



# GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Who Am I?

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Conference of the Global Methodist Church

# Beginnings of the GMC



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The Global Methodist Church began on May 1, 2022. Since then, over 4500 churches have joined and we expect thousands more to join in the next few years.

Our Convening General Conference will be held September 20-26, 2024 in San Jose, Costa Rica.

# GMC in Louisiana



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We currently have 44 GMC churches in Louisiana, including 7 new church starts, and dozens more that are considering joining.

Louisiana is part of the Trinity Conference, along with Arkansas and Eastern Texas.  
We have 375 churches and 400+ clergy.

# What is the GMC?



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We proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord over all things and believe in the authority of scripture.

## **Our Mission:**

To make disciples of Jesus Christ that worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

# Orthodox Beliefs



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The GMC has Orthodox theology firmly in line with 2,000 years of Christian doctrine and tradition.

The GMC holds to traditional Methodist beliefs passed down from John Wesley.

# Accountability



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We hold clergy and laity accountable to our doctrine and mission.

We hold Bishops accountable through a team of laity and clergy.

# Streamlined Structure



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We have a streamlined structure that is less costly and less complicated than other Wesleyan denominations.

We push as many decisions to local churches as possible because disciples are made at the local level.

# GMC Funding



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Connectional Giving  
(Apportionments) to  
the General Church  
is 1% of income.

Connectional Giving  
to the Trinity  
Conference for 2024  
is 1.75%.



# No Trust Clause



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The GMC does not (and will not ever) have a Trust Clause.

Churches who join the GMC are able to leave with minimal fuss.

# GMC Bishops



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Bishops are term-limited. Their primary role is to preach, teach, and defend the faith. They also uphold and enforce the order, doctrine and discipline of the church.

Details about elections, terms, and roles will be determined at the Convening General Conference in September 2024.

# Clergy in the GMC



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GMC utilizes ordained clergy and lay pastors in our churches.  
Ordained Clergy from other denominations may transfer into the GMC.  
Local Pastors from the UMC may be ordained by the GMC.  
Full support of male & female clergy and of clergy of color.  
No guaranteed appointment for pastors or guaranteed pastors for churches.

# Appointment-Making



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Presiding Elder consults with the local church to determine needs of the church and community.

Potential candidates identified for the church.

Local church meets with the candidates and chooses the one they feel best meets their needs and situation.

Clergy are appointed to indefinite terms.

# Connectionalism



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Connectionalism multiplies the gifts of all churches for the sake of Christ's work in the world. (¶103.8 TBDD)

Wesley believed that the road to holiness was one that we could not travel by ourselves, but rather involves the community of faith at every step along the way. (¶103 TBDD)

# GMC vs. Independent



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Becoming part of the GMC ensures that your church will stay Methodist.

Becoming part of the GMC now ensures that your church will have a say in how our denomination is structured long-term.

# How to Join the GMC (pt 1)



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Church Council calls a  
Congregational meeting to  
consider joining.

A simple majority of church  
members present at meeting  
must affirm and endorse the  
doctrinal standards of the  
GMC and agree to be held  
accountable to the TBDD.

## How to Join the GMC (pt 2)



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Apply online at  
[globalmethodist.org](https://globalmethodist.org)

Consult with  
Presiding Elder  
about pastoral  
appointments





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## Helpful Websites:

- GMC Website: [www.globalmethodist.org](http://www.globalmethodist.org)
- Trinity Conference Website: [www.trinitygmc.org](http://www.trinitygmc.org)
- Facebook, Instagram & YouTube: Search for
  - Global Methodist Church
  - Trinity Conference of the GMC