will prayerfully consider joining me.  
Bishop Leah Gregory



# Proposed International Partnership Agreement

*Between the Mexico Conference and the MidTexas Conference  
of the Global Methodist Church*

## I. Background

Methodist ministry in Mexico began in 1871, when a young Mexican convert returned from the United States to proclaim the Methodist faith. In 1873, the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South sent missionaries to establish congregations.

In 1930, Methodism in Mexico became united and autonomous with the formation of the *Iglesia Metodista de México*, which functioned as an autonomous affiliate of the predecessor denomination of The United Methodist Church for several decades.

In 2024, an independent group of Mexican congregations and leaders, after prayerful discernment, expressed a desire to affiliate with the Global Methodist Church. Following conversations with GMC leadership, the Global Methodist Church in Mexico was formally established.

## II. Current Situation

The Mexico Global Methodist Conference was officially formed in September 2024 with the assistance of Rev. Keith Boyette, Connectional Officer of the Global Methodist Church, and under the leadership of Rev. David Almanza, who serves as Conference Superintendent and legal representative for the GMC in Mexico.

Since its formation:

- 13 churches and 19 clergy have united as Mexico GMC
- The Conference has been organized without external financial support
- Strong momentum exists for new church starts, particularly among disenchanted Methodists and unchurched populations

To move forward sustainably, Mexico GMC seeks a missional international partnership to assist with New Church planting rooted in prayer, accountability, mutual learning, and shared commitment to evangelism and discipleship.

### III. The Mission Field

- National population: approximately 129.7 million
- Approximately 92 million identify as Catholic, with fewer than 17% actively engaged
- Approximately 9 million people report no religious affiliation
- Many former Methodists are seeking new spiritual homes
- Leaders are prepared to launch new GMC congregations across Mexico

### IV. The Need

Mexico GMC is in an early stage of development and requires:

- Capital support for church planting
- Training and accompaniment for emerging leaders
- Relational partnership marked by prayer, accountability, and shared discipleship

The harvest is plentiful, and the opportunity for Gospel expansion is significant.

### V. MidTexas Conference Overview

The MidTexas Conference of the Global Methodist Church is a growing and missionally focused Annual Conference spanning a diverse region of Central Texas, including urban, suburban, and rural communities.

MidTexas:

- Has demonstrated strong commitment to evangelism and church multiplication
- Values global partnership as essential to Methodist identity
- Understands its calling to offer Christ to the more than 18 million people within its regional boundaries while engaging faithfully in global mission

MidTexas seeks international partnerships that foster mutual discipleship, shared accountability, and the spread of scriptural holiness across the land and throughout the world.

#### VI. Long-Term Objective

To walk together toward self-sustaining conferences, learning from one another while making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness in Mexico, Texas, and beyond.

#### VII. Shared Assets

- Rapid growth of Mexico GMC (from 1 to 13 churches in one year)
- Resilient clergy and laity committed to sacrificial ministry
- Strong emphasis on deep discipleship modeled after Acts 2:42
- Readiness for new church starts in multiple regions
- MidTexas' experience in leadership development and evangelistic ministry
- Geographic proximity enabling feasible cultural exchange and visits
- Commitment from Mexico GMC leadership to transparency and accountability

#### VIII. Challenges

- Development and implementation of a sustainable church-planting strategy
- Clergy and lay leadership formation, which requires time and relationship
- Language differences requiring interpreters and technology
- Navigating governmental regulations for newly formed religious entities

## IX. Priorities

1. Develop a church-planting plan jointly between MidTexas and Mexico GMC
2. Identify, fund, and coach new church starts annually
3. Create opportunities for:
  - a. Leadership development
  - b. Shared prayer and testimony
  - c. Cultural and discipleship exchange
4. Establish clear benchmarks and accountability for church-planting progress

## X. Funding Plan

The MidTexas Conference will provide annual financial support ranging from \$15,000 for a period of five (5) years, beginning January 1, 2025.

### Purpose of Funds

- Funds shall be used exclusively for new church starts
- Allocation decisions will be made by Mexico GMC leadership with agreed-upon reporting to MidTexas

### Anticipated Funding Range

2025	\$15,000
2026	\$15,000
2027	\$15,000
2028	\$15,000
2029	\$15,000

## XI. Accountability

- Proposal for a new church start will be presented to the MidTexas Connectional Council for funding on an annual basis, not to exceed \$15,000.
- Mexico GMC will provide annual written reports detailing:
  - Church plants supported
  - Progress, attendance, and leadership development
- Mexico GMC will maintain compliance with all applicable governmental requirements
- Additional reporting may be requested by MidTexas as reasonably necessary

## XII. Nature of the Agreement

This agreement is:

- Covenantal, not contractual
- Rooted in shared faith, trust, and mission
- Not legally enforceable under the laws of either country

It represents a voluntary commitment between Christian brothers and sisters seeking to advance the Kingdom of God.

## XIII. Term and Termination

- Effective Date: March 1, 2026
- Term: March 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029
- Termination: Either Conference may terminate with 45 days' written notice

## XIV. Enactment

This agreement shall be approved by the Connectional Council (or equivalent body) of each Conference and distributed to delegates of both Annual Conferences. Adoption requires a simple majority vote and shall be translated as needed.

# 2026 Nominations & Leadership Report

¶ 246 recommends that no officer serve more than three consecutive years in the same office. Embracing this principle at the conference level reflects our desire to cultivate new leaders, encourage broad participation, and ensure that responsibility is shared across the body.

With this in mind, officers of all standing committees, councils, boards, and task forces of the MidTexas Annual Conference will serve **one three-year term** in the same office and will not succeed themselves. A three-year term provides enough time for officers to learn their role well, lead faithfully, and see important work through, while also creating natural opportunities for leadership transition.

## Connectional Council

Laity	Clergy	Class
Mickey Wheeler	Alex Clary	2029
Christy Rolf	Fred Bates	2029
Karen Clark	Adam Thornton, Chair	2028
Lynn Gross	Ellen Ely	2028
Jon Lannom	Forest Diviney	2027
Letty Ortegon	Nick Matthews	2027
Bill Monty	Tynna Dixon	2026
Lindy Thomas	Samantha Bell	2026

By virtue of Office: Finance and Admin Chair, BOM Chair, Superintendency Chair, Conference Lay Leader, Conference Superintendent, designated Presiding Elder, Cabinet Officer, Annual Awakening Secretary. Voice, no vote: Conference Administrator, Conference Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer. See Par. 710.1

**Superintendency/Conference Personnel Committee**

Laity	Clergy	Class
David Day	Phillip Hoeflinger	2031
Nancy Carter	Mark Vowell, Chair	2030
Ed Murphy	Eric Martinez	2029
Michael Fletcher	Rusty Freeman	2028
Randy Dunn	Raul Dominguez	2027
Dave Roberson	John Kay	2026

Voice, no vote: Conference Superintendent, Conference Operating Officer, Conference Administrator

**Finance and Administration**

Laity	Clergy	Class
Jim McClain	Mike Voigts	2031
Les Leskoven, Chair	Haley Shotts	2030
Rosalinda Rodriguez	Robert Barnes	2029
Becky Cliett	Jose Mercardo	2028
Jim Mans	Bob Kirby	2027
Bill McCartney	Jim McClurg	2026

Voice, no vote: Conference Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Conference Administrator

**Nominations and Leadership Committee**

Laity	Clergy	Class
Sara Matzke	Brock Bomkamp	
Jo Hudgeons	Christy Barto	2028
Wyatt Stafford	Stephen Schmidt	
Tim Gross	Ryan Elms	2027
Kathryn Kiser	David Taylor	
Kathy Hamilton	David Medley	2026

By Virtue of Office, Conference Superintendent (Chair). Voice, no vote: Conference Operating Officer, Conference Administrator, Conference Lay Leader

**Committee on Investigation**

Laity	Clergy	Alternates
Sally Lannom	Randy Tucker	Darrell Phillips
Mark Castleberry	Laura Alvarez	Tynna Dixon
Angel Martinez	Chuck Jestis	Roslyn Eugster

**Board of Ministry**

No More than  $\frac{1}{3}$  can be laity. Voice, no vote: Conference Operating Officer, Conference Administrator, Presiding Elders: Jill Jackson-Sears, Bequi Flores, Josh Pruett, Rob Price

**OFFICERS**

Leslie Tomlinson, Chair  
Michael Cyr, Vice Chair  
Janet Brown, Registrar  
Shea Reyenga, Secretary

**CLASS OF 2026-2031**

Mickey Wheeler (Laity)  
Chris Meyer (Laity)  
Wade Killough (Clergy)  
Gary White (Clergy)

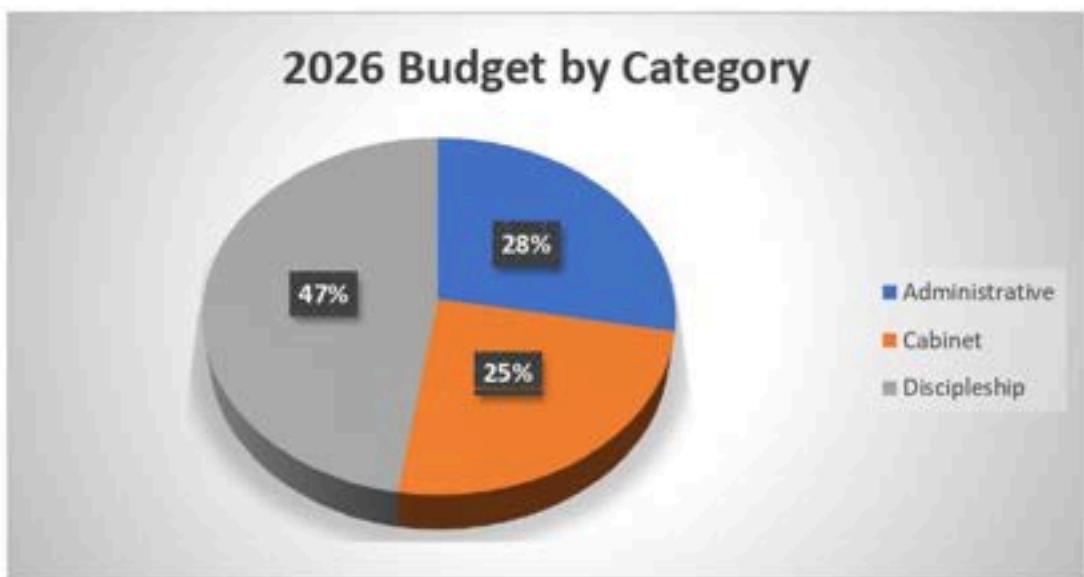
CLASS OF 2025-2030	CLASS OF 2024-2029	CLASS OF 2023-2028
Larry Bass (Clergy)	Daniel Gurley (Clergy)	Leslie Tomlinson, Chair (Clergy)
Paul Beard (Clergy)	Blossom Matthews (Clergy)	Greg Oberg (Clergy)
Raul Dominguez (Clergy)	Cecilia Granadosin (Clergy)	Tracey Cox (Clergy)
Bill Duke (Clergy)	Alex Alvarez (Clergy)	Jeremy Beggs (Clergy)
Paul Evans (Clergy)	Steve Sedman (Laity)	Steve Martinez (Clergy)
Jana Fox (Laity)	Judy Swarts (Clergy)	Jason Fry (Clergy)
Brian Longley (Clergy)	Shea Reyenga (Clergy)	Paula Payne (Clergy)
Lina Mahe (Clergy)	John Roberson (Laity)	Carol Loeb (Laity)
Tommy Myrick (Clergy)	Andy Smith (Clergy)	JoLynn Davis (Clergy)
Lucy Dowings (Laity)	Victor Sassone (Laity)	Colleen Hayley (Clergy)
Dale White (Clergy)	Sydney Huebner (Clergy)	Ralph Mann (Clergy)
Alan Hitt (Clergy)		Forrest Diviney (Clergy)
Stella Burkhalter (Clergy)		Michael Cyr (Clergy)
Letti Ortegon (Laity)		Barbara Sullivan (Laity)
Wyatt Stafford (Laity)		Janet Brown (Laity)
Ryan Kiblinger (Clergy)		Steven Schmidt (Clergy)
		Ellen Ely (Clergy)
		Osvaldo Benitez (Clergy)
		Roger Clayton (Clergy)
		Ray Gilman (Clergy)

#### DISCIPLESHIP TEAMS

Discipleship Chair, Shea Reyenga	Awakening, Ben Huebner
Women's, Katy Kiser	Evangelism, Blossom Matthews
Men's, Russ Baley	Senior Adults, Cyndi Young
NextGen, Rusty Freeman	Multiplication, Doug Fox
Young Adult, Leigh Gettman-Allen	Marriage & Family, Joey & Lisa Putnam
Prayer, Kim Ethridge	Disciple Making Movement, Grace Lucas
Leadership Development, Ryan Barnett	
International Partnerships, Lindy Thomas	

**Mid-Texas Conference**  
**Draft 2026 Budget**

	<b>2026</b>	<b>2025</b>
Connectional Funding	\$1,370,040	\$1,100,000
<b>Ministries</b>		
<b>Personnel</b>	\$648,724	\$565,000
<b>Administrative</b>		
General	\$61,500	\$45,000
Bookkeeping & Other Professional	\$58,000	\$50,000
Insurance	\$10,000	\$15,000
<b>Conference Ministries</b>		
Communications	\$28,456	\$15,000
Connectional Expenses	\$246,000	\$180,000
General Conference	\$40,000	\$25,000
Awakening	\$35,000	\$25,000
Equipping (BOM)	\$20,500	\$30,000
Lay Activities	\$10,000	\$10,000
Cabinet Equipping	\$25,000	\$0
Other Programming	\$80,000	\$50,000
<b>Conference Connections</b>		
International Partnerships	\$65,000	\$50,000
Revive	\$35,000	\$35,000
Total Ministries	\$1,363,180	\$1,095,000
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## CERTIFIED LAY MINISTERS

What persons have completed the certification for Certified Lay Ministry in the GMC?

2022

Sassone, Vic

2023

Brown, Janet

Peyton, Sherry

2025

Aleman, John

Baker, Carlos

Bruhn, Marion

Clark, Mark

Danforth, Michael

Etherington, Norma Jean

Green, Donald

Kading, Lana

Lannom, Jon

Lawrence, Helen

Murphy, Ed

Seward, Donna

White, Dora

## CANDIDATES

What persons have completed the candidacy for ordination? What year was their candidacy approved? ¶506

2022

Howell, John Alex

2024

Green, Carol

Hope, Rebecca

Phillips, Kenneth

Viana, Paulo

2025

Berry, Kyle

Gooch, John

McCarty, Austin

Valezquez, Dustin

Confidential

2026

Tidmore, John

Toombs, Brien

Wan Choe, Chang

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### SUPPLY PASTORS

What candidates have been appointed as Supply Pastor? What year were they first appointed?

**2022**

Montgomery, Stacey  
 Mooneyham, Matt  
 Warren, Susan  
 Wayman, Ruby

**2024**

Dunlap, John  
 Pegues, Blayne  
 Readus, Christopher  
 Reasoner, Kevin  
 Williamson, Sherry  
 Young, Allen

**2026**

Cornish, John

**2023**

Baez, Jose  
 Church, Shaefer  
 Fortner, Robert  
 Hoskins, James  
 Purselley, Justin

**2025**

Clary, Alexander  
 Podschelne, Paul Allen  
 Pruett, Jim  
 Smallwood, Erik  
 Smallwood, Stephanie  
 Whitsell, Harry

### TRANSITIONAL LOCAL PASTORS

What persons have been received as Transitional Local Pastors? What year were they received? TBDD ¶419 TLC approved. \*2025 BDD ¶521.2bDEACONS

**2022**

Casey, Jerod  
 Smith, Teresa

**2024**

Haro, Leonardo  
 Martinez, Eric  
 Montalban, Griselda  
 Nyamiwa, Alfred  
 Pirkle, Eileen  
 Power, Alussum  
 Ryherd, Norman  
 Zamudio, Juan

**2023**

Bostick, Clyde  
 Elms, Ryan  
 Madawo, Norman  
 Murphey, Bill  
 Soto, Maria

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**DEACONS**

What persons have been received as Deacons in the MidTexas Conference? Year first recognized? Senior status indicated by SS.

**2024**

Hembree, Kelley  
Kent, Dana  
Lathen, Tom  
Mahaffey, Patti  
Slaughter, Richard\*

**2022**

Castleberry, Melisa\*  
Dutton, Dennis-SS\*  
Sims, Heath\*

**2025**

Barker, Lee Ann\*  
Berkley, Joseph\*  
Cox, Tracey\*  
Gettmen-Allen, Leigh\*  
Morton, Kevin-SS\*  
Nix, Jason\*  
Patton, Scott  
Rodgers, Matt\*  
Sharp, Clinton\*  
Smith, Sharon\*  
Smith, Paul  
Thomas, Tracey\*  
Zander, Richard\*

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**ELDERS**

What persons have been received as Elders in the MidTexas Conference? Year first recognized? Senior status indicated by SS.

**2022**

Anderson, Amy	Martinez, Steve	Winter, Mark-SS
Bailey, Matt	Medley, David	Yates, Lauren Green
Baker, Vaughn	Moore, Buddy Jr. SS	
Ban, Seung Ho	Muehl, Jeff	
Barnett, Ryan	Myrick, Tommy	
Beggs, Jeremy	Payne, Paula	
Cyr, Michael	Pederson, Mark	
Diggs, Kevin	Pennington, Matthew	
Dixon , Tynna	Phillips, Darrell	
Fox, Doug	Posey, Dean- SS	
Fraze, Jay	Price, Rob	
Freeman, Rusty	Pruett, Josh	
Frenzel, Brandon	Rejeck, Dennis	
Harris, Peter-SS	Reyenga, Shea	
Hartley, Jim	Reynolds, Joseph	
Hays, Tommy	Neeley	
Helm, Mark	Robbins, Tom	
Hidde-Gregory, Leah	Rowe, Chris	
Holsten, Stephen	Schmidt, Stephen	
Huebner, Ben	Scott, Stanley-SS	
Jackson-Sears, Jill	Snekel, James	
Justus, Reed-SS	Shotts, Haley	
Kay, John	So, Daniel	
Killough, Bill	Starnes, Lynn	
Kim, Jae	Steinbach, Phillip-SS	
Kim, Joo Il	Tomlinson, Leslie	
Lantz, Ed	Tucker, Randy	
Lewis, Wayne	Wade, Jake	
Libby, Dean	White, Gary	
Lucas, Grace	Willbanks, Dale	
	Wilbourn, Joey	

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**2023**

Allen, Paul	Fleming, Dean-SS	Palmer, Cindy
Alvarez, Alex	Bequi, Flores	Paul, Gertrude-SS
Alvarez, Laura	Frazier, Calvin	Perales, Raymond
Bachelor, David-SS	Fry, Jason	Peyton, Steven
Baik, Frank	Garay, Jesus Samano	Powell, Mary-SS
Barnes, Roberts	Gist, Joe	Ramirez, Abraham-SS
Beck, Elmer-SS	Granadosin, Ceclia	Relde, Damon
Benitez, Osvaldo	Granadosin, Stephen	Robertson, Stephen
Bigley, David	Gurley, Daniel	Rogers, Bryan
Blanco, Samuel II-SS	Henners, Madeline	Rodriguez, Mario
Blanco, Samuel III	Hoeflinger, Phillip	Rogers, Bruce
Bland, Philip	Hotz, Rita	Rogers, Denise
Boyce, Everett Jr- SS	Humohrey, Bradley-SS	Scharmann, Larry
Bradford, Scott	Huntsman, Emet-SS	Schmidt, Beverly
Brownlee, Mary Clymer	Huntsman, Sue-SS	Shaw, Donna
Bruhn, Paul J- SS	In, Chiv	Silva, Johnny
Burghardt, Charleen	Irish, Robert	Skinner, David-SS
Clayton, Rogers	Jara-Irizarry, Nydia	Smith, John Paul-SS
Cloyd, Carlos-SS	Jestis, Charlie	Smith, Mark
Curry, Stephen	Karschner, Gary Don	Smith, William Andy
Danforth, Fail	Kim, Kyung Wan	Thomson, Michael
Davidson, Jenny	Knight, Adam	Thornton, Adam
DeHaven, Bradley	Krause, Richard	Tomlinson, Kit
Deviney, Forest	Lizcano, Ramiro-SS	Torian, Gary
Dominguez, Raul	Lockwood, David III	Troll, Rhonda-SS
Duarte, Leticia	Longley, Brian	Vowell, Mark
Duke, William	Mahe, Lina	Waldon, Glenn
Eastering, Alvin	Mann, Ralph	Walters, Ric-SS
Ely, Ellen	Matthews, Nicholas	Weise, Dale
Ethridge, Kim	Matthews, Blossom	Westbrook, Carl
Eugster, Roslyn	McClurg, James	Whitaker, Clay Jr-SS
Everson, Christopher	Meande, John	White, Dale
Evins, Cathleen	Meyenberg, Paul	White, James
Evins, Derrel	Noble, Jim	Young, Cynthia
Evins, Jerry	Oakman, Frank	
Fahrenthold, Timothy	Orozco, Mauricio	

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**2024**

Allison, Sandra	Kim, San-Ky
Baley, Russell	King, Russell
Barto, Christy	Kirby, Bob
Bass, Larry	Mercado, Jose David*
Beard, Paul	Milam, Susan
Borden, Greg	Mills, Marcus
Burkhalter, Stella	Murithi, Julius
Burkhead, Max	Neuman, Denis-SS
Chambers, Samantha*	Oberg, Greg
Claypool, Inell	Oladimeji, Babatunde
Claypool, Lamar	Parcel, Debra
Confidential	Pegan, James
Deviney, Thomas	Pifer, Carol
Evans, Paul	Roath, Donald-SS
Garrett, Jeffery	Roberts, Carol
Gilman, Ray	Salinas, Stephen
Goodfellow, Scott	Smith, John
Haddock,	Stringer, Clifton
Georgiennette	Suche, Henry-SS
Hayley, Colleen	Taylor, David Jr
Hewell, Audrey	Throckmorton, Jon -SS
Hitt, Alan Hong,	Tracy, Janet
Jongdae	Turner, David
Huebner, Sydney*	
Killough, Wade	

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2025

Clopton, Robert-SS  
Confidential  
Flores, Jose 'Joey'  
Galloway, Jerry-SS  
Ghandforoush, Azar  
Hedgpeth, Hannah

Kiblinger, Ryan  
Kithinji Impwi, David-SS  
Nikont, Mark  
Smallwood, Clayton  
Voigts, Mike

2026  
David Mbumba

TO BE ORDAINED DEACON FEBRUARY 2026

What persons have been approved for ordination as Deacons?  
Current Appointment? (2/3 vote of clergy session ¶509.2)

Bizzak, Karen  
Booth, Gary  
Brooks, Lori  
Cahill, Stephanie  
Carter, Payton  
Cochran, Katherine  
Dykes, Cody  
Hall, Perry

Kamau, Stephen  
Litten, Wesley  
McClain, Kevin  
Monson, Pricilla  
Paull, Olga  
Reiley, Katherine  
Sherrouse, Susan  
Stegemoler, Jhenisa

TO BE ORDAINED DEACON AND ELDER FEBRUARY 2026

What persons have been approved for ordination as a Deacon and an Elder? (2/3 vote of elders in clergy session ¶510.1d) see *TBDD* ¶419.2a

Kendzie, Jon  
Melton, Patrick  
Mertz, Austin  
Ricci Roberts, Michael  
Scott, Howard 'Lon'

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TO BE ORDAINED ELDER FEBRUARY 2026

What persons have been approved for ordination as an Elder? (2/3 vote of elders in clergy session ¶510.1d)

Carlson, Nate  
Patton, Scott  
Tan, Joshua  
Haynes, James (2025)  
Haynes, LaVelle (2025)

CLERGY STATUS CHANGES

What clergy have been transferred to other GMC Annual Conferences?

Gary Turner-SS-West Plains  
Jason Teague-Trinity

What persons have withdrawn from candidacy?

Dominguez, Gabriel  
Laminack, Michael  
Munro, Charles  
Noworatzsky, Mark

What Transitional Local Pastors are unappointed?

Chambers, Duane Jr.  
Dominguez, JoAnn  
Davis, JoLynn

What candidates have been discontinued by action of the Board of Ministry?

None

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### **Deceased Clergy**

Bill Manney  
Robert Harmon  
Robert Herzog  
Carmen Calvin  
LaVelle Haynes

There are 23 additional applicants in process.

\* Deacons and Elders ordained under the Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline have additional coursework requirements. Individuals marked with an asterisk are encouraged to contact the Board of Ministry to ensure they understand and complete all remaining requirements. ¶407.3-4

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**Agua Viva Laredo GMC**

    Leticia Duarte

**Alliance Methodist Church, Fort Worth**

    James McClurg

    John Cornish

**Anchor Fellowship, Granbury**

    Wade Killough

    Christy Barto

**Aransas Pass/Taft**

    Scott Patton

**Art Methodist Church**

    Joe Gist

**Asbury Methodist Church, Corpus Christi**

    Forrest Deviney

    Trudy Paul

**Austin Global Methodist Church**

    Lauren Green Yates

**Barnhart Cowboy Church / Big Lake**

    Patricia Gideon

**Bellevue Methodist Church**

    John Dunlap

**Bethel GMC, Hamilton / Lanham**

    Rita Hotz

**Bethesda Methodist Church, Weatherford**

    Michael Ryherd

**Blanco Methodist Church**

    Carlos Cloyd

    Ric Walters

**Blooming Grove Methodist Church / Frost**

    Steve Martinez

**Bluff Dale Methodist Church / Morgan Mill**

    Dennis Rejcek

**Boerne GMC**

    Austin Mertz

**Bosqueville Methodist Church**

    David Zamora

**Bowie First Methodist Church**

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**Bulverde Methodist Church**  
Ralph Mann  
Hannah Hedgpeth  
Alex Clary  
**Callisburg Methodist**  
Roslyn Eugster  
**Cambodian Good News Church**  
Chiv In  
**Celeste Methodist Church**  
Dana Kent  
**Center City Methodist Church / Center City**  
Jhenisa Stegemoller  
**Center Point Methodist Church**  
Mark Helm  
**Central Methodist Church of Mineral Wells**  
Max Burkhead  
**Christ In the Hills, Fredericksburg**  
Colleen Haley  
**Christ Methodist Church, Stockdale**  
Joey Flores  
**Christ the Rock GMC**  
Kim Ethridge  
**Christine Methodist Church**  
Donald Dunne  
**Cisco Methodist Church**  
Dale Wilbanks  
**Coker Methodist Church**  
Adam Knight  
Damon Relder  
Clay Smallwood  
Jose Mercado  
**Como Methodist Church**  
Blayne Pegues  
**Cornerstone Methodist Church of Cleburne**  
Oladimeji Babatunde "Tunde"

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**Dripping Springs Methodist Church**

Adam Thornton

Jesus Samano

**Early Methodist Church**

Tracey Thomas

**El Buen Samaritano of Harlingen**

Eric Martinez

**El Divino Redentor, McAllen**

Maria Soto

**El Principe de Paz Methodist Church**

TBA

**Elgin Methodist Church**

Erik Smallwood

Stephanie Smallwood

**Elsa Methodist Church**

TBA

**Evant Methodist Church**

Neely Reynolds

**Faith Methodist Rockport**

Katherine Cochrane

**Faith on First GMC**

Alice Samantha Bell

**Fannin Methodist Church**

Alex Alvarez

**First Church of Cotulla**

TBA

**First GMC Dallas**

Jill Jackson-Sears

Norman Madawo

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Cindy Palmer

Chiv In

**First Methodist Church, Coleman / Novice**

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**First Methodist Church, El Campo**

Richard Slaughter

**First Methodist Church, Eldorado/Christoval**

Lori Brooks

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Sharon Smith

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TBA

**First Methodist Church, Harlingen**

Ben Huebner

Raul Dominguez

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James Hoskins

**First Methodist Church, Holliday**

Paul Meyenberg

Catherine Meyenberg

**First Methodist Church, Irving**

Shea Reyenga

Marcus Mills

Rusty King

**First Methodist Church, Junction/London**

Stephen Curry

**First Methodist Church, Kerens/Chatfield**

Jake Wade

**First Methodist Church, Leonard**

Kevin McClain

**First Methodist Church, Lockhart**

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**First Methodist Church, Poteet**  
Samuel Blanco, II  
**First Methodist Church, Robert Lee**  
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**First Methodist Church, Rocksprings / Barksdale**  
Everette Boyce  
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Scott Bradford  
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**Guldbusk Methodist Church**

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Wesley Litten

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Dan Gurley

**Grace Methodist, Hamilton**

Mike Thomson

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Joshua Methodist Church  
Payton Carter  
Jourdanton Methodist Church  
Laura Alvarez  
Justin Methodist Church  
Rob Price  
Karnes City Methodist Church  
Bequi Flores  
Kerrville GMC  
Frank Oakman  
King Memorial Methodist, Whitney  
Denise Rogers  
Kingsbury Methodist  
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Lampasas Methodist Church  
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TBA  
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Lorena Methodist Church  
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Lutie Watkins Methodist Church, Llano  
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TBA  
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Cecilia Granadosin  
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**Mission Church of Zion**  
David Mbumba  
**Mission First GMC**  
Bill Duke  
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Clyde Bostick  
**Mooreville Methodist Church**  
Kevin Diggs  
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TBA  
**Mullin Methodist Church**  
Teresa Smith  
**Murray Methodist Church / Tonk Valley**  
TBA  
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**Salem-Kinser Methodist Church / Floyd**

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**Seagoville Methodist**

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**Shiloh Church of Tioga**

Harry Whitsell

**Silver Creek Methodist Church**

Bill Killough

**Smiley Methodist Church**

Tommy Myrick

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Dean Libby

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Brenda Wood

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**St. John, Georgetown**

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**St. Luke's Corsiana/Emhouse Methodist Church**

Matthew Rodgers

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Joo Il Kim  
**Thornton Methodist Church**  
TBA  
**Three Rivers Methodist Church**  
Olga Paull  
**Tongan First Methodist Church**  
Lina Mahe  
**Tonk Valley Methodist Church**  
TBA  
**Trinity Methodist Church, Coleman**  
Billy Murphey  
**Tyler Street Methodist Church**  
John Kay  
Griselda Montalban  
**Utopia Methodist Church**  
John Zumudio  
**Uvalde Methodist Church**  
David Bachelor  
**Vashti Methodist Church**  
Ryan Elms  
**Watts Chapel Church**  
TBA  
**Wesley Methodist, Harlingen/Raymondville**  
Phil Bland  
**Wortham First Methodist Church / Tehaucana**  
Matt Mooneyham  
**Zephyr Methodist Church**  
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Madeline Henners  
Sydney Huebner  
David Impwi  
Kyung Kim  
David Lockwood  
John Meande  
Alyssum Power  
Bruce (BJ) Rogers  
Donna Shaw  
Melissa Castleberry  
Frank Baik  
Leah Hidde-Gregory  
Ryan Barnett  
Jim Noble  
Paula Payne  
Denise Neuman

# Election of Additional General Conference Delegates

In June 2025, the Annual Conference met for a special online conference to elect a delegation to represent MidTexas at the 2026 General Conference scheduled for August 30 – September 5 in Johannesburg, South Africa.

We have just been informed that MidTexas should anticipate receiving 2 additional delegates (1 clergy & 1 lay). In addition, one of our previously elected clergy members resigned the delegation. Accordingly, we have moved previously elected alternates up into the delegate roles and now must select additional people to serve as alternates. Delegates and Alternates travel to General Conference, participate fully in all delegation decisions, and are called upon to vote on denominational matters.

According to the policy the MidTexas Annual Conference adopted for filling vacancies, we have a pool of “reserve” delegates available to choose from. These are persons who completed the delegate training video, applied to serve, had their recommendations verified, and were interviewed about their desire to serve.

Delegates to Annual Awakening will now vote to place available reserves into ranked order. The highest ranked clergy and laity will be added to the delegation. You should place the person you most want to see elected as #1, your second choice as #2, and so forth and so on until you have ranked all the delegates.

If additional delegates are needed, we will use the ranked order you provide through your vote to take the next person elected to General Conference.

**Balloting Instructions during the Business Session February 12, 2026  
at 2:30pm**  
*(Must be present to vote)*

1. Scan the QR code or follow the link to complete the online voting form.
2. If you are absolutely unable to complete it online, please obtain a paper ballot from the Conference Secretary, complete it, and turn it back in.
3. You must rank every person for your vote to count.
4. Laity must only vote for laity for your vote to count.
5. Clergy must only vote for clergy for your vote to count.
6. You must write your name and be listed as a delegate to Annual Conference for your vote to count.
7. It must be submitted in the time allotted at Annual Conference for your vote to count.
8. Only your first correctly submitted ballot will count (review carefully before submitting).

Below you will find the names and photos of those who are already on the delegation. They will not be on your ballot. They are shared to help you decide how to rank those who will appear on your ballot.



### Current Clergy Delegates

#### Delegates

Ryan Barnett  
Jim Noble  
Jill Jackson-Sears  
Bequi Flores  
Adam Thornton  
Brad De Haven  
Matt Pennington  
Tynna Dixon  
Mark Vowell

Mooreville Methodist Church  
First Methodist Church San Angelo  
First GMC Dallas  
Karnes City Methodist Church  
Dripping Springs Methodist Church  
St. Lukle's Corpus Christi  
First Methodist Gonzales  
First Methodist Waco  
First Frisco Methodist Church

#### Alternates

Electing Alternate 1  
Electing Alternate 2

### Current Laity Delegates

#### Delegates

Carol Loeb  
Mark Clark  
Jana Fox  
Will Gregory  
Dave Roberson  
Bella Duke  
Maggie Vowell  
Holly Killough  
Jon Lannom

Asbury Methodist Corpus Christi  
First Methodist San Angelo  
McKinney Global Methodist  
First Methodist Irving  
First Methodist Waco  
Coker Methodist Church  
First Frisco Methodist Church  
Silver Creek Methodist Church  
First Methodist Forney

#### Alternates

Ed Murphy, Jr.  
Electing Alternate 2

New Life La Grange

**Below Are Those You May Add to the Delegation**

**Clergy**

**Fred Bates - New Church Start (DFW)**



I am deeply committed to serving God, through the Lord Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. I believe God has graced me with gifts, abilities, and experience with which to serve both God's church and the ministries of the church. I believe serving in the capacity as a delegate to the General Conference of the Global Methodist Church is a holy call and a duty for which I am honored and blessed to serve. Therefore, I am humbly submitting my name for consideration because I believe wholeheartedly in the movement, mission, and ministry of the Global Methodist Church.

**Samantha Bell - First GMC Alice**



The Holy Spirit continues to lead us in this Global Methodist Movement that exhibits God's grace and unwavering love, which continues to overflow. Through time in prayer and Word, I feel as though God has placed a call for me to represent Mid-Texas at General Conference. There are many reasons for why I would love to be a representative, but the reason God placed upon my heart was to represent Mid-Texas for those who continually seek to live in revival, who hunger and thirst for God, and wish to be representatives of Christ Jesus, not just to Texas but the world spreading Scriptural Holiness. A big part of living in revival and spreading the Word of God to all is maintaining our Wesleyan heritage and theology. As the Spirit leads us at General Conference, I would love to be a representative for Mid-Texas, sharing and growing in Christ love while staying rooted in our Wesleyan history.

**Below Are Those You May Add to the Delegation**

**Clergy**

**Roger Clayton - St. John's Georgetown**



I love being part of this new expression of Wesleyanism in the world as both a participant and as a member of the clergy. I recognize that there is still so much work to do to make sure that we are doing everything within our power to be the perfect conduits for the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. I am excited to read all the different proposals and to participate in the conversations with fellow believers as we allow the Holy Spirit to mold this expression of Methodism into something that will bring God's power and majesty into His creation. For me to represent the Mid-Texas Conference and to be part of the continued formation of our great denomination would be an amazing honor.

**Forrest Deviney - Asbury Corpus Christi**



"I feel a strong call from the Lord to use my time, energy, and talents to serve the GMC both in the local church and beyond. Because I was raised as a pastor's kid in the UMC and ordained in the UMC just before the GMC formed, I feel that I have a good perspective on what went wrong with the old denomination and how our new denomination can avoid many of the same pitfalls. I am fully committed to the vision of the GMC as a church which will not simply be the conservative version of the UMC, but which will return to our Wesleyan roots and spread scriptural holiness around the globe. For these reasons I believe the Lord is calling me to offer myself in service to the GMC to help shape the denomination in these early years. I was deeply honored to serve on our delegation to the convening conference in Costa Rica as an alternate delegate. I learned a great deal from my brothers and sisters on the delegation and from the experience as a whole. I believe that my experience serving on that delegation has prepared me well to serve on the next one. It would be an honor to serve MidTexas and the Global Methodist Church on the delegation to the 2026 General Conference."

**Below Are Those You May Add to the Delegation**

**Clergy**

**Kim Ethridge - Christ the Rock San Antonio**



As a church planter and ordained elder in the Global Methodist Church, I am constantly witnessing the urgent need for the living and transformational gospel in our communities. I celebrate the birth of our denomination and am committed to helping it grow in scriptural holiness, truth, and Spirit-led mission. Serving as a General Conference delegate is an opportunity to uphold our identity as Christ's faithful bride and to support our church in remaining rooted in the gospel. I bring a heart devoted to fervent prayer, a passion for the mission of Jesus Christ, and the desire and commitment to bring revival in the GMC. I humbly offer myself to the work of holy conferencing for the sake of God's eternal and glorious kingdom.

**Rob Price - Justin Methodist Church**



Since the GMC Book of Discipline will be "on the table" in its entirety, I'm very interested to participate in the refining (as needed) of our theological positions, particularly in (but not limited to) the areas of Sacramental Theology and practice, our understanding of biblical authority, our commitment to a thoroughly Wesleyan theological vision, and our theology of the Holy SPIRIT. For the past 18 months, I have been blessed to serve as a trainer for pastoral candidates (on behalf of the Board of Ministry) as they seek a better understanding of Wesleyan Sacramental Theology. I continue to consider myself an ongoing student of our Wesleyan heritage, and I remain committed to developing contemporary expressions and applications of Wesleyan theology that are true to the vision of the primitive Methodist movement that so powerfully transformed lives, nations, and an entire continent. It was a moving experience for me to serve as a worship leader for the Convening Conference of the GMC this past September (2024) in Costa Rica, where I was able to observe the floor proceedings, and to make or renew vital connections across the range of my fellow Global Methodists.

**Below Are Those You May Add to the Delegation**

**Clergy**

During my 30 years as an outspoken theologically conservative Methodist pastor, I have served as a Campus Minister, as an Associate Pastor (in two large congregations), and as a Lead Pastor in three local churches, including 11 years in my current appointment, Justin Methodist Church (<https://justinmethodist.org/>), which “patched over” to the GMC in April of 2023, and has seen substantial growth in the two years since. At 62 years of age, I hope to contribute meaningfully to the task of constructing a sound theological foundation for the GMC for as long as I am still able to serve the Church.

**Bryan Rogers - Lutie Watkins Memorial Llano**

"I would be deeply honored by the opportunity to serve as a delegate to General Conference because I genuinely love the Church and have a passion for God's people. The Church has shaped my life, and I believe this is a pivotal time in the history of our young denomination, where prayerful, Spirit-led leadership is crucial. I feel called to bring my voice, my heart, my listening ears, and my perspective to the table as we discern God's will together. With God's wisdom and the knowledge he has given me, I believe I can contribute meaningfully to the decisions that impact our denomination's future. I understand the importance of our procedures, such as Robert's Rules of Order, but more importantly, I believe in the importance of listening for God's voice and seeking unity in the Spirit as we move forward. At 40 years old, I stand in a unique space, old enough to bring experience, yet young enough to represent the next generation of leadership in the church. I believe this blend of experience and youthful perspective is an asset, and I want to serve in a way that bridges generations, honors our past, and builds toward a faithful future."



**Below Are Those You May Add to the Delegation**

**Clergy**

**Jhenisa Stegemoller - Star Methodist**



The formation and growth of the Global Methodist Church is an answer to my prayers and a miracle about which I am passionate. I feel called to lend myself, my time, and efforts to pray for, care for, and serve it. I served as a volunteer mission participant at the 2024 Convening General Conference in Costa Rica, conducting street ministry in San Jose and attending legislative proceedings. The worshipful, prayerful manner in which affairs were conducted inspired me. I knew then I wanted to serve as a delegate, and my heart soared with the announcement that the 2026 General Conference would take place in Africa. What a beautiful way to glorify God and be who we say we are - coming together on every continent to praise the name of Jesus Christ and share in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit as we humbly continue to steward this movement! My foremost goal is to continually surrender myself and the GMC to His leadership.

**Leslie Tomlinson - Burnet Methodist**



I would be honored to be a delegate to General Conference. God was gracious to use me as a delegate and committee chairperson at the Convening GC. I serve as your Board of Ministry chair, member of the Commission on Ministry and Higher Education, and pastor of a local churches. I am excited about the Global Methodist Movement and am all in to partner with the Holy Spirit on this mission.

**Below Are Those You May Add to the Delegation**

Laity

**Karen Clark - First San Angelo**



I would consider it an honor, a privilege, and a great responsibility to represent my church and conference as a delegate to the 2026 General Conference. I have been a faithful member of First Methodist Church of San Angelo since 1999. Having been raised in a different denomination, I was especially touched by the grace and presence of the Spirit I felt at FirstChurch. I have served on every church committee except finance (for good reason) and have acted as chair for Church Council and SPRC. As a member of The Journey Class, I share teaching responsibilities with other class leaders. I am a recent retiree, which allows me to devote more time to the church in a number of ways. My husband and I were lay delegates to the UMC Annual Conference a number of times and have attended two Annual Awakenings as lay delegates. One of our pastors suggested I apply, and the decision to do so was made following prayer and careful consideration; it seems a natural progression in my service to the church. If I am chosen to represent the MidTexas Conference at the 2026 General Conference, I will do so with deep humility and respect. If not, I pledge to lift up the chosen slate of delegates in prayer from the day they are selected until the day they return home.

**Becky Cliett - First Hillsboro**



I believe serving as a delegate to General Conference would be both an honor and an extraordinary experience in helping to shape and support our new and growing denomination. I wholeheartedly embrace the tenets and mission of the Global Methodist Church, and I am willing to serve wherever God leads me to serve. I am not called to preach or to teach, but I have been called to be faithful and to serve. As a "spiritual descendant of John Wesley," I would love the opportunity to serve at this level in the governing body of our church.

**Below Are Those You May Add to the Delegation**

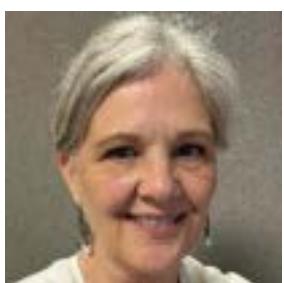
Laity

**Barbara Foster - First Temple**



It would be an honor to serve as a delegate to the 2026 General Conference. I have been a part of First Methodist Church in Temple for 20+ years and have served in a variety of capacities including Lay Servant/Lay Speaker Ministries, Pulpit Relief, Sunday School Teacher, GriefShare Ministry, Women's Ministries, and VBS. My heart is to see prayer ministries established and grown throughout our new denomination and through them to see lives transformed.

**Christy Martinez - First Frisco GMC**



"As a lifelong member of the Methodist Church and now a committed member of the Global Methodist Church, I have a deep love for our Wesleyan heritage and a strong desire to see our Church remain rooted in scriptural truth, grace-filled community, and faithful witness to the world. My commitment to the Global Methodist Church flows from a deep desire to help build a denomination that is faithful, unified, and mission-focused. I believe we have a remarkable opportunity to move forward with clarity, conviction, and compassion. I would be honored to contribute to that process and to help ensure our connection remains strong, Christ-centered, and responsive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. I had the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica with my mother, who served as a delegate to the first-ever General Conference of the Global Methodist Church in 2024. I watched the proceedings and was deeply moved by the spirit of unity and purpose that permeated that historic gathering. It affirmed my belief that the Holy Spirit is actively at work within the Global Methodist Church, just as He has been throughout the history of the Methodist movement. I am excited to be part of what God is doing among us now. I previously served as Minister of Business Administration for a United Methodist Church, where I worked closely with committees such as Finance & Stewardship, Pastor-Parish Relations, the Building Committee, and the Board of Trustees.

**Below Are Those You May Add to the Delegation**

**Laity**

This gave me valuable experience in local church governance as well as insight into the relationship between local congregations and the broader connectional system. Serving as a delegate to the General Conference would also be deeply meaningful to me on a personal level. Both my grandfather and my mother served as conference delegates, and I would be honored to follow in their footsteps as a third-generation delegate. Their faith and commitment to the Church shaped my own, and I feel called to carry that legacy forward. I understand that serving as a delegate involves a significant time commitment, and I am fully prepared and willing to dedicate the time and attention required. I want to represent the faithful lay members of the Mid-Texas Conference who are committed to the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly. I bring a heart for unity, a listening spirit, and a desire to help shape a future that honors God and strengthens the witness of the Global Methodist Church."

**Lauren Palmer - First Carrollton**



"I had the joy of serving as part of the MidTexas delegation to the Convening General Conference as a reserve delegate, and I would be honored to again represent MidTexas at the 2026 Conference. I am currently pursuing a PhD in Wesleyan Theology, and I plan to spend my life resourcing the Church (particularly Wesleyans) to embody and spread scriptural holiness for the life of the world. Much of my time is spent reading and writing on Wesleyan theology; I'm well equipped for the reading and analytical work of the delegation. I also have the flexibility to commit the time and energy needed. Before starting my PhD, I served on staff at First Methodist Carrollton for 10.5 years; I've worn almost all the hats a lay person can wear in local church ministry. I remain an active member at First Carrollton, and have returned twice in interim roles to assist the staff.

**Below Are Those You May Add to the Delegation**

**Laity**

I'm grateful the GMC prioritizes ministry at the local church level, but I also strongly believe that connection to other churches and conferences across the globe is an essential part of our heritage as Methodists. I would love to offer my time and skills to serve the MidTexas conference and the larger Global Methodist Church as we strengthen our connection and our commitment to spread scriptural holiness throughout the globe."

**Lindy Thomas - First Carrollton**



As a lifelong Methodist, it has been a joy and a privilege to be involved in the formation of our new denomination. I am committed to doing all I can to make sure the Global Methodist Church remains on a faithful track that will bring glory to God and truthfully represent him to those who seek to know him. I have spent many years in teaching roles and the truth of the Bible never ceases to be fresh and relevant. I also love the connections we are striving to keep with our brothers and sisters around the world. We all benefit from seeing things through one another's eyes and holding each other up in prayer.



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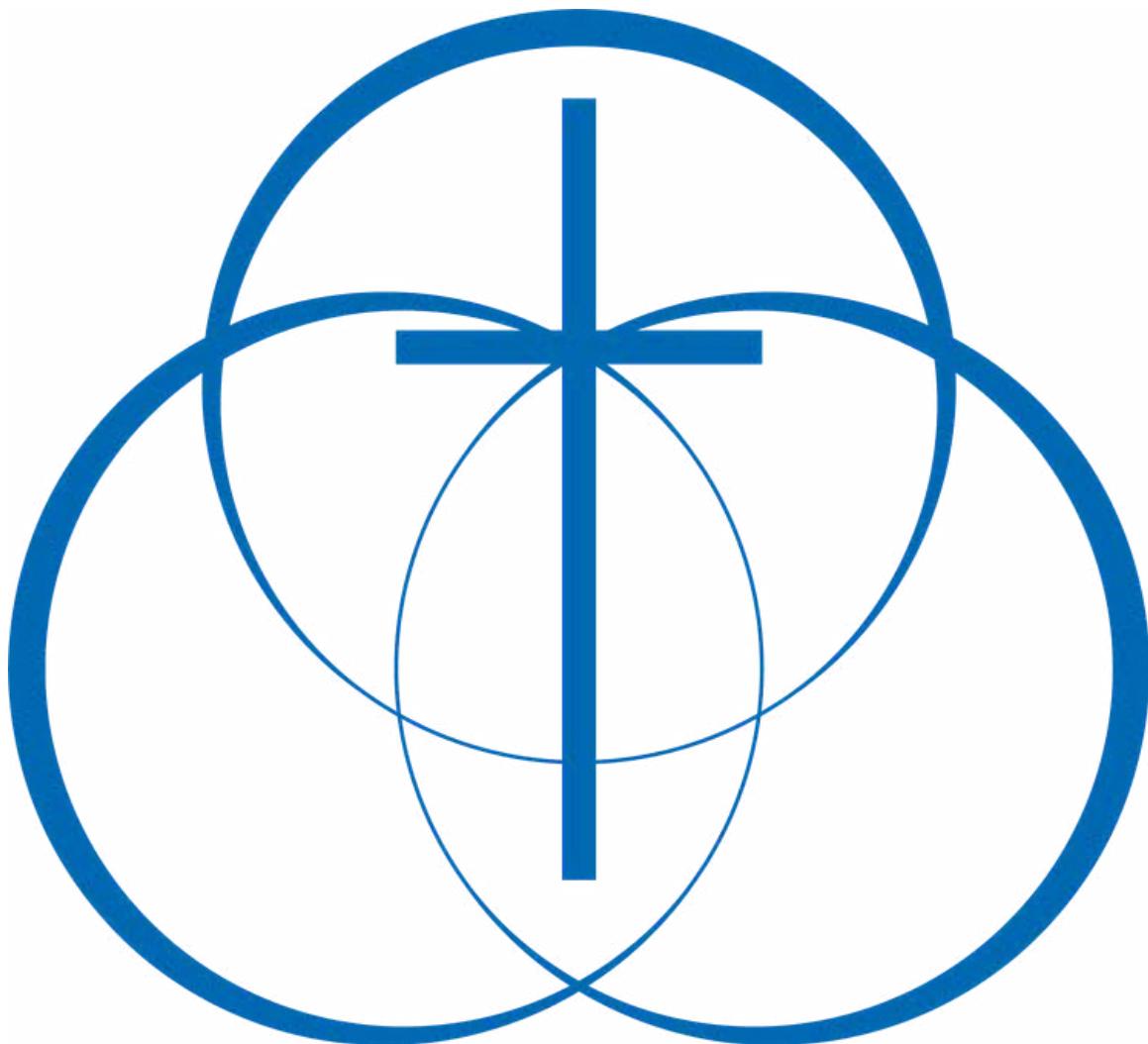
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# Service of Ordination for the Global Methodist Church

*Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.*

*\*Indicates a posture of praise. Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.*

## ENTRANCE

### PRELUDE

### GREETING AND WELCOME

Rev. Mark Vowell

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Will Gregory

Father Almighty, you said: In the last days I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

**Men and women, young and old from every tribe, tongue, and nation.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said: You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth. That every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

We cry: Come, Holy Spirit! Renew your church once again with holy fire and boldness for your gospel.

**Come, Holy Spirit! Fill us to go make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe!**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

### \*OPENING PRAYER

Jorydn Hudgeons

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, you call the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip your people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up. Grant that your church would come to maturity and unity in the faith, reaching the whole measure of the fullness of Christ for the sake of your mission in this world. In Jesus Christ's name we pray. Amen.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory

*Lydia Joy & Samuel John, children of Payton & Lyndsi Carter*

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

*Thanksgiving over the Water*

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as you Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture Lydia Joy & Samuel John in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example they may be guided to accept God's grace for themselves, to profess their faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

*Congregational Response*

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

And will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Lydia Joy & Samuel John with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

What name is given this child?

Lydia Joy, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

What name is given this child?

Samuel John, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## *Introduction of Newest Baptized members of the family of faith.*

People of God, this day we are invited to reaffirm our commitment to follow and serve Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. In the waters of baptism we are initiated into a life of service to God as disciples of Jesus Christ, united in Christ's death and resurrection, incorporated into the Body of Christ, and empowered through the work of the Holy Spirit to live a life of holiness, going onto perfection. Through baptism we are marked as God's chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, declaring the praise of Him who called us from darkness to light!

Remember your baptism, and be thankful.

We joyfully recommit ourselves to following Jesus Christ and reaffirm our baptismal vows as God's holy people.

Let us pray:

Holy God, we are no longer our own, but yours. Put us to what you will, place us with whom you will. Put us to doing, put us to suffering. Let us be put to work for you or set aside for you, Praised for you or criticized for you. Let us be full, let us be empty. Let us have all things, let us have nothing. We freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## OFFERING PRAYER

Drew Pennington

*Our conference offering goes to support our international partnerships.*

## OFFERTORY ATHEM

## Combined Choir

## *The Blessing*

\*DOXOLOGY

\*SCRIPTURE READING

Wyland Diehl

*John 13.12-17*

\*THE NICENE CREED

Ava Polanco

In response to the Word of God let us profess the faith of the church as contained in the Old and New Testaments.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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SERMON

Bishop Kenneth Levingston

*A New Generation of Foot Washers*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE

*Rev. Dr. Leslie S. Tomlinson & Dave Roberson*

*Dr. Tomlinson, Board of Ministry Chair:*

Bishops Levingston & Gregory, we present these candidates for ordination or recognition as deacons and elders in The Global Methodist Church. They have fulfilled all of the requirements in the Transitional and/or Book of Doctrines and Discipline and have been found to live a life shaped by the holiness of God.

We present these persons for ordination and ask them to stand as their name is read and remain standing, and recognition as deacon.

Karen Ann Bizzak  
Gary Ray Booth  
Lori Nichole Brooks  
Stephanie Kading Cahill  
Payton Thomas Carter  
Katherine Morris Cochrane  
Cody Lamar Dykes  
Perry Baker Hall  
Stephen Gitau Kamau  
Jon Jason Kendzie  
Wesley Everett Litten  
Kevin Wayne McClain  
Patrick Jay Melton  
Austin William Mertz  
Prisalcilla Jane Monson  
Olga Paull  
Katherine Renee Reiley  
Michael William Ricci Roberts  
Howard Lon Scott  
Susan Ione Sherrouse  
Jhenisa Barnett Stegemoller

We present these persons for ordination and recognition as elder.

Nathan Kent Carlson  
Jon Jason Kendzie  
Patrick Jay Melton  
Austin William Mertz  
Daniel Scott Patton  
Michael William Ricci Roberts  
Howard Lon Scott  
Joshua Tan

*Mr. Roberson, Conference Lay Leader:*

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we present these persons to be ordained or recognized for set apart ministry. The Global Methodist Church has discerned that they are fully committed to Jesus Christ, holy in all manner of living, educated in sound doctrine, and gifted by God for ordination and recognition in the church.

GENERAL EXAMINATION

Bishops Levingston, Gregory, & Moore

*Bishop Levingston:*

My sisters and brothers in Christ, you have been called to an ordained or recognized status in set apart ministry. The church now confirms your calling.

As ordained ministers, you are to be coworkers with all the people of God:With laity, bishops, elders, deacons, supply pastors, and with all who serve God in the church.

Remember you are called to serve rather than to be served, to proclaim the faith of the church and no other, to share the gospel of Jesus Christ boldly and to equip the congregations you serve to look after the concerns of God above all.

So we may know you believe yourselves to be called by God, you profess the Christian faith, seek to walk as a disciple of Jesus Christ, we ask you:

*Bishop Gregory:*

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of ordained ministry?

**I do so believe.**

Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

**I do so believe and confess.**

*Bishop Moore:*

Are you persuaded that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments contain all things necessary for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and are the unique and authoritative standard for the church's faith and life?

**I am so persuaded, by God's grace.**

Will you faithfully proclaim and teach these Scriptures in the congregations and ministry setting to which you are appointed?

**I will, by the help of God.**

*Bishop Levingston:*

Will you be faithful in prayer and the holy disciplines, in the study of the Holy Scriptures, and in submission to the Holy Spirit allow the gift of God that is in you to be continually rekindled?

**I will, with the help of God.**

Do you commit to live your life under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and walk only in the Way of Christ, offering yourself as an example and pattern of a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ to the congregations and communities within which you serve?

**I will, with the help of God.**

*Bishop Gregory:*

Will you, in the exercise of your ministry, lead the people of God to faith in Jesus Christ, deepen the life of the community of faith through intentional discipleship practices, lead the church in the proclamation of the gospel for the conversion of the world, and through Christ work for peace, justice, and freedom for all people?

**I will, with the help of God.**

Will you be loyal to The Global Methodist Church, accepting and upholding its order, liturgy, doctrine, and discipline, defending it against all doctrines contrary to God's Holy Word, and committing yourself to be accountable in your discipleship and with those serving with you, and to the bishop and those who are appointed to supervise your ministry?

**I will, with the help of God.**

*Bishop Moore:*

Will you maintain and demonstrate, as much as possible, peace, charity, and love among all Christian people, fellow clergy, and especially among those who are or shall be committed to your charge?

**I will, with the help of God.**

*Bishop Levingston:*

May God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, who has given you the will to do these things, also give you the ability to perform them, that the work begun in you may be brought to perfection to the glory of God and the increase of the Lord's Kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

## EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF DEACONS

*Bishop Levingston:*

Will the candidates for elder be seated as the candidates for deacon please stand. It belongs to the office of a deacon to share in the humility and service of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the strengthening of the church. A deacon is called to the ministry of Word, Service, Compassion, and Justice, exemplifying and leading the church in the servanthood every Christian is called to in the waters of baptism. As you respond to the call of this office, I remind you that you are to follow Christ, above all, helping others to live the way of Jesus Christ, carrying the Gospel to the world. You are to care for the sick and needy, interpret the needs of the world to the church, and assist in administering the sacraments.

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of a deacon?

**Deacon Candidate(s): I do so believe.**

*Bishop Gregory:*

Let us pray. Almighty God, fill these your servants afresh with your Holy Spirit. Give to them the grace and power needed to uphold their ordination vows as they proclaim and embody the Gospel in word and deed. Empower them to live a life of holiness following in the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ who, in humble obedience, came not to be served, but to serve. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF ELDERS

*Bishop Levingston:*

The candidates for deacon may be seated and the candidates for elder please stand. It belongs to the office of an elder to proclaim God's Word fearlessly, to teach God's people faithfully, to administer the sacraments, to lead in discipleship, mission, and service, and to order the life of the church so that it may be both faithful and fruitful. As you respond to the call of God for this office, I remind you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to be a messenger and steward of the Gospel. The church and congregations you will serve are the bride of Christ, be careful not to damage the body of Christ and the witness of the church by your neglect or indifference.

Bring your whole heart to the task of sharing the way of Christ, with your fellow clergy and among those you serve. Live out your life in thought and deed according to the discipline of Christ. Finally, lead the people you serve to steadfastly live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with a broken and battered world. Know that you cannot accomplish any of this on your own, but only through the will and ability given by God. Therefore, pray for the Holy Spirit to shape your mind and strengthen your commitment.

Do you believe that God has called you to the life and work of an elder?  
**Elder Candidate(s): I do so believe.**

*Bishop Moore:*

Let us pray. Almighty God, fill these your servants afresh with your Holy Spirit. Give to them the grace and power needed to uphold their ordination vows as they proclaim the Gospel, administer the sacraments, and shepherd your people. Empower them to serve you in a life of holiness following the sacrificial ministry of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**HYMN**

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

#### **ORDINATION OF DEACONS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MINISTRY**

*Bishop Levingston:*

Father Almighty, pour out your Holy Spirit on [Name] for the office and work of a deacon in Christ's holy church. Amen.

*Full Name, take authority as a deacon  
to proclaim the Word of God and to lead God's people  
in ministries of compassion and justice;  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

#### **ORDINATION OF ELDERS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MINISTRY**

*Bishop Levingston:*

Father Almighty, pour out your Holy Spirit on [Name] for the office and work of an elder in Christ's holy church. Amen.

Full Name, take authority as an elder  
to preach the Word of God, to administer the Holy Sacraments  
and to order the life of the church;  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**PRESENTATION OF THE ORDINANDS**

Rev. Ryan Barnett

Newly ordained deacons and elders, please stand: Brothers and sisters, let us celebrate the work of God in the church and give thanks for our newly ordained and recognized elders.

Alleluia! Amen. May God fill you with the power and presence of the Holy Spirit to serve Christ faithfully in life and ministry.

**INVITATION**

Rev. Ryan Barnett

If you are feeling called to vocational ministry or called to being a lay person who helps plant a church, please come forward to be prayed over during our hymn of celebration.

**\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION**

*Victory in Jesus*

**SENDING FORTH**

**\*BENEDICTION**

Bishop Leah Hidde Gregory

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always. Amen.

**\*RECESSIONAL**

*The Blessing*

**\*GO IN PEACE**

*All in attendance today are invited to greet the ordinands in the lobby after the service.*

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# Addendum

## Minutes of the MidTexas Annual Conference

### February 12, 2026 | 2:30pm | Frisco, Texas

The MidTexas Annual Conference was called to order by Conference Superintendent Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory at 2:43pm.

**ACTION:** Bishop Gregory presented Rev. Ben Huebner to serve as the Conference Secretary. The motion was adopted unanimously by the body.

An invocation was offered by Mrs. Christy Rolf.

**ACTION:** The Conference Secretary presented Standing Rules for adoption. This motion was adopted unanimously by the body.

A Report of the Cabinet was provided by Rev. Bill Killough.

Mr. Jim McClain offered prayers for the churches still in litigation over disaffiliation.

The Report of the Connectional Council was given by Rev. Dr. Adam Thornton.

The 2025 Church Census was provided by Rev. Dr. Adam Thornton.

The 2025 Finance and Administration Report was provided by Rev. Dr. Adam Thornton.

The 2025 Rebate Report was provided by Rev. Dr. Adam Thornton.

The Foundation for Awakening was presented by Rev. Jim Noble.

2025 Disaster Relief Efforts were presented Rev. Brad Dehaven & Pastors who received disaster funds. Nearly \$2.1 million in donations given and distributed in 2025. Reports were given by Rev. Scott Bradford, Rev. Frank Oakman, Rev. Judy Swarts, Rev. David Medley, & Rev. Cody Dykes.

The Report on International Partnerships was by Mrs. Lindy Thomas, Chair. The following reports were given. Greeting & Update on Bulgaria from Rev. Daniel Tolpalski. Greeting & Update on Costa Rica from Ray & Lidia Zirkel. Update on Rwanda from Rev. Matt Pennington.

ACTION: Presented for Adoption: New International Partnership with Mexico Annual Conference by Rev. Dr. Adam Thornton & Rev. David Almanza - This motion was adopted unanimously by the body.

2026 Connectional Giving Percentages remaining at 3% and 1% was presented by Rev. Adam Thornton.

ACTION: The 2026 Leadership Nominations Report was presented by Rev. Dr. Adam Thornton. This motion was adopted unanimously by the body.

ACTION: The 2026 Annual Conference Budget was presented by Mr. Les Leskoven, Chair of the Committee on Finance and Administration - This motion was adopted unanimously by the body.

The 2026 General Conference Delegation Report was provided by Ms. Maggie Vowell.

ACTION: A motion to affirm the work of the Connectional Council was made by Rev. Dr. Adam Thornton and was adopted by acclamation.

The Report of the Board of Ministry was offered by Rev. Dr. Leslie Tomlinson. The Board of Ministry's report is contained within the journal. Candidates for ordination (including Deacon's Orders, Deacon & Elder's Orders, and Elder's Orders) were presented. The work of the Board of Ministry was affirmed by the body with applause.

Bishop Kenneth Levingston Set the Appointments for 2026 and offered a blessing over Mid-Texas.

Bishop Kenneth Levingston led the conference in the Leadership Election of Additional General Conference Delegates by Bishop Kenneth Levingston. The primary method of voting was through a QR code, though paper ballots were provided by the Conference Secretary for those unable to use the QR code. The ballot was opened at 4:05pm. The ballot was closed at 4:15pm.

Rev. Ryan Barnet led the MidTexas Conference in recognizing the leadership brought by Bishop Kenneth Levingston. Bishop Levingston was presented with a plaque commemorating his service to the MidTexas Conference.

The 5 Year (2027-2031) Strategic Planning Report was provided by Rev. Ryan Barnet.

The MidTexas Annual Conference was adjourned at 5:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Ben Huebner, Conference Secretary

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