



GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH
Northeast Conference

Rev. Steven Taylor
Conference Superintendent

.... SPIRIT & FIRE NEWSLETTER

Insights for the Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church

OCTOBER 2026

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"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Matthew 3:11



A Message from Conference Superintendent
Rev. Steven Taylor

Greetings in the Name of Christ!

As the pace of fall ministry begins to pick up, it's easy to focus on calendars, meetings, and the many responsibilities before us. Yet Scripture continually reminds us that the fruitfulness of our ministry is never determined by how busy we are, but by how closely we walk with Christ.

Jesus gives this invitation:

"Abide in me, and I in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me." (John 15:4)

Everything we hope to see across the Northeast Conference - lives transformed, churches renewed, disciples multiplied, and communities reached with the Gospel - begins with abiding in Christ. Prayer is not simply one ministry among many; it is the foundation beneath every ministry we share.

Blessings,
Steve

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RECAP



A Message from Conference Superintendent Rev. Steven Taylor

"It's been a few weeks since we returned from South Africa, and there isn't one memory or experience we had that has faded or tarnished since being together with incredible Methodists from every part of the world!"

As I reflect on the 2026 Global Methodist General Conference in Johannesburg, I am grateful for the movement of the Holy Spirit, even when things did not always unfold exactly as I had thought or planned.

Through meaningful worship, new connections, and conversations with Global Methodists from around the globe, I was reminded of the joy and strength of our shared faith and mission to make disciples and spread scriptural holiness.

It was a profound privilege to serve alongside our amazing delegation and to be with so many from the Northeast who volunteered and worked on the mission experience. As we prepare to welcome a new bishop in November, I return from 8,500 miles away with hope and anticipation for what God has ahead.

Above all, I will carry with me the experience of being of one heart and mind as we declared to the world: "We Are The Global Methodist Church!" There truly IS beauty in holiness! There is much to do, but we are fueled for the journey to pass on the faith we have in Jesus Christ!"

Replays and written recaps of the 2026 General Conference can be found [HERE](#)



Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory



Bishop-Elect Jonathan Lee

Northeast Conference Thanks Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory and Welcomes Rev. Jonathan Lee as Next Bishop

Rev. Jonathan Lee elected and assigned to serve the Northeast Conference and Episcopal Area 2 beginning November 1, 2026

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA — September 8, 2026 — The Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church is pleased to announce the election and assignment of the Rev. Jonathan Lee as the next bishop serving the Northeast Conference and Episcopal Area 2 of the Global Methodist Church. His assignment will begin November 1, 2026.

Rev. Lee was elected to the episcopacy by the delegates of the 2026 General Conference of the Global Methodist Church in Johannesburg, South Africa. Following his election, Bishop-elect Lee was assigned to provide episcopal leadership to Episcopal Area 2, which includes the Northeast Conference, as well as conferences in Bulgaria, Mexico, Mid-Texas, Africa Mashariki, and the Korean-American Conference. He currently resides in Hawaii with his wife.

The Northeast Conference also offers its deepest love and gratitude to Bishop Leah Hidde-Gregory for her faithful, sacrificial, and visionary leadership. During her time serving the Northeast Conference, Bishop Hidde-Gregory has provided amazing, steady episcopal oversight, encouraged clergy and laity, strengthened the connectional life of the Church, and helped guide the conference through an important season of growth and transition.

Her ministry among us has been a gift to the Northeast Conference. We give thanks for her wisdom, her pastoral presence, her commitment to the mission of the Global Methodist Church, and the many ways she has faithfully served Christ and His Church. As she concludes her assignment with the Northeast Conference, we pray that God will continue to bless and strengthen her in the ministry to which He is calling her next. Bishop Hidde-Gregory will remain as... *to continue reading the full press release, go to: northeastgmc.org/bishop-announcement*

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2026 GENERAL CONFERENCE

Johannesburg, South Africa

August 30-September 5

RECAP
(cont'd)



"The unity of mind, heart, and soul as we sought the Spirit's guidance. While our languages, cultures, and opinions may have differed, it was beautiful to be united in belief and purpose as we took this next step in our movement."
-Diana Briselli

WE ASKED OUR DELEGATES:
"What was the most impactful experience for you at General Conference as a delegate?"

"To witness a truly global church family worshipping in unity on African soil, bringing together diverse languages and multiple continents. It was then perfectly mirrored in theological unity by the adoption (370 to 1) of the unified new Articles of Faith."
-Cora Doram

"Witnessing the Global Methodist Church's historic first General Conference on African soil and the overwhelming sense of the Holy Spirit's presence at the conference. ...it was an honor to serve and participate in the election and consecration of our first full-time Assembly of Bishops and the adoption of the Articles of Faith."
-Arnie Fritzius

"The weight of the responsibility I was elected to carry really hit me, but so did the realization that everyone in the room was there for the same reason—to help shape and grow the Church for Jesus. It was also powerful to see that every voice, whether laity, clergy, elder, deacon, or someone with a title, was heard and respected. It was an honor to be tasked with the responsibility and privilege from the laity of the Northeast Conference."
-Autumn Christine



A Special Invitation to Northeast Clergy from Conference Superintendent Rev. Steven Taylor



Click the video below to watch on YouTube.



Conference Superintendent's CONVOCATION ON PRAYER

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE: October 9



Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Stephen Seamands
Professor Emeritus of Christian Doctrine
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**Open to all Northeast Global Methodist active and inactive clergy, as well as CLMs assigned to a Northeast Global Methodist Church*



CONFERENCE EVENTS

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OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Holy Spirit Joy!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY VIRTUAL RETREAT



You are invited to a special day dedicated to experiencing the fruitful, sustaining, fullness of Joy in the Holy Spirit together!

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OCTOBER UPDATE

Event Speakers

Judy C. Graham, Co-Chair GMWM Task Force, President/Co-Founder of Celebration Women's Ministry, Inc. | Topic: "Fruitful Joy!"

Rev. Dr. Paula M. Payne, Board Certified Chaplain & Retired USAF Chaplain | Topic: "Sustaining Joy!"

Mandy L. Gero, Hospice Chaplain & Spiritual Director | Topic: "Fullness of Joy!"



OCTOBER 3, 2026

9AM - 2PM

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 1, 2026



THE SPROUT REPORT

Active Church Plant Groups

Welcome to THE SPROUT REPORT! Driven by a passion for spreading scriptural holiness, the Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church views church planting as a vibrant, Spirit-led movement of hope and renewal. Here is a quick look at some of the exciting church plants taking root across our region!

LANCASTER COUNTY PA



OTHER CHURCH PLANT GROUPS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS:

Lusby, MD (Lighthouse Fellowship)
NEW JERSEY (coming soon)
East Shore of Harrisburg, PA
So. Lancaster, PA (coming soon)
Three Springs, PA
Washington, DC

For more information about these church plants, visit [HERE](#)

SYRACUSE, NY



**Faithful. Global.
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A breakfast conversation about the GMC
and a new church in Syracuse

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK



ELIZABETHTOWN, PA



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PLANTING?**

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- Embrace God's heart for the nations revealed in scripture.
- Explore practical ways for you and your church to live out the Great Commission.

Come ready to be inspired equipped and challenged. Together, let's engage in the one to reach the many.

This FREE Catalyst Workshop is for pastors, mission teams, and everyday believers who want to move from mission awareness to mission engagement.

For more information, contact
Rev. Dr. Rebecca Collison at
pastorbecky@marinersbethel.org

[REGISTRATION REQUIRED](#)

**October 24, 2026
9am-3pm**



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[CONCEIVABLE: THE MOVIE](#)



THEY'RE HERE!

2026 CHARGE CONFERENCE FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

Plus, a personal message from
Conference Superintendent Rev. Steven Taylor.

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"For who among
them has stood in the
council of the Lord to
see and to hear his
word, or who has
paid attention to his
word and listened?"
Jeremiah 23:18



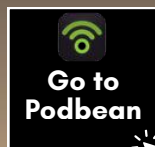
NORTHEAST CONFERENCE
GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Rev. Steven Taylor
Northeast Conference Superintendent



**NEW DEVOTIONAL
EVERY THURSDAY**



REVISIT SEPTEMBER DEVOTIONALS

From Conference Superintendent
Rev. Steven Taylor

The Thirteenth
Disciple: Living in
the Mercy of Christ

1 John 1:9

SpiritFruit: Making
Room for the Holy
Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

Agreeing with God:
When Prayer
Changes Us

Matthew 6:8

Ready to Trust
Again: Following
God into the
Unknown

Joshua 3:5



THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH IS A CHURCH-PLANTING
MOVEMENT THROUGH DISCIPLE-MAKING

Church Multiplication & Revitalization

The Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church believes that church planting is one of the primary ways God advances the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness across the globe. **We believe healthy churches plant healthy churches.** New churches create new opportunities for evangelism, disciple-making, leadership development, and Spirit-filled mission in communities that need the transforming power of Jesus Christ. Church planting is not merely an organizational strategy; it is a spiritual movement empowered by the Holy Spirit, rooted in prayer, grounded in Scripture, and shaped by Wesleyan theology.

You will find helpful resources on our conference website to guide and support you in understanding the church planting journey within the Northeast Conference.

LEARN MORE



If you know of a person or group that is praying about planting a new congregation, please reach out to Rev. Leo Park for more information [HERE](#)

NOW AVAILABLE!

The Zoom Recording for the
September 24

SPRC TRAINING

"Healthy Relationships for
Effective Ministry"

now available on the
Northeast GMC website
[HERE](#)





LAITY EQUIPPING TEAM

COURSE INFORMATION

UPDATED



Available Courses

To register, click on course title.

Disciple Making, Mission and Evangelism - Foundation

Registration Dates: Sept 8 - Oct 6

Introduction to Bible Basics and Inductive Bible Study - Foundational (evenings)

Registration Dates: Sept 20 - Oct 18

Introduction to Bible Basics and Inductive Bible Study - Foundational (mornings)

Registration Dates: Sept 22 - Oct 20

Understanding The Call & Means of Grace - Foundation

Registration Dates: Oct 20 - Nov 17

Leadership & Administration - Specialized

Registration Dates: Nov 27 - Dec 27

Recertification Checklist

Be sure to check all requirements for recertification.



Welcoming New Members



Our team is growing! We have expanded our team and welcomed new members who bring fresh gifts, perspectives, and energy to our shared ministry.

Instructors Needed



Are you being called to share your knowledge and guide our laity? Please contact Brenda Roof at brendarroof@gmail.com to start a conversation.

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT:



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FOR MORE INFORMATION



OCTOBER UPDATE


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A Global Methodist Church Partnership

The Global Methodist (GM) Church has partnered with MinistrySafe, a leading organization in helping meet the needs of churches and ministries to create preventative measures tailored to enhance the safety and protection of children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Every congregational member of the GM Church can access the resources of MinistrySafe without expense to ensure the highest standards are followed in their ministries. The GM Church has paid the costs associated with providing local churches and their ministries access to these resources. The goal is to ensure that every Global Methodist congregation and ministry is a MinistrySafe member and uses all of the resources provided.

GMC DIGITAL RESOURCES

- Logos and GMC branding
- Book of Doctrines and Discipline
- Information about joining the Northeast GMC
- Answers to the most Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)


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[MORE DETAILS HERE](#)

A Powerful Tool for Churches

MissionInsite is a cloud-based demographic and community engagement platform designed to help churches better understand their surrounding communities and their own congregations. It provides access to a wealth of data, including demographics, socio-economic factors, consumer lifestyles, religious preferences, and more, allowing churches to move from data to informed decisions regarding their ministry and outreach efforts.

Providing this service at no cost to you, the Global Methodist Church has contracted with MissionInsite at the denominational level to provide this valuable service for your church ... **your connectional funding at work!**



Learn Together. Serve Together.

Take advantage of the training MinistrySmart has to offer with a wide range of resources and opportunities for your personal growth and development.


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To begin registration for your church, click the link below:

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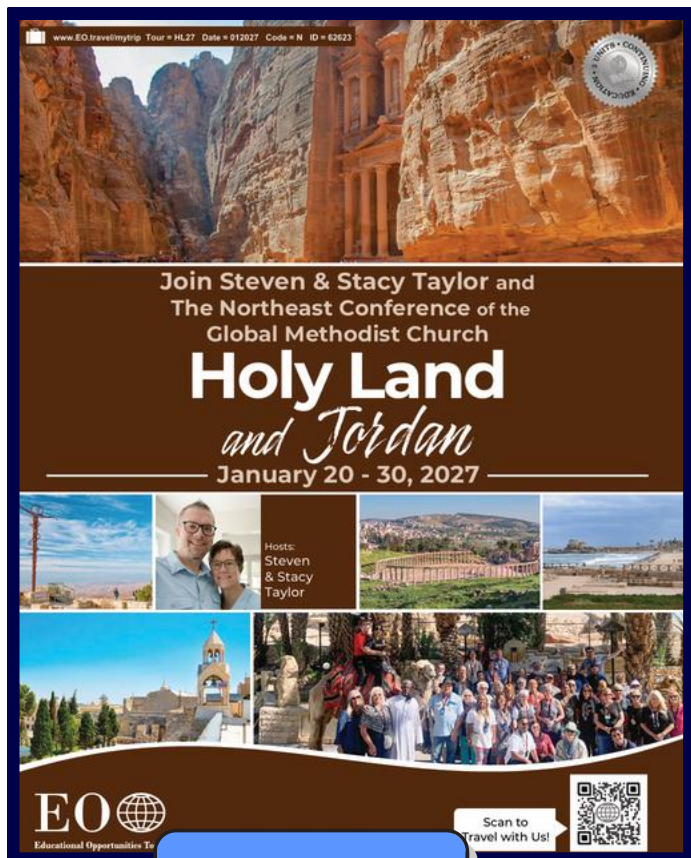
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If you find that your church information is inaccurate, please use the following form to request changes to its profile:

[CHANGE REQUEST FORM](#)



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Dear friends of the Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church,

Stacy and I warmly invite you to join us on a life-changing journey to the Holy Land in January 2027 through an Educational Opportunities pilgrimage.

Our own visit in 2018 deeply transformed our faith as we walked where Jesus walked, sailed on the Sea of Galilee, and stood and worshiped in the places where the stories of Scripture came to life. As John 1:14 reminds us, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." There's nothing like experiencing the land where that miracle unfolded for the world and for each one of us.

As one traveler once said, "A pilgrimage to the Holy Land turns the Bible from black and white to living color." We'd love to share this unforgettable experience with you!

For more information, including dates, full itinerary, cost and more, please visit the links below.

Grace and peace,
Steven & Stacy Taylor

REGISTRATION

To register, please use **Group Host ID: 62623**

An Invitation to Continued Partnership

We invite you and your church to prayerfully consider making a gift to one or all of these vital ministries. We welcome gifts by check or online giving. To give online, please access the dropdown menu at the link below to direct your gift to the specific fund of your choice. Thank you for your generosity and for your continued partnership in fulfilling the mission and vision of the Global Methodist Church.



International Partnerships

International Partnerships: Advancing the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ through global outreach, ministry partnerships, and the spread of scriptural holiness across the globe.



Church Planting

Funding the expansion of new faith communities across our region.



Clergy Education Scholarships

Clergy Education Scholarships: Assisting future ministry leaders in their theological education and vocational preparation for faithful service in the Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

Please make checks payable to
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Mail checks to:

NE Conference of the
Global Methodist Church
c/o Erika Renwick, Treasurer
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ONLINE GIVING





PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

The Northeast Conference
PRAYER & INTERCESSION TEAM
Invites YOU!

ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

4TH TUESDAY EACH MONTH AT 7PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!



NEXT GATHERING:
OCTOBER 27



Does Your Church Have a Prayer Point Person?

The Conference Prayer & Intercession Team
is asking each church to appoint a
Prayer Point Person.

Read about the **Goals** of this initiative [HERE](#)
& the **Role** of each Prayer Point Person [HERE](#)

For questions or to register your appointed
Prayer Point Person, please contact
Liz Heintzelman at prayers@northeastgmc.org

The Pastor's Monday Morning Prayer Call Continues for 2026!

If you are serving in a pastoral role in
the Northeast Annual Conference, you
are invited to participate in this weekly
prayer call.



All pastors and those serving as pastoral
leaders of local churches are invited to join
our Weekly Prayer Initiative.**

ONLINE ZOOM PASTORS' PRAYER CALL

****Pastoral Leaders: please contact Maria
at maria.rowe@northeastgmc.org
for schedule and link information.**





PRAYER POINTS

Thanksgiving for the Work of the Global Methodist General Conference

We give thanks for God's faithfulness throughout the 2026 General Conference in Johannesburg. We praise Him for the worship, holy conferencing, the election of bishops, and the work accomplished to strengthen the Global Methodist Church for years to come. As we return to our local churches, may we live out the call to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness and faithfully advance His Kingdom.

Scripture: *"Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth."* — Psalm 96:9 (NKJV)

For Our New Episcopal Leadership

Pray for the newly elected Assembly of Bishops, especially Bishop Jonathan Lee as he prepares to serve our Episcopal Area 2 beginning November 1. Ask God to grant wisdom, humility, courage, and a deep dependence upon the Holy Spirit as they shepherd our growing global connection. Pray thanksgiving for Bishop Leah Gregory as she has served us so well!

Scripture: *"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers."* — Acts 20:28

For Churches Launching a New Ministry Season

As fall ministries begin across the Northeast, pray for worship services, Bible studies, youth and children's ministries, small groups, and outreach opportunities. May our churches warmly welcome neighbors, make new disciples, and become places where lives are transformed by Jesus Christ.

Scripture: *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest."* — Galatians 6:9

For Our Global Partners in Malawi and Aldersgate Europe

Lift up our brothers and sisters in the Malawi Global Methodist Church as they continue implementing the new Partnership MOU and strengthening sustainable ministry. Pray also for the growing work in Western Europe, asking God to open new doors for evangelism, church planting, and leadership development.

Scripture: *"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us."*
— 2 Corinthians 5:20

For Revival in the Northeast

Pray that God would pour out His Holy Spirit upon our churches, pastors, and communities. May hearts be awakened, believers strengthened, and those who have never trusted Christ respond to His invitation. Let revival begin with us.

Scripture: *"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray..."* — 2 Chronicles 7:14

For Peace in a Troubled World

We continue to pray for those affected by war, violence, persecution, and natural disasters throughout the world.

May Christ, the Prince of Peace, comfort the suffering, protect the vulnerable, and transform hearts through the power of the gospel.

Scripture: *"The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* — Philippians 4:7

For Leaders Who Are Passing the Faith to the Next Generation

Give thanks for pastors, parents, grandparents, teachers, youth leaders, children's ministry volunteers, and mentors who faithfully invest in the next generation. Pray that God would raise up young men and women who will boldly follow Jesus and lead His Church for years to come.

Scripture: *"What you have heard from me... entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."*
— 2 Timothy 2:2

Join us for Open Prayer Meeting every 4th Tuesday each month at 7pm.

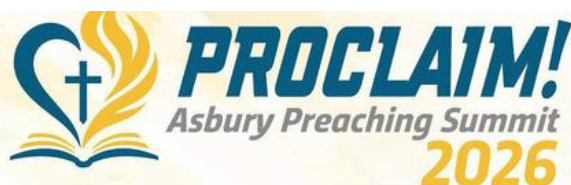
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OCTOBER 13-24

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In **Methodist Roots**, a special teaching series with our Assembly of Bishops, you'll discover the history of Methodism and understand how key features of the faith influence the church today. Throughout the series, you'll also learn about important and sacred Wesleyan sites that serve as a reminder of God's faithfulness and calling. Each week, you'll experience snippets of these significant sites.



GMC Newsletter
"ACROSS THE GLOBE"

Stay connected with news, updates, and inspiring stories from the Global Methodist Church as we live out our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

THE Global Messenger
OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

The Global Messenger of the Global Methodist Church is the official blog of the GMC, a collection of devotionals, essays, messages, and faith-filled reflections from members and leaders of Global Methodist Church.

If you have a story, reflection, or insight to share we would love to feature your voice on Global Messenger!

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SPIRIT & FIRE NEWSLETTER

Insights for the Northeast Conference of the Global Methodist Church

PLEASE NOTE:

The **deadline** for submissions*
for the November issue of
Spirit & Fire Newsletter is

Friday, October 23, 2026

Please have submissions for this
date in their final form.

Send to
maria.rowe@northeastgmc.org

**All submissions subject to approval.*



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