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**FROM HOLY LOVE TO A MULTIPLYING MOVEMENT**  
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## A NOTE FROM THE CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT

**“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.”**

— 2 Corinthians 5:14–15 (NIV)

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we prepare to gather for the 2026 Heartland Annual Conference, we do so under the theme **Love Extravagantly: From Holy Love to a Multiplying Movement**. These words remind us of a powerful truth found in 2 Corinthians: the love of Christ compels us. When we encounter the holy love of God, we cannot remain the same. His love moves us beyond ourselves. It calls us to love God more deeply and to love our neighbors more intentionally. Holy love is not passive but is active, outward, and transformative.

Throughout Scripture, we see that when people experience the love of God, it leads to movement. The love of Christ compels us to seek the lost, make disciples, and participate in God’s mission of expanding His Kingdom. This is deeply rooted in our Wesleyan heritage. John and Charles Wesley devoted themselves to prayer, bible study, fasting, and accountability in what became known as the Holy Club. Yet their love for God did not remain inward. It propelled them outward—to preach in fields and on street corners, to visit the sick and imprisoned, and to share the hope of Christ wherever God opened doors. As John Wesley famously said, *“You have nothing to do but to save souls. Therefore, spend and be spent in this work.”* Holy love compelled them outward, and through that movement, God ignited a multiplying movement that transformed lives and communities across the globe.

We continue to see that same holy love at work across the Heartland today. Over the past year, we have witnessed God’s faithfulness and growth throughout our conference. We now have 216 churches and 4 unchartered church plants, with 305 pastors and 17 certified lay ministers serving faithfully across the Heartland. In 2025, we celebrated 437 baptisms, 671 professions of faith, and 197 youth confirmations. Our average in-person worship attendance grew to 12,528 each week, an increase from the previous year. These numbers are more than statistics, representing lives transformed by the love of Christ.



At the same time, we recognize that holy love continues to call us forward. We are grateful to have partnered with the Awaken Network, and this year six individuals are participating in their church planter cohort. We are praying that God will continue to raise up more churches, pastors, and lay leaders who feel called to step forward in faith to plant new churches and expand the reach of the gospel. We believe that when holy love takes root in our hearts, it naturally leads to multiplication—new disciples, new leaders, and new churches.

We are also seeing this multiplication mindset grow through several key partnerships across the Heartland. Through our continued partnership with the International Leadership Institute (ILI), leaders are being trained and equipped to deepen their intimacy with God and develop the leadership capacity needed to reach their communities. In addition, churches and leaders are being equipped through Alpha trainings and courses, creating new opportunities to engage people who are exploring faith and invite them into relationship with Jesus. We are also excited about our new partnership with the Reawakening Initiative, which will be launching soon to help equip churches to cultivate intentional disciple-making cultures. Our prayer is that these efforts will not simply strengthen individual churches, but help foster a true disciple-making movement across the Heartland and beyond.

Together, these partnerships represent more than programs—they reflect a shared commitment to loving God deeply and loving our neighbors intentionally. As holy love takes root in our churches, we believe God will continue to raise up leaders, multiply disciples, and expand His Kingdom in ways that only He can accomplish.

I continue to be deeply encouraged as I travel throughout the Heartland. I see churches loving their communities, pastors faithfully shepherding their congregations, and leaders stepping forward to serve. I see congregations partnering together, supporting one another, and pursuing the mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading scriptural holiness across the globe. This is holy love in action. This is the love of Christ compelling us outward.

As we prepare to gather for Annual Conference, I invite you to join me in prayer in the weeks leading up to our time together. Let us ask God to deepen our love for Him and expand our love for others. Let us come ready to worship, listen, and respond to what God is doing among us. May we be open to how the Holy Spirit is calling us forward from holy love to a multiplying movement.

There is much to celebrate, and there is even more ahead. I believe God is continuing to shape the Heartland Conference into a multiplying movement rooted in holy love. And remember this truth: **You are the conference.** Your prayers, your leadership, your faithfulness, and your love for Christ and others are what shape who we are and who we are becoming.

I am grateful for each of you and pray daily for your ministry. May the love of Christ compel us, drawing us closer to God, moving us outward in love for our neighbors, and leading us into a multiplying movement that brings glory to God.

In Christ with love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jordan S. McFall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Heartland Conference Superintendent



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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**

4pm	Registration Opens
4pm	Sponsor Exhibit Space Open
6:30pm – 8:30pm	Prayer & Worship Service

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4**

8:30am – 10am	Clergy/ Lay Sessions
10:30am – Noon	State of the Conference
Noon – 1:30pm	Lunch Break – Box Lunches Provided
1:30pm – 2:45pm	Breakout Session 1
3:15pm – 4:30pm	Breakout Session 2
4:30pm – 7pm	Dismiss for Dinner on your own
5pm – 6:30pm	General Conference Delegate Q&A
7pm – 8:30pm	Evening Worship

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5**

8:30am – 12pm	Morning Business Session
12pm – 2pm	Lunch
12pm – 2pm	Ordination Rehearsal
2pm – 4:30pm	Afternoon Business Session
4:30pm – 7pm	Dinner on Your Own
7pm – 8:30pm	Evening Worship

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

7:30am–8:30am	Ordinand Breakfast
10:00am–11:30am	Ordination Service
11:30am–12:30pm	Ordination Reception

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



### **REV. HEATHER SIMS**

**Rev. Heather Sims** is a joy-filled servant of Christ and a seasoned leader with over two decades of pastoral experience. Currently serving as Senior Pastor of Christ Church Methodist in The Woodlands, Texas, Heather has led her congregation into a season of remarkable spiritual renewal and measurable growth in baptisms, professions of faith, and missional engagement.

A lifelong Methodist, Heather's leadership is defined by a deep love for people and a global perspective shaped by her military upbringing and extensive international travel. Her connectional leadership includes

service as a General Conference Delegate (2024 & 2026), member of the Global Staffing Task Force, and recent member of the Global Episcopacy Committee. She has served as Chair of the Trinity Conference Staff & SPR Committee and as a preacher for several Annual Conferences, including Trinity, West Plains, and Allegheny West.

Heather holds a Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary and is completing her Doctor of Ministry at Truett Seminary (Baylor). Her formation includes Advancing Pastoral Leadership, the Transforming Center's Spiritual Transformation program, and the Exponential Learning Community. A passionate preacher and candidate for the episcopacy within the Global Methodist Church, Heather is married to her best friend of 31 years, Rev. Jonathan Sims, and they have three adult sons.



### **SIMON MAFUNDA**

Raised in Zimbabwe and deeply formed by the Methodist tradition, our Africa Director brings a lifetime of faithful leadership and service to the Global Methodist Church. With experience as a Conference Lay Leader, a three-time General Conference delegate, and a contributor on numerous boards and committees, his voice has helped shape important conversations across the life of the church.

In his current role, he leads and supports ministry efforts throughout Africa—teaching, preaching, and engaging with communities across diverse cultures and contexts. His work often places him alongside marginalized communities, where he has witnessed lives transformed and faith take root in powerful ways.

He also contributes through writing, podcasts, and ongoing dialogue around Methodist identity and mission, helping to strengthen and guide the church's growth across the region. His leadership reflects both a deep commitment to the gospel and a passion for seeing the church flourish across Africa and beyond.

He and Hannah have been happily married for 34 years. Together they have raised four children and have been blessed with three grandchildren. Hannah trained as a nurse, but her true passion has always been compassion ministry. Over the years, they have partnered in both life and service, with a shared calling to care for those living on the margins.

He enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and taking his dogs out for walks. He has always loved big dogs and currently has three that keep him busy. Working on the farm and watching healthy crops grow is both fulfilling and relaxing for him. He also finds great joy in spending time outdoors, especially on nature walks.



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## Dr. Jeffrey E. Greenway

Dr. Jeffrey E. Greenway (Jeff) was ordained as an elder in the Global Methodist Church in January of 2023, after 35 years in the United Methodist Church. He currently serves as Superintendent of Allegheny West Annual Conference.

In September 2024, Dr. Greenway was elected and consecrated as a Bishop in the Global Methodist Church, a role he fulfills on a part-time basis in addition to his superintendency.

From 2006 to 2024, he was Lead Pastor of Reynoldsburg Community Church, a Global Methodist Congregation in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Prior to his appointment to that congregation, he served as President of Asbury Theological Seminary, Superintendent of the Pittsburgh East District of the Western Pennsylvania Conference, and as Pastor of congregations in Butler and Erie, Pennsylvania.

Jeff has a passion for seeing people come to a saving faith relationship with Jesus Christ. He believes that every member of the Body has a distinctive role and function in ministry. Through his commitment to Christ-centered, Bible-based teaching, Jeff leads the church to become all that God has intended and equipped them to be. He is a gifted leader, preacher, teacher, and servant.

Jeff is a graduate of Mount Union College, Asbury Theological Seminary and Wesley Theological Seminary. He is married to Beth and together they are parents to three adult children and their spouses: Nathan and Rachel, Joe and Suzanne, and Paige and Chris. God has blessed them with eight grandchildren.

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# **2026 HEARTLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSIONS**

## **Thursday Clergy Session**

**Pathway Church – Wichita, KS**

**June 4, 2026 – 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM**

Conference Superintendent Jordan McFall Presiding

**Call to Worship & Greetings**

Rev. Cali Eck

**Opening Worship**

Heartland Worship Team

**Prayer**

Rev. Victor Peterson

**Report from BOM**

Rev. Jaimie Willis, Board of Ministry Chair  
Paul Reed, Board of Ministry Vice Chair

**Approve Clergy**

Rev. Jaimie Willis, Chair

a. Clergy Session BOM Report

**Recognition of those entering Senior Status**

**Ordination Candidates**

Bishop Jeff Greenway

b. Recognition of Orders

**Closing Worship**

Heartland Worship Team

**Benediction and Dismissal to Business Session**

Rev. Brad Dush

# **2026 HEARTLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE LAY SESSION**

## **Thursday Lay Session**

### **Pathway Church**

**June 4, 2026 – 8:30 AM to 10 AM**

Conference Lay Leader Holly Joy Presiding

<b>Call to Worship &amp; Greetings</b>	Bridget Kirk, Director of Operations
<b>Opening Worship</b>	Heartland Worship Team
<b>Prayer</b>	Doug Larson
<b>Report from Conference Lay Leader</b>	Holly Joy, Conference Lay Leader
<b>Report from CLM Committee</b>	Christin Dush
<b>Missions</b>	Lindsay Chriss
<b>Report from Heartland Prayer Ministry</b>	Allison Woods
<b>Report from Camping Ministry</b>	Baylee Struble
<b>Closing Worship</b>	Heartland Worship Team
<b>Benediction</b>	Holly Joy, Conference Lay Leader

# 2026 HEARTLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSIONS

## Friday Morning Business Session

Pathway Church – Wichita, KS

June 5, 2026 – 8:30 AM to 12:15 PM

Conference Superintendent Jordan McFall Presiding

<b>Call to Worship &amp; Greetings</b>	Rev. Jordan McFall, Conference Superintendent
<b>Worship songs</b>	Heartland Worship Team
<b>Prayer</b>	Heartland Prayer Team
<b>Approval of Standing Rules</b>	Rev. Rick Just, Dean of Cabinet
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Allen Smith, Secretary
<b>Conference Lay Leader Report</b>	Holly Joy, Conference Lay Leader
<b>Cabinet Report</b>	Rev. Rick Just, Dean of Cabinet
<b>MACU</b>	MACU Representative
<b>Superintendency</b>	Rev. David Daniel, Chair of Superintendency
<b>Staff Report</b>	Bridget Kirk, Director of Operations
<b>Camping Ministry Report</b>	Rev. Cali Eck, Director of Connectional Ministries
<b>Prayer Ministry Report</b>	Heartland Prayer Team
<b>Dismissal to Break</b>	
<b>Worship songs</b>	Heartland Worship Team
<b>Prayer</b>	Heartland Prayer Team
<b>Missions Video Report</b>	Rev. John Hollon, Chair of Missions
<b>Leadership &amp; Nominations Report</b>	Rev. Steve Littrell, Vice-Chair of Nominations
<b>Finance &amp; Administration Report</b>	Rev. Brad Kirk, Chair of Finance & Administration
• <b>Finance &amp; Administration Business</b>	
• <b>Year End Financials</b>	
• <b>Connectional Funding</b>	
• <b>Clergy Vacation Recommendation</b>	
• <b>Clergy Minimum Salary Recommendation</b>	
• <b>Proposed 2026-2027 Budget</b>	
<b>Prayer and Dismissal</b>	Rev. Cali Eck, Director of Connectional Ministries

# **2026 HEARTLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSIONS**

## **Friday Afternoon Business Session**

**Pathway Church – Wichita, KS**

**June 5, 2026 – 2PM to 4:30PM**

Conference Superintendent Jordan McFall Presiding

<b>Call to Worship &amp; Greetings</b>	Rev. Cali Eck, Director of Connectional Ministries
<b>Worship songs</b>	Heartland Worship Team
<b>Prayer</b>	Heartland Prayer Team
<b>Ethiopia Missional Partnership</b>	Rev. John Hollon, Missions Chair; Anbessu Feyissa
<b>Church Planting Ministry Report</b>	Heartland Prayer Team
<b>Prayer Ministry Report</b>	Heartland Prayer Team
<b>OKWU</b>	OKWU Representative
<b>Board of Ministry</b>	Rev. Jaimie Willis, Board of Ministry Chair
<b>Zimbabwe Missional Partnership</b>	Rev. John Hollon, Missions Chair; Simon Mafunda John Scott, One Child
<b>Closing Prayer &amp; Dismissal</b>	Rev. Cali Eck, Director of Connectional Ministries

## ***REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL***

The Conference Leadership Council (CLC) serves as a central leadership body of the Heartland Annual Conference, providing direction, alignment, and support as we pursue the mission entrusted to us. More than an administrative group, the CLC exists to actively lead and champion the mission of the Global Methodist Church:

“The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.”

This mission is not simply a statement we affirm—it is the work we are called to advance. The Conference Leadership Council plays a key role in ensuring that this mission is consistently prioritized, resourced, and carried forward across every area of conference life.

Grounded in this calling, the CLC works to uphold and advance the vision and values of the Heartland Conference, helping to ensure that all ministries remain focused on strengthening and multiplying local churches. The Council leads in a way that is both intentional and collaborative, supporting leaders and congregations as they live out their callings while remaining aligned as one conference.

Over the past year, the Conference Leadership Council has met monthly via Zoom to maintain consistent communication and momentum in its work. In addition, the Council has gathered in person several times, allowing for deeper collaboration, strategic planning, and prayerful discernment around key decisions impacting the conference.

As outlined in the Book of Doctrines and Discipline, the Conference Leadership Council is responsible for:

- Implementing the decisions and plans of the Annual Conference.
- Providing strategic direction and ongoing oversight between Annual Conference sessions.
- Resourcing and coordinating the work of boards, committees, task forces, and ministry teams.
- Ensuring doctrinal fidelity and alignment with the mission, vision, and beliefs of the Global Methodist Church.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of conference ministries.
- Providing for ongoing operations and administration of the conference.

In addition, the Heartland Conference Leadership Council:

- Guides the planning team for the Annual Conference gathering.
- Oversees training opportunities across the conference, including Alpha, TMS Global, International Leadership Institute, and others.
- Reviews and approves proposed policies and procedures from across the conference.
- Collaborates with the Superintendency Committee to oversee conference staffing and ministry support roles.
- Appoints members to fill vacancies on conference boards and committees.

- Forms task teams for specialized areas such as missions, church planting, and camping ministries.
- Fosters collaboration across all teams, ensuring our ministries are moving in the same direction.
- Leads a transition toward a fiscal year budget, aiming for greater simplicity and better alignment with the Annual Conference cycle.

Looking ahead, the Conference Leadership Council remains committed to leading with clarity and purpose, continually seeking how best to equip and support local churches in their mission. Through intentional prayer, discernment, and strategic focus, the Council will continue working to ensure that the Heartland Conference is not only aligned around its mission—but actively advancing it.

The work of the Conference Leadership Council is reflected throughout this journal in the ministries, teams, and partnerships it supports.

**2026 Conference Leadership Council Members:**

- **Jordan McFall**, Conference Superintendent
- **Rick Just**, Dean of the Cabinet
- **Brad Kirk**, Chair, Council on Finance and Administration
- **Jaimie Willis**, Chair, Board of Ministry
- **Holly Joy**, Conference Lay Leader
- **Allen Smith**, Conference Secretary
- **David Daniel**, Chair, Superintendency Committee
- **Steve Littrell**, Vice-Chair, Leadership Committee
- **Greg Tolle**, Chair, Committee on Investigation
- **Keith Cressman**, Chair, Committee on Review
- **John Hollon**, Chair, Missions Committee
- **Bridget Kirk**, Director of Operations
- **Baylee Struble**, Lay Member at Large
- **Everjoyce Madzinga**, Lay Member at Large
- **Krista Peterson**, Lay Member at Large

## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

Conference Secretary, Allen Smith, has submitted the minutes for conference approval. The minutes are attached at the end of this packet.

## **CONFERENCE LAY LEADER REPORT**

2025 – Where to begin? I will tell you that the Heartland Annual Conference is alive and well and moving forward in the mission of the Global Methodist Church to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe! Since the annual conference in Claremore in May 2025, I have personally witnessed members of the Heartland Annual Conference press into their ministries and revive what were smoldering embers to ignite them into a flames, all for the glory of our Lord and Savior.

Your district lay leaders have begun meeting via zoom on a regular basis. It is very refreshing to hear how local churches are working together to bring children, youth, young adult, and not-so-young adult, ministries to the forefront of importance for this growing movement. In these meetings, districts from all areas have been able to collaborate with each other and use varying techniques for training laity. Sharing information across the Heartland is vital for our connections to grow and succeed. The district lay leaders are tasked with working with the Presiding Elders of each district in helping organize district events and trainings. If your church has a lay leader, please help connect that person with your district lay leader.

The Certified Lay Ministry training continues to hold online classes as well as presenting in-person trainings. It is so exciting to see the trainers and teachers work together to provide laity the foundation for local ministry. If you are interested in learning more about this important ministry please check it out on the Heartland website: <https://heartlandgmc.org/laity/> .

As your conference lay leader, I have had the privilege of representing the laity of the Heartland by serving on the Connectional Council, Missions Committee, Finance Committee, and the HR Sub-committee. Many meetings, much reading, but oh such an honor.

In 2025, the Heartland officially launched a second missional partnership with Zimbabwe. I was excited to attend the inaugural annual conference in Harare, Zimbabwe, in August. Bishop John Pena Auta presided over this highly celebrated launch of the GMC in Zimbabwe. The celebration continues today in our sister conference, and I hope you continue to hold them in your prayers as they are setting roots for the movement of the Holy Spirit through the GMC!

In September, I was honored to travel with Bishop Jeff Greenway and Pastor Jordan McFall to meet with districts and churches across Oklahoma. These meetings provided much uplifting from our Bishop and further exposed the true need for connection of like-minded Christians. A cord of three strands is not easily broken, and when we stay connected with one another – through Christ – miracles happen, chains break, and seas part!

October, 2025, found me traveling to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, for the Southeast Missouri District “Change Conference”. What a way to shake off those things you feel ill-equipped to do! BUT GOD! It was a fabulous conference and very well attended! Pastor Carl Palmer and his wife, Denni, organized this event with the intent to speak about and into the change the GMC is. They put together great breakout sessions for laity and clergy. I know I keep using the word “honor”....but it truly was a great honor to speak to such a wonderful group of people.

As a delegate to General Conference 2026 in South Africa, I would like to report that your delegation has been meeting every month and working on the tasks each delegation has been given. Congratulations to all the annual conference who voted on this delegation. You have selected servants of God – who seek His will first. Who are selfless in their individual desires, and who want to represent God first and the Heartland second. Our delegation team has been so great to work with. I truly look forward to seeing each one in person!

In March 2026, I attended the Ethiopian Nazarian Annual Conference in Adama, Ethiopia. This being my third trip proved to be one of the most enlightening experiences of my life. Pastor Rick Just and his wife, Mary Lou, also represented the Heartland. I was able to watch them experience this land and her people with a fresh set of eyes. I want to report that the land of our missional partnership is alive with Holy Spirit fire and hunger to tell everyone about the saving grace of Jesus Christ! The growth into Global Methodism doctrine and discipline is abundant throughout the entire annual conference! Even with different languages being spoken internally, their members know so much about the GMC! It is so refreshing to see their hunger for the Lord and for growing the Church. They pray.....oh, they pray.....and it changes everything. We should all follow their example.

Throughout 2025 and 2026, I was privileged to take the ILI Trainings – Module 1 and Module 2. God provided a platform that allowed me to finish the training and share the teaching in Ethiopia.

I look forward to seeing you in Wichita for annual conference June 3-6. And I hope you will invite your churches to attend as well! Annual conference is less about business and more about connecting! We should not keep that to ourselves but share it abundantly!

*God bless you!*

*Holly L. Joy*

*Conference Lay Leader*

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- North Central - vacant
- Flint Hills - vacant
- Tulsa - vacant
- West Cent. KS - vacant

## **CONFERENCE CABINET REPORT**

As Presiding Elders of the fifteen districts who make up the cabinet of the Heartland Annual Conference, we continue to live into the role and responsibilities of our positions, working closely with the Conference Superintendent and the Bishop to oversee the ministry of the clergy and the churches in our respective districts. We consider it a privilege and an honor to serve.

It has been an active year since the last Annual Conference. As a Cabinet we have met in person three times in Wichita where we gathered to vision, pray, worship, and make decisions as they pertain to the work of the conference. We explored and adopted various policies (parsonage, clergy vacation, clergy and church assessment, workman's compensation, moving, etc.), which were reviewed and approved by the Conference Leadership Council. We also spent time addressing open appointments and identifying available clergy to best meet the missional needs of these appointments. While meeting at New Covenant Church's Life Support Center, we were blessed to lead a time of singing and devotion with members of the homeless population, a real joy to minister beyond our meetings.

Throughout the year we did our best to fill open churches, whether full time or part time clergy or Certified Lay Ministers, and we cannot overemphasize the ministry of our laity. Since we last met, Bishop Greenway has approved 18 changes of appointment, including the filling of open appointments, transitions to another church or conference, retirement, extension ministry, inactive status, and part-time conference staff.

As a cabinet we have been intentional in our desire to move into a new leadership paradigm as reflected in the book Hero Maker by Ferguson and Bird. We spent the last year reading, discussing, and strategizing ways we can emphasize developing, multiplying, and empowering others so that we are a church that makes disciples, that make disciples, that make disciples. It's about multiplying and sending, not gathering and counting.

We are being intentional about raising up leaders through the ILI training. Most of the cabinet members have been trained in both Module 1 and Module 2 of ILI and are working with other clergy and laity to offer this training throughout the Heartland.

The Presiding Elders spent the fall overseeing their church conferences in their districts. Many District Lay Leaders accompanied them. It was a blessing to connect with each local church and build relationships.

There is much more that could be reported, but as you can see, the cabinet has worked hard this past year to serve you as the Annual Conference. It is truly a gift and labor of love of our Presiding Elders who volunteer of their time to serve Christ and His Church.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow!*

*Rev. Rick Just*

*Dean of the Heartland Cabinet*

## **REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Dear Heartland Annual Conference,

As we reflect on this past year, we give thanks for how God continues to move in and through the Heartland Annual Conference. Our shared vision—to become a gospel-driven expression of Methodism that embodies servant leadership, equips laity, exhorts churches, and encourages clergy—continues to shape every decision we make, including how we steward the financial resources entrusted to us.

We are pleased to report that the financial position of the Heartland Annual Conference remains strong and stable. Through the current fiscal year to date, income has outpaced expenditures, resulting in a measured and established surplus. This reflects the faithful giving of our churches alongside a disciplined and conservative approach to spending. It also provides the opportunity to strengthen our foundation while intentionally sowing into areas that will support continued growth and ministry in the years ahead.

Connectional giving across the Annual Conference remains strong, demonstrating the commitment, shared values, and unified vision we hold together as the Heartland.

We continue to operate under a clear and disciplined financial strategy, maintaining a minimum of 50% of our annual budget in reserves within our general accounts. This provides stability and allows us to respond to unforeseen needs as they arise. As we have exceeded this threshold, the Conference Leadership Council has designated additional funds for specific ministry purposes. These include a \$50,000 restricted contingency reserve and \$30,000 allocated toward a Missional Match Challenge supporting church planting, seminary scholarships, and missional partnerships. In this way, we are both maintaining strong reserves and actively investing in the mission before us.

The budget for the coming year reflects intentional growth in several key areas. One of the most significant increases is in staffing. While staffing is overseen by the Superintendency Committee, the Finance and Administration Committee recognizes the responsibility to fund what is needed for the health of the conference. As we continue to grow and become more established, the diverse needs of the Annual Conference require additional support.

We understand this as an investment. Our conference staff serve in ways that support and strengthen the local church—handling administrative responsibilities, resourcing leaders, and encouraging ministry. When this work is done well, it multiplies the effectiveness of our churches in the field. As we expand this capacity, we do so with a clear understanding of the cost, and with a shared conviction that it enables greater fruitfulness in the mission.

We are also responding to areas of need that have been clearly identified across the conference. The budget reflects an increased commitment to church planting, building on what was shared as a priority last year. We also continue to invest in missional partnerships, including our ongoing work in Ethiopia and developing relationships in Zimbabwe.

In addition, we are working to establish a new scholarship fund from the Fussell Estate, along with a new Ministerial Training Fund in coordination with the Board of Ministry. These efforts are aimed at supporting and investing in our current and future clergy and seminarians, strengthening the foundation for long-term ministry across the Heartland.

Beyond financial investments, we continue to strengthen the systems, structures, and resources that support our churches. This includes the development of local church audit recommendations, clergy vacation and leave guidelines, parsonage forms, and moving policies, along with ongoing work on clergy compensation tools and financial reporting. Quarterly financial reports are now being shared through the conference newsletter and on our website to increase clarity and transparency. These efforts are designed to bring consistency, support, and confidence to our churches as they carry out their ministry.

One of the defining strengths of the Heartland Annual Conference is that we are pursuing growth in multiple areas at the same time. We are increasing our budget to meet expanding ministry needs, investing more deeply in mission, maintaining disciplined reserves, and continuing to operate with the same connectional funding rate without increase. This reflects both careful stewardship and a shared commitment to the mission of Jesus Christ.

In all of these things, our focus remains the same: to be faithful stewards of what God has entrusted to us and to use these resources in ways that strengthen the local church and expand the reach of the gospel.

Thank you for your continued partnership, your generosity, and your faithfulness. As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude for what God has done and with expectation for what He will continue to do through the Heartland. May we remain faithful together in the work before us.

*In Jesus,  
Brad Kirk  
Finance and Administration Committee Chair*

## Heartland Conference 2025 Quarter 2 (Apr-Jun) Financials\*<sup>1</sup>

### 2025 Q2 Actuals(Income)

	<b>Actuals</b>
Connectional Funding	\$ 499,039.13
Other Donations	\$ 5,634.63
Conference Registrations	\$ 51,190.00
Missional Partnership Fund	\$ 23,054.48
Disaster Response	\$ 7,754.48
Interest Income	\$ 4,325.77
<b>Total Income Q1 2025</b>	<b>\$ 590,998.49</b>

### 2025 Q2 Actuals(Expenditures)

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Conference Superintendent Salary	\$ 43,000.02	\$ 86,000
Conference Superintendent Housing Allowance	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 27,000
Conference Superintendent Expense Reimbursement	\$ 20,565.25	\$ 35,000
Administrative Assistant Comp Package	\$ 28,850.08	\$ 63,000
Other Staff	\$ 1855.44	\$ 0 <sup>2</sup>
Administrative Assistant Expense Reimbursement	\$ 1,416.18	\$ 5,000
Presiding Elder Expense Reimbursement	\$ 57,705.07	\$ 130,000
Expense to hold Annual Conference	\$ 79,300.95 <sup>3</sup>	\$ 30,000
Board & Committee Expense	\$ 70.23	\$ 20,000
Payroll Taxes	\$ 6,374.03	\$ 12,100
Employee Health Insurance, Life ins, Disability Ins	\$ 17,875.20	\$ 32,000
Employee Pension	\$ 5,650.04	\$ 10,700
Accounting/ Payroll Services, Auditors, Legal	\$ 9,435.99	\$ 26,000
Office Lease, Utilities, etc.	\$ 8,062.90 <sup>4</sup>	\$ 3,600
Office Equipment & Supplies	\$ 2,976.76	\$ 10,000
Heartland PAC Insurance	\$ 0	\$ 4,000
Phones/ Internet/ Software & Communications	\$ 3,850.79	\$ 5,000
Coaching, Training, Mentoring, etc.	\$ 20,371.45	\$ 40,000
Contingency (unanticipated items)	\$ 372.23	\$ 40,000
General Conference Delegate Expense (2026)	\$ 20,000.00 <sup>5</sup>	\$ 20,000
Missional Partnership Fund	\$ 35,600.00	\$ 63,000
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 376,831.82</b>	<b>\$ 662,400</b>
<b>Expenditures spent from special offerings/Designated funds:</b>		
Missional Partnership	\$22,133.28	N/A
Disaster Response	\$2,853.58	N/A
Conference Leadership Council	\$246.94	N/A

<sup>1</sup> \*Note: Due to the approved shift to a fiscal year, these are also the "year-end" financials for the last FY.

<sup>2</sup> CLC approved use of funds from contingency to have the new registrar position start before July 1

<sup>3</sup> \$30,000 was budgeted, and we received a total of \$51,190 in registration and sponsorship fees, so we were under budget by \$1,889.05

<sup>4</sup> CLC approved overage in the need to shift to new office space. The new 25-26 budget was increased to cover this moving forward

<sup>5</sup> \$20,000 was placed in a restricted fund for use in 2026 general conference expenses

## 2025 Q2 Actuals (Balance Sheet Information)

	<b>Actuals</b>
<b>Current Assets as of 6/30/2025</b>	
RCB Checking	\$ (27,177.37)
RCB/ICS Account	\$ 456,856.94
Restricted Cash – Designated Giving	\$ 105,142.98
CD/Investments	\$ 152,331.98
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$ 687,154.53</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>	
General Conference Funds*	\$ 40,000.00
Annual Conference Funds	\$ 15,000.00
<b>Designated Funds</b>	
Conference Leadership Council/CS	\$ 1,078.06
Prayer Ministry Funds	\$ 3,727.12
Missional Partnership Funds	\$ 70,219.63
Certified Lay Minister Training Fund	\$ 2,238.12
Disaster Response Funds	\$ 27,880.05
<b>Total Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$ 105,142.98</b>
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds (Assets minus Designated)</b>	<b>\$ 527,011.55</b>
<small>* The Conference Finance and Administration Committee and Conference Leadership Council Voted to move these funds to a restricted account to be used for General Conference 2026. This is due to the significant cost of GC 2026 since it is being held in Africa, and the desire to spread the cost out over time. \$20,000 was designated from the 2024 budget, and \$20,000 from the 2025 budget.</small>	

\*Note: We also raised a total of \$6,283.28 in special offerings for Jacob Maforo who is serving as a missionary to Zimbabwe with TMS Global. This money was forwarded directly to his missionary account with TMS Global.

## 2026 Q3 Actuals (Jan - March) (Balance Sheet Information)

<b>Current Assets as of 03/31/2026</b>		
	RCB Checking	\$ (19,763.35)
	RCB/ICS Account	\$ 621,242.66
	Restricted Cash - Designated Giving	\$ 170,019.91
	Missional Partnership - \$63,697.46	
	Disaster Relief - \$29,406.99	
	Conference Leadership/ CS - \$1,078.06	
	Prayer Ministry - \$3,727.12	
	Certified Lay Ministers (CLM) - \$2,847.96	
	Cohort Fund - \$409.40	
	Fussell Church Plant Fund - (\$10.00)	
	Fussell Scholarship Fund - \$6.66	
	CD/ Investments	\$ 156,257.86
	Fussell Scholarship Fund	\$ 681,255.73
	Fussell Church Plant Fund	\$ 75,699.81
	Total Current Assets	\$ 1,684,712.62
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>		
	Accounts Payable	\$ -
	Payroll Tax Liabilities	\$ -
	Benefits Payable	\$ 80.84
	Restricted General Conference Funds	\$ 60,000.00
	Restricted - Annual Conference Funds	\$ 15,000.00
	CLC Approved Reclassifications	\$ 50,000.00
	Liability Accruals	\$ -
	Total Liabilities	\$ 125,080.84
	Retained Earnings	\$ 618,732.98
	Net Income	\$ 940,898.80
	Total Equity	\$ 1,559,631.78
	Total Liabilities & Equity	\$ 1,684,712.62

# Connectional Giving



Connectional giving for 2026 is set at 4% of general operating income (1% general church, 3% Heartland). Please note, your local Heartland and your general church connectional funding are to be sent to two different places.

## HEARTLAND CONFERENCE

3%



Checks payable to:  
Heartland Conference  
PO Box 699  
Goddard, KS 67052

*Please note if it is monthly,  
quarterly, for the year, etc.*

## GENERAL CHURCH

1%



Checks payable to:  
Global Methodist  
Church  
PO Box 1360  
King George, VA 22485

Alternatively you can give online via ACH. For more information, visit: [heartlandgmc.org/give](https://heartlandgmc.org/give)

Please note that quarterly and annual payments should be made in advance.



# Heartland Annual Conference

Updated 03/24/26

Church Name	Contact Name / Position ( <i>treasurer, admin, etc.</i> )
Church Address	Contact Phone or Email ( <i>used if we have a question</i> )

Check which month(s) this remittance is for:

- Jan
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  Jul
  Aug
  Sep
  Oct
  Nov
  Dec

Conference Connectional Funding Amount\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other Giving? Please describe \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount \$**

**\*Heartland Connectional Funding is 3% of the prior year's Operating Income.**

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Goddard, KS. 67052

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Phone:(316)395-9190 | Email:office@heartlandgmc.org

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CHURCH INFO	
Church Name	Financial Contact Name
Church <b>Physical</b> Location City, State	Financial Contact Phone Number
*2026 General Church Total to be remitted	Financial Contact Email Address - <b>please write legibly</b>
Church or Financial Contact <b>Mailing</b> Address:	

PAYMENT INFO	
This check covers the following months of 2026:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Jan <input type="checkbox"/> Feb <input type="checkbox"/> Mar <input type="checkbox"/> Apr <input type="checkbox"/> May <input type="checkbox"/> Jun <input type="checkbox"/> Jul <input type="checkbox"/> Aug <input type="checkbox"/> Sep <input type="checkbox"/> Oct <input type="checkbox"/> Nov <input type="checkbox"/> Dec	

Make checks payable to  
**"Global Methodist Church"** and send with  
 a copy of this **fully completed** form to:  
**PO Box 1360**  
**King George, VA 22485**  
*missing info may cause processing delays*

Amount of this check:

Save time and stamps by managing your church's  
 connectional funding and charitable giving online at:  
[www.GlobalMethodist.org/connectionalfunding](http://www.GlobalMethodist.org/connectionalfunding)

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## **CLERGY VACATION / LEAVE POLICY & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Time for vacation, sick leave, continuing education, and sabbatical are extremely important in the life of every person involved in professional ministry. There need to be times for recreation, study, and re-centering in each clergy's life.

This document outlines both Policies and Recommendations and distinguishes between the two. Policies are meant to be applied and to be adhered for each charge. Recommendations are suggested guidelines for each charge to consider as they draft a formal policy for their clergy. For each, adherence to federal, state, and local laws is required.

The policies and recommendations listed below apply to all clergy who are appointed to a local charge.

All leave times, including the establishment of regular days off, should be done in consultation with the Staff Parish Relations Committee (or its equivalent). For extended times away, the Presiding Elder should also be consulted.

### **VACATION TIME:**

Clergy shall have a minimum of four (4) weeks of vacation, to include four Sundays, in each calendar year. Newly appointed clergy or clergy whose appointment changes mid-year will have this time prorated based on employment dates.

#### **Vacation Time Scheduling and Usage:**

In consultation with the SPR/PPR Committee, clergy may schedule vacation ensuring minimal disruption to church operations. The charge shall make reasonable accommodations to facilitate the clergy's use of allotted vacation time.

#### **Unused Vacation Time:**

Local charges are encouraged to follow the above vacation policies that are consistent with federal, state, and local laws, that support the well-being of clergy by encouraging full use of vacation time. Such policies may include provisions for rollover, payout, or reasonable caps on accrued vacation.

### **DAYS OFF:**

It is important for clergy to have a regular time of sabbath each week. They are encouraged to establish a schedule that includes at least one day a week in which they are not involved in their vocational ministry. Such days off should be scheduled such that the congregation and the staff will know when said day(s) are to occur and agree to mutually respect said day(s). When a clergy member's regular sabbath day is interrupted by ministry obligations, another day that week should be observed as a sabbath.



### **CONTINUING EDUCATION:**

We follow the Global Methodist Church Book of Doctrines and Discipline, per paragraph 507.6 states All *“Clergy are expected to continue learning throughout their lifetimes as means of classes, retreats, seminars, and study leaves on at least an annual bases wherever possible. Time in continuing education should not be counted as personal time.”* The Heartland Annual Conference believes this can be used for spiritual and professional growth. Each clergy shall have a minimum of two weeks for continuing education.

Clergy are expected to attend Annual Conference which can be counted as continuing education time away and will not affect vacation time.

### **SABBATICAL LEAVE:**

We follow the Global Methodist Church Book of Doctrines and Discipline, per paragraph 518.3 states: *“Clergy who have been serving in a full-time appointment for six consecutive years may be granted sabbatical leave for a program of study, travel, or renewal. Sabbatical leaves of three months or less may be granted by the pastor-parish relations committee, with the approval of the presiding elder. A longer sabbatical leave of up to one year must be approved by the conference board of ministry. Compensation for the clergy during a sabbatical of three months or less shall be continued by the local church. Longer sabbaticals shall be the responsibility of the individuals involved, though the support of congregations and others is encouraged.”*

In the following example of Jesus fasting in the wilderness, as recorded in Matthew 4:1–11, the Conference recommends 40 days of Sabbatical Leave.

Each charge has flexibility in how Sabbatical Leave is structured and supported. Each charge should adopt a written policy clearly outlining expectations for both clergy and congregation regarding requests, approval procedures, and support arrangements.

Our recommendation of Sabbatical Leave of 40 days or less should not be classified as vacation time and should not alter vacation time accrual.

### **OTHER TIME COMMITMENTS:**

Clergy are often asked to serve on various committees and task forces for the Annual Conference and/or denomination. Involvement in such activities is part of the understanding of being in connection together. Such involvements are not to be construed as vacation or continuing education.



Clergy are also often asked to be involved in various community groups. Such involvement provides an opportunity to build a bridge between the community and the church. These involvements should not be considered as a vacation or continuing education.

In addition, church-related or sponsored events such as mission trips, youth camps, leadership retreats, etc. are considered a part of the clergy's ministry. As such, these events and/or times are not to be considered vacation.

In all cases, clergy are encouraged to use good judgement in the amount of commitment beyond their primary appointment. Consultation with the Staff Parish Relations Committee (or its equivalent) should take place before accepting such responsibilities.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Recognizing that ministry contexts and legal requirements vary across the Conference, the Conference does not prescribe uniform policies in the below areas. Charges are nevertheless encouraged to approach these matters with clarity, generosity, and pastoral care.

### **SICK LEAVE:**

Each charge is encouraged to develop and maintain sick leave policies for clergy that reflects its ministry context and complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

### **MATERNITY / PATERNITY LEAVE:**

Each charge is encouraged to develop and maintain maternity/ paternity leave policies for clergy that reflects its ministry context and complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

### **JURY DUTY:**

Each charge is encouraged to develop and maintain a jury duty policy for clergy that reflects its ministry context and complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

# CLERGY COMPENSATION MINIMUM RECOMMENDATIONS

Heartland Annual Conference  
Guidelines for Clergy Compensation for the Year 2027,  
Presented to the Annual Conference June 2026  
by the Heartland Finance and Administration Committee

The following are guidelines, not mandates. We are operating under a more market-oriented approach to clergy employment than we might be expected to. A congregation or charge can offer whatever it thinks is fair, but without guaranteed annual appointment, it might struggle to create a compensation package which would be attractive to a proper candidate; the Cabinet will not, nor cannot, force clergy to accept appointments they do not desire to take.

In defining what “full-time” means, we desire to speak as much about expectations of job performance and working conditions as about salary. The FTM only addresses the salary, which is part of a compensation package that also may include health insurance, vacation, continuing education funds, housing allowance, and more. The recommended ranges for each sort of appointment are thus guidelines, not mandates. Nevertheless, in comparing compensation packages, we have decided to propose a single number each year, percentages of which are used in describing all the salary ranges of all the types of appointment. That number is the Full Time Minimum (FTM), which expresses our judgment of the low end of the salary range for a full-time pastor in charge.

The FTM for 2027 will be **\$44,500**.

Appointments in our system are open-ended, not annual; that is, once an appointment is made, it is assumed it will continue until either the pastor or the parish desires otherwise and acts upon that desire in harmony with our appointment procedures. The bishop fixes appointments at their beginning but does not “re-appoint” everybody each year. So, there is no end-date for an appointment, except in the case of Interim Pastors. Interim pastors are appointed for a term, usually six to twenty-four months. They serve in all regards as the pastor of the church, but they are there to provide a transition from one open-ended appointment to the next. Sometimes, they are appointed with the expectation of assisting in congregational evaluation or healing, or for the preparation of a future ministry. Interim appointments might become open-ended appointments, but that is not their intent. An Interim Pastor is usually compensated at the low end of the range for their appointment type, and benefits packages may vary from that offered for an open-ended appointment.

In cases where a pastor has not yet been ordained (or been granted sacramental authority in the case of Transitional Local Pastors and Supply Pastors), or where there is no regular pastor, the Presiding Elder will either undertake to offer sacramental ministry oneself or arrange for a qualified clergy person to provide sacramental ministry as occasion requires.

These guidelines are for clergy appointments, not lay employees. The types of lay staff churches might be in the market for, and the expected compensation for their skills, varies too much for us to express an opinion on.

# 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

- The Local Church is the center of life for any denomination - not the Connectional bureaucracy. The denomination should collect the amount necessary from local churches to do its core functions - like vetting and credentialing clergy, providing supervision and oversight for pastors, and providing resources, training, and accountability to churches for staying on mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ
- 3% of local church income shall be remitted monthly (or quarterly/annually **in advance**) to the Heartland Conference
- The Heartland Conference shall maintain no more than 12 months operating expenses in reserves, providing rebates to churches and/or lowering the apportioned rate if reserves become overfunded and/or allocating funds for missional purposes.
- In addition to the 3%, 1% shall also be remitted to the national GMC, making the total Connectional funding for Heartland churches 4% (2.5% below the maximum it can be).

## Revenues

Potential Income from Connectional Funding 3% & Interest Income (Assumption of 100% of Connectional Funding Received)	\$ 1,021,818
Estimated Annual Conference Registration	\$ 45,000
Projected 2026-2027 Income	\$ 1,066,818

## Expenditures

Conference Superintendent Salary	\$ 97,807
Conference Superintendent Housing Allowance	\$ 23,000
Conference Superintendent Expense	\$ 35,000
Reimbursement Other Staffing*	\$ 254,398
Heartland Leadership Expense Accounts	\$ 160,000
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Phones/ Internet/ Software & Communications	\$ 15,000
Coaching, Training, Mentoring, etc.	\$ 59,500
Missional Partnership (10% of Budget)	\$ 101,300
General Conference	\$ 20,000
Programming Ministries <small>(Church Planting, Prayer, &amp; Camping)</small>	\$ 45,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,066,473
Net Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 345

Other Staffing includes one FT and five PT positions (one PT position is unfilled), funds for contract labor and expense accounts.

## ***FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION RESOURCES***

The Finance and Administration Committee has been working on several resources and forms designed to assist churches with financial procedures, pastoral transitions, and parsonage documentation.

Available resources include

- Recommended Minimum Annual Auditing Procedures
- Pastoral Moving Guidelines
- Parsonage Check-In/Check-Out Report
- Parsonage Condition Report

Please click the link below to access these documents and resources, or use the QR code for quick access.

<https://heartlandgmc.org/finance-and-administration-resources/>



## ***REPORT OF THE HEARTLAND PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM***

Dear Heartland Annual Conference,

It is with extraordinary gratitude that I share what the Lord has done in and through the Heartland Conference Prayer Ministry in 2025. We continue to see people drawn in new ways to a deeper prayer life, a fresh love for the Lord, and stepping out in faith in Him.

Our overarching goal continues to be to “Seeking Ways to Help Churches Becoming Houses of Prayer (Matthew 21:13).” With that end in mind, one of our major initiatives in 2025 was to expand our Ministry Team by adding the position of District Prayer Leaders (DPLs). Over 2025 and into 2026, we now have 10 of 15 Districts with DPLs. These people work closely with Presiding Elders, pastors, and local church prayer leaders in their Districts to build and strengthen prayer so that every church in the Heartland Conference will truly become a House of Prayer.

Secondly, we have continued to offer Prayer Workshops around the Conference. These are often held on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. We also offered a Youth Prayer Conference in early 2025, which was amazing. How thrilling to see young people get excited about prayer! We were also able to spend extended time in Colorado in the fall of 2025 and met with several brothers and sisters there, where we worshiped, fellowshiped, and prayed with them.

We expanded our reach electronically as well. We now hold two Prayer Zoom Calls each month; one on Monday mornings in addition to our Tuesday evening Prayer Calls. We also launched a monthly Prayer Newsletter that is emailed to nearly 200 people across the Heartland to encourage them through short articles focused on prayer. Several of them forward it to others in their churches and prayer groups.

This is just a snapshot of the work in prayer that is being done across the Conference. It is stunning to remember that all of this began less than three years ago. To God alone be the glory, great things HE has done.

*Allison M. Woods*

*Co-Director with Rev. David Player*

*On Behalf of the Heartland Prayer Ministry Team*

### ***District Prayer Leaders***

***Carly Daniel*** – Colorado – [carlydaniel88@gmail.com](mailto:carlydaniel88@gmail.com)

***Karen Colton*** – North Central – (no email listed)

***Priscilla Tiger*** – OKC – [priscillatiger54@gmail.com](mailto:priscillatiger54@gmail.com)

***Irene Potts*** – OKC – [irener.potts@gmail.com](mailto:irener.potts@gmail.com)

***Claudine Irwin*** – South Central KS – [Claudinebsn.rn@gmail.com](mailto:Claudinebsn.rn@gmail.com)

***Marsha Jarboe*** – Southwest KS – [music\\_loverus@yahoo.com](mailto:music_loverus@yahoo.com)

***Teresa McNaught*** – SW Missouri – [Tjamethyst@gmail.com](mailto:Tjamethyst@gmail.com)

***Mathew Jones*** – Tulsa – [mjones@claremorefmc.org](mailto:mjones@claremorefmc.org)

***Patsy Witschi*** – Western OK – [shattuckfirstmethodist@gmail.com](mailto:shattuckfirstmethodist@gmail.com)

***Sara Pines*** – Wichita – (no email listed)

## ***REPORT OF THE CAMPING MINISTRY TEAM***

The Heartland Camping Ministry Committee was created in 2024 to equip, resource, and support local churches and leaders in offering transformational camp experiences where children, youth, and adults encounter Christ, grow in faith, and live out the mission of the Church. Our primary goal is to ensure that every camp connected to the Heartland Conference reflects the values of the Global Methodist Church, rooted in Scripture, centered in Christ, and committed to making disciples who pursue holiness of heart and life and spread Scriptural holiness in our communities.

This committee exists to

- Provide endorsement and oversight by approving and supporting camps within the Hartland Conference that align with conference standards for safety, theology, and leadership.
- Assist camp leadership by providing resources such as policies, sharing curriculum, and best practices.
- Provide evaluation and feedback to ensure healthy and sustainable camping ministries.

Our Highlights over the past year are that we:

- Developed and implemented the Camping Endorsement Policy.
- Approved and promoted 4 camps across the conference that served 135 campers and 65 leaders. Several young people said they believe they are called to ministry, and many others committed their lives to Jesus.

We have 3 camps endorsed for this summer: 1 junior high camp, 1 children's camp (3rd-5th grade), and 1 camp that includes junior high and high school-age students. We are looking forward to growing the ministry of camping for all ages.

*In Christ,*

*Cali Eck*

*Director of Connectional Ministries*

*Heartland Annual Conference*

## ***REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENCY COMMITTEE***

*In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: 2 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage---with great patience and careful instruction. 2nd Timothy 4:1-2 NIV*

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We want to commend to you and your Churches, our Bishop Jeff Greenway and his wife Beth, and our Conference Superintendent Jordan McFall and his wife Megan. How blessed we are to have these two men, and their families lead us in the ways of the Lord here in the Heartland Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

Your Conference Superintendency Committee is made up of these wonderful individuals: Dennis Sillaman, Kathryn Chittenden, Joshua Johnson, Johnny Freeman, Mike Irvine, Tammie Lukefahr, Susan Croll, and David Daniel. I am grateful for each of these women and men who have said yes to serving on this committee. I am always grateful for when we started this committee and how it has continued to evolve and become what it is today.

Last year we met at Annual Conference and discussed various items relating more to Pastor Jordan McFall's position. We also reflected on all that he had done and would be doing in the year to come for the Heartland and for the Global Methodist Church. We have the finest Conference Superintendent in all the Global Methodist Church. Our committee has been blessed to work with Jordan from the onset of the birth of our annual conference. His work ethic, his attention to detail, his unwavering commitment to God's Word and the Apostolic Faith is without question. He has led us and continues to lead us in a way that is Christ centered and Holy Spirit empowered.

The other Conference Superintendent is our own Bishop Jeff Greenway. Not only does Bishop Greenway oversee our Annual Conference and other conferences but he is also the Conference Superintendent of the Allegheny West Annual Conference. We are led by these two men and their staffs in a way that allows us to grow stronger in our faith and with the greater Global Methodist Connection.

Let me share with you our current Heartland Annual Conference Staff:

Pastor Jordan McFall—Conference Superintendent

Bridget Kirk—Director of Operations

Regina Klamm—Treasurer

Madison Vick—Registrar and Communications

Pastor Rick Just—Dean of the Cabinet and Leadership Development

Pastor Cali Eck—Director of Connectional Ministries

April Cantu—Administrative Assistant

I would encourage you as members of our Heartland Annual Conference to place our Conference Staff on your prayer lists at each of your churches. Please email them and convey your prayers and words of encouragement as they serve the Lord Jesus Christ and His kingdom. We are blessed by how this staff serves the Lord, the annual conference and their local churches.

Thank you for your prayers and support of our conference staff as we continue to build God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven!

Jesus is Lord,

*Rev. Dr. David Daniel*

*Conference Superintendency Chairperson*

## **HEARTLAND CONFERENCE BOARD OF MINISTRY REPORT**

Bishop, Members of the Conference, Brothers and sisters in Christ, ladies and gentlemen, I greet you in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. It is my joy to bring you the annual report of the Board of Ministry. This past year has been a living testimony to what the Apostle Paul describes in Philippians 1:27 - *“striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.”* Our Board has not merely completed tasks; we have learned from each other and innovated together and co-labored in the grace of God for the sake of those He is calling into ministry.

Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 3:9 - *“we are co-workers, belonging to God.”* That has been the heartbeat of our Board. Every interview, every transcript reviewed, every theological reflection, every prayerful conversation has been an act of shared stewardship. We have felt the weight and the wonder of participating in God’s work of raising up leaders, pastors, Deacons, and Elders for the next generation of the Global Methodist Church. Our team has spent countless hours reading written materials, listening to stories of calling, discerning readiness, and offering guidance. But we have not done this as gatekeepers - we have done it as encouragers, as Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 5:11 - *“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up.”* We have seen God’s Spirit at work in the lives of candidates who are stepping forward with courage, humility, and a deep love for Jesus. And we have sought to meet them with that same Spirit - cheering them on, calling them higher, and reminding them that the God who calls is faithful.

The work of interviewing and vetting is holy work. It is slow, careful, prayerful work. We have watched that good work unfold in real time. We have seen candidates grow in clarity, confidence, and character. We have witnessed the fruit of the Spirit in their lives. We have walked with them through questions, challenges, and moments of deep vulnerability. And through it all, our Board has remained committed to the Wesleyan vision of ministry: a ministry shaped by holiness of heart and life, grounded in Scripture, empowered by the Spirit, and poured out in love for the world.

I want to honor the members of this Board. They have served with diligence, humility, and joy. They have modeled what Paul describes in Romans 12:10 - *“Outdo one another in showing honor.”* This team has prayed together, laughed together, wrestled with difficult decisions together, and celebrated the victories of God’s grace together. Their unity has been a gift. Their wisdom has been a safeguard. Their love for the Church has been unmistakable.

As we look towards the rest of this year, we do so with the confidence of Philippians 1:5 - *“Because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.”* God is raising up men and women who will preach Christ with boldness, shepherd with tenderness, and lead with holiness. Our Board is committed to walking alongside them with integrity, clarity, and grace. We believe the harvest is plentiful. We believe the Spirit is moving. We believe the future of the Global Methodist Church is bright because Christ Himself is building His Church. And so, with gratitude for the past year and hope for the year ahead, I submit this report to the Annual Conference.

*Presented by Jaimie Willis*

*Board of Ministry chair*

*Heartland Conference of the Global Methodist Church*

# 2026 CLERGY SESSION BOARD OF MINISTRY REPORT

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## CERTIFIED LAY MINISTERS

1. What persons have completed the certification for Certified Lay Ministry in the GMC?  
In what conference was their training? (¶ 502)

Certified Lay Minister	Assignment	Training
Jacquelin Algrim-Penner	Faith Community - Garden City, KS	GMC
Kyle Been	Pocola First GMC	UMC
Elisabeth Brandyberry	New Covenant Church	GMC
Candi Brown	Pathway, Davis	GMC
Christine Calvert	Cheyenne, OK	UMC
Sha' Cappone-McEuen	Wynnewood GMC	GMC
Michael Cobb	White River MC / Meeker, CO	GMC
Raechal Friess	StarStone Fellowship Church	GMC
Katrina Goodnight	Lakin MC	GMC
Ty Harrison	White River MC / Meeker, CO	GMC
Tyson Heins	Ebenezer GMC / Olpe, KS	UMC
Doug Hisken	Plaine MC / Belle Plaine, KS	UMC
Ronda Johnson	Quinter MC / Quinter, KS	UMC
Kathy Koehn	Quinter MC / Quinter, KS	UMC
Doug Larson	Haxtun MC / Haxtun, CO	GMC

William (Bill) McAngus	Wynnewood MC	GMC
David Meece	White River MC / Meeker, CO	GMC
Ellene Meece	White River MC / Meeker, CO	GMC
James Musler	Tisdale MC / Winfield, KS	UMC
Suzanne Murray	Rolla MC / Rolla, KS	GMC
Janet Reynolds	Pleasant Plains MC / Pleasant Plains, KS	UMC
Ivy Rodenberg	Heartland Faith Church / Ulysses, KS	GMC
Tonya Roark	Cheyenne, OK	UMC
Rick Smith	Sabetha MC / Sabetha, KS	UMC
Rick Stiles	Christ's Community Church / Joplin, MO	UMC
Rita Stiles	Christ's Community Church / Joplin, MO	UMC
Dora Summers	Belgrade MC / Belgrade, MO	UMC
Lucy Trautman	Elgin MC / Elgin, OK	UMC
Joe Warne	Belle Plaine MC / Belle Plaine, KS	UMC
Patsy Witschi	First MC / Shattuck, OK	UMC
Brian Young	Chester MC / Chester, NE	UMC

## **CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION**

### **2. Who are approved as candidates for Ministry? (¶ 506)**

Brian Bailes  
Colten Barnes  
Michael Buchanan  
Sha' Cappone  
BJ Danner  
Richard Clark

Joseph Costley  
Roscoe Crawford  
David Eckert  
Gregory Fletcher  
Logan Floyd  
Amelia Harrison  
Kim Hunt

Candi Idell  
Mathew Jones  
Mary Kudakwashe  
Shannon Moss  
Zac Vakadewatabua  
Cory Webber

3. What persons have transferred to the GMC as Candidates for Ordination? From what conference did they transfer? (¶ 521.4)

**None**

4. What persons have completed the candidacy for ordination? What year was their candidacy approved?

**None**

**TRANSITIONAL LOCAL PASTOR**

5. What persons have been received as Transitional Local Pastors? (¶ 521) (V)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Appointment</b>	<b>Year Approved</b>
Don Altom	FMC Hollis / Gould Methodist Church	2022
Steve Kent Bear	Adair Methodist Church	2023
Hartlen Gale Coats	Cooter and Portageville	2023
Galen Scott Crippen	Ashland Methodist Church	2023
Todd Finley	Quinlin Methodist Church	2023
Greg A Fletcher	Deerfield Methodist Church / Lydia Church	2023
Maria Foerschler	Inactive	2023
Joseph DEE Grubb	Claremore FMC	2023
Michael Guertin	Inactive	
Joseph Paul Hayes	Esther Methodist Church	2025
Mark Loftin	Elk City Church	2023
Tiffany Malone	Inactive	2023
Rex Allen McDowell	Kirwin Community Methodist Church	2023
Dwain E Miller	Inactive	2024
Rocky Allen Repp	Mangum FMC	2023
Stephen J Romero	Inactive	2023
Matthew Bryan Thompson	Grace Fellowship - Sedgwick	2023
Steven L Wilson	Davis Pathway	2023
Earl Scott Worley	Delaware Methodist Church	2024

6. What persons previously received as Transitional Local Pastors are not renewed?

**None**

**SUPPLY PASTOR**

7. What persons have been approved as Supply Pastor? (¶ 512)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Current Appointment</b>	<b>Year Approved</b>
Brian Bailes	Elgin Methodist Church	2026
Michael Baughn	Brewster Methodist Church	2023
Garry Bwalya	Otterbein Methodist Church	2025
Dylan Joseph Cole	New Creation Global Methodist Church	2024
Mark Compaan	Inactive	2024
Joseph Aaron Costley	Oakton Church	2024
David Eckert	Richfield Community Methodist	2023
Dawn Epp	Turpin Methodist Church	2025
Stanley D Hargis	Inactive	2025
Michelle Hass	Brighton Global Methodist Church	2023
Ricky Henshaw	Gene Autry Methodist Church	2023
Jada Hodgson	Plum Creek Methodist Church	2023
Kimberly Hunt	FMC Gene Autry & Ardmore FMC	2025
Javin Keaton	Springfield MC / Walsh MC	2024
Mary Kudakwashe	Elkhart & Rolla Methodist Churches	2025
Carol Liufau	Haxtun Methodist Church	2025
Mark Loftin	Elk City MC / Havana MC	2023
Norma McNair	McCracken MC / Ransom MC / Arnold MC	2023
Jody Nichols	Attica & Zenda Methodist	2022
Teresa Norton	Mannsville Methodist Church	2023
Nathan Oneal	Yuma MC	2023
Reece Player	Pawhuska Methodist Church	2023
David Rosales	Inactive	2024
David Schmidt	New Beginnings Global Methodist Church	2023
Joshua Simmons	Kanorado Church	2023
Jeremy Thomason	Advance Methodist Church	2024
Russell Vallier	Otterbein Community Church	2023
Sakiswa Vakadewatabua	Sharon Springs Methodist Church	2025
John Rebant	Sabetha/Oneida	2025
Mark Compaan	Inactive	2024

**DEACON**

8. What persons were received as Deacons and are active in the Heartland Conference who have **completed all educational requirements?** (¶ 407 Transitional BDD)

**Bonny Coats**                      **Jenice Epp**  
**Dana Gouge**                    **Paul David Roman**  
**Phil Greenwald**                **Timothy Stone**

9. What persons were received as Deacons and are active in the Heartland Conference who have education requirements **yet to fulfill?** (¶407 Transitional BDD)

**Rand Burden**                    **Allen Smith**  
**Susan Innes**                   **Charles Littrell**

10. What persons have been approved for ordination as Deacons at this Annual Conference session? Do they have educational requirements remaining to complete? (¶407TBDD) (¶509.2)(2/3 V) *Each candidate will be voted on individually.*

<b>Approved for Deacon</b>	<b>Educational Requirements Completed</b>
Jeff Bales	Yes
Ryan Baskin	Yes
Matthew Ernst	Yes
Christopher Halliburton	Yes
Amy Hopper	No
Tyler Hufford	Yes
David Jones	Yes
Samuel Lufiyele	Yes
Dennis Miller	Yes
Caleb Mueller	Yes
Coty Nguyen	Yes
Dan Townsend	Yes
Quintin Wray	Yes

11. Who are Deacons who have transitioned into the GMC under the provisions of ¶ 521.1(V)?

**None**

12. What persons are inactive Deacons? (¶ 509)

**James Anthony Lambert**  
**Jeremy Sanders**  
**Stacy Sprinkle**

13. What persons are Senior Deacons? (¶ 520)

**Connie Cole Jeske**                **Marcia G. Reed**  
**Charles Edward Littrell**        **Jim A. Stilwell**  
**Richard David Read**              **Margery Van Oostrum**

14. What Deacons have applied for Senior Status? (¶ 517) (V)

None

**ELDERS**

15. What persons have been received as Elders and are active in the Heartland Conference? (¶ 510)

Tod Anthony	Julius Collins	Barry Hayes	Kathleen Wyatt Leathers
Dwight Atkinson Jr.	Ray Crawford	Wanda Heidemann	Dennis Linton-Hendrick
Jacqueline Banks	Robert Dart	David Heister	Steven Littrell
Lisa Beavers	Gary Davison	Andrew Henson	David Lloyd
D A Bennett	Aaron Duell	Scott Heusel	T Jacob Maforo
Lorna Kay Boden	Harrison Dush	Cathy Holley	Mark Mann
James L Brackett	Cali Eck	John Hollon	Mark McAdow
Rick Branson	Bruce Ferguson	Ricky Huggins	Jordan McFall
Stephen Bredesen	Sandra Ferguson	William Irwin	Stephen Morgan
Lester Bussell Jr	Davidson Cole Fields	Michael Vincent Irvine	Cory Murashige
Kira Calhoun-Wilson	Rick Forthman	David Johnson	Carl Palmer
Caroline Lovett	Sarah Fotopulos	Joshua Johnson	Seung Ho Park
Dennis Carter	Jonathan Garfield	Donald Jones	Dan Patman
Laura Cartwright	Jee Sook Gil	Wally Jones	Linda Pelletier
Richard Wayne Casady	R. Scott Griffin	Rick Just	Wendelyn Perceful
Isaac Chua	John Grimm	Randy Kiel	David Player
Cherie Cobb	Maria Grimm	Brad Kirk	Amanda Peterson
Ethen Coble	Sarah Fisher	Rodney Krumme	Victor Peterson
Joshua Coats	Wayne Handle	Puong Ong Lau	Ymbar Polanco
		Larry Lawman	Jeff Ralston

Daniel Ramey	Jimmy Shepherd	Christopher William Stinnett	William Walkenshaw
Kevin Reed	Lyle Shipley	Michael Tipton	Bryan Wardroup
Randall Richards	Kelly Sipes		Kevin Watson
Bradley Riley	Kenneth Smith	Gregory Tolle	Mary Webster
Eric Rook	Trevor Smith	Thomas Trautman	Daneale White
Les Rye	Chris Sloan	Timothy Trujillo	Barron Willer
Hector Sanchez	Ted Stapleton	Steven Turner	Jaimie Willis
Wendy Mohler-Seib	William Anderson Stapleton Jr.	Gina Tyler	Elizabeth Winger-Young
Keith Shank	Paul Stephens	Randall Wade	John Wesley Young
Deanne Sharp			John Vick

16. What persons have been approved for ordination as an Elder at this Annual Conference session? **(¶510.1d) (2/3 V)**

*Each candidate will be voted on individually by the Elders.*

*Note: Only those who registered by the May 1 deadline are eligible to vote.*

<b>Approved for Elder</b>	<b>Educational Requirements Completed</b>
Lisa Buffum	Yes
Stephen Graber	Yes
Frank Mangan	Yes
Dennis Miller	Yes
Timothy Stone	Yes
Johnny Tucker	Yes
Quintin Wray	Yes

17. Who are Elders who have transitioned into the GMC under the provisions of ¶ 521.1? (V)

**Deb Arvelo  
Gary Davison  
Saundra Duckworth**

**David Kang  
Joel Kershaw  
Herman Lambrecht III**

**Randy Little  
Clint McBroom  
Alan Tofflemire**

18. What persons are inactive Elders? (¶ 510)

**Stephen Cagle  
Richard Calhoun Jr  
James Cinocca Jr  
Graeme Collett  
Saundra Duckworth  
Daniel Eischen  
Robert Feist  
David Forrest  
Gwenda Freeman**

**William Guffey  
Andrew Haire  
Joel Hamme  
Andrew Henson  
David Karges  
Todd Lovell  
Brian Mangan  
Travis Muse  
Sei Yoon Park**

**Paul Pribil  
Jerry Raab  
Daniel Rickman  
Dennis Sillaman  
Christopher Symes  
Brett Thomasson  
Laurence Varvel**

19. What persons are Senior Elders? (¶ 520)

**Kevin Barron  
Sigurd Bjorklund  
Paul Blanchard  
Alayna Bradford-Smith  
Darrell Cates  
Kenneth Cressman  
Clifton Crockett  
Adrian Cole  
Charles Cox Jr  
Nancy Crawl  
Janice Dillard  
Wayne Fitzgerrel  
Alice Fowler  
David Fowler  
Larry Garfield  
Darrel Grant  
Bonnie Linton-Hendrick**

**Michale Hardgrove  
Robert Harrison  
Stephen Harshaw  
Deb Harvey  
Gary Haynes  
James Hill  
Marvin Hudson  
Thomas Janoski  
David Jenkins  
Randall Jessen  
Robert Kanary  
Mike Keating  
Herman Lambrecht III  
Jan McDaniel  
Beth Ann McLaughlin**

**Robert Paschal Jr  
Ronald Perceful  
Carl Plischke  
Eddie Rhodes  
Paul Rider  
Edward Rousset  
David Sanders Sr  
Patricia Ann Smith  
Wayne Stephens  
Albert Story  
Timothy Thurston  
Christopher Tiger  
Thomas Tomlinson  
John Williamson**

20. What Elders have applied for Senior Status? (¶ 517) (V)

**Tom Troutman  
Tod Anthony**

**VALID CLERGY**

21.What persons have been approved Valid Deacon in the conference? (¶ 517)

**None**

22.What persons have been approved as Valid Elders in the conference? (¶ 517)

**None**

**ENDORISING MINISTRIES**

23.What clergy have been endorsed by the GMC for chaplaincy ministries in a non-parish setting? (¶ 513)

**Dana E Gouge**

**Stephen Morgan**

**EXTENSION MINISTRY APPOINTMENTS**

24.What clergy have been appointed to ministries beyond the local church? (¶ 610.9)

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Appointment</b>
Rand Burden	Aldersgate Renewal Ministries
Daniel Dennison	Horizon Stewardship
Aaron Duell	Chaplain- Interim Healthcare of Salina (Hospice)
Dana Gouge	Chaplain - Aquinas Hospice
Phil Greenwald	Mid-American Christian University
Susan Innes	Chaplain - Deyorss & Hillside Funeral Homes
Jacob Maforo	Missionary
Brian Mangan	Good Shepherd Hospice Chaplain
Wendy Mohler-Seib	Friends University
Stephen Morgan	Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center Chaplain
Alan Tofflemire	Chaplain - U. S. Medical Center for Federal Prisoners
Gina Tyler	KU Med Chaplain
Kevin Watson	Asbury Seminary - Tulsa Campus

**TRANSFERS**

25.What persons have been transferred to other GMC conferences? (**¶ 607**)

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Transferred To</b>
Lindsey Clarke	Elder	Western States
Charles Danforth	Elder	Mid Texas Conference
Natalie Faust	Elder	Trinity Conference
Susan Higdon	Elder	Mid South
Jeffrey Rickman	Elder	Mississippi
Meghan Riegerix	Elder	Great Lakes Conference
Joe Summers	Deacon	Trinity Conference
Joel Thompson	Elder	Trinity Conference

26.What persons have been received by transfer from other GMC conferences? (**¶ 607**)

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Transferred From</b>
Benjamin Aich	Inactive	Great Lakes
Jenice Epp	Deacon	Upper Midwest
Sarah Fisher	Elder	Upper Midwest
Cory Murashige	Elder	Mid South
Daniel Patrick	Deacon	Alabama Emerald Coast
Bryan Wardroup	Elder	West Plains

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

27.What clergy have taken a voluntary leave of absence?

(**¶417.1; ¶417.2 Transitional BDD**)

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Ordained Status</b>
Brett Thomasson	Elder

28. What clergy have returned from a voluntary leave of absence?

(**¶ 518.1; ¶ 518.2**)

**None**

29.What clergy have been placed on *Involuntary leave of absence*?

(**¶417.4; ¶417.5 TBDD**)

**None**

30.What clergy previously on *Involuntary leave of absence* have been reinstated?

(**¶ 518.1;¶ 518.2**)

**None**

**DISCONTINUED/LEAVE**

31. What candidates for ordination have been discontinued?

**None**

32. What Supply Pastors have been discontinued?

**None**

33. What Deacons have had their clergy status terminated?

**None**

34. What Elders have had their clergy status terminated?

<b>Elder</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>How Terminated</b>
James Cinocca Jr	Inactive	Withdrawn
Rudolph Freese	Inactive	Withdrawn
Terry Mayhew	Inactive	Withdrawn

35. Which clergy have passed from this life to life eternal in the past year?

**None**

## ***NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT***

The Heartland Annual Conference Nominations and Leadership Committee (NLC) is responsible for nominating clergy and laity to serve on the seven annual conference committees which are mandated by The Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church. The NLC meets monthly for (1) prayer, encouragement, and devotion, (2) to review, discuss, and adopt policies and requirements for membership on annual conference boards and committees, (3) to review the current and upcoming membership needs of each annual conference board and committee, and (4) to screen and nominate potential board and committee members.

Each year the NLC navigates the end of term, resignation, and replacement of twenty to thirty percent of the membership of annual conference boards and committees. Because of that, we are always reviewing the unique needs of each committee and searching for volunteers who are willing and able to give their valuable time and unique gifts to serve the Lord and the Heartland on one of our hard-working teams.

We are currently working to update and increase our servant volunteer database. This year's Annual Conference theme – Love Extravagantly: From Holy Love to a Multiplying Movement – encourages us to love more fully, lead more faithfully, and step more boldly into the movement God is calling us to. Faithful and sacrificial leadership is fruit that falls from the tree of extravagant love. If you wish to volunteer and be considered to join one of our teams, please visit <https://form.jotform.com/261035507944053> or scan the QR code below to complete our Volunteer Questionnaire.

You can also contact the NLC at this email address: [nominations@heartlandgmc.org](mailto:nominations@heartlandgmc.org).

It is a pleasure to serve the Heartland Annual Conference on the Nominations and Leadership Committee. Thank you to those who have served or prayerfully considered serving the Heartland as a committee team member.

*Prayerfully submitted,*

*Steve Littrell, Vice-Chair*

*Nominations & Leadership Team:*

*Jordan McFall, Chair*

*Steve Littrell, Vice-Chair*

*Kim Shank, Secretary*

*Bill Cosby*

*Scott Griffin*

*Bill McAngus*

*Nathan O'Neal*

*Denni Palmer*

*Scan the QR code to visit the Volunteer Questionnaire:*



**Heartland Annual Conference Boards and Committees  
Effective January 1, 2027**

<b>Members</b>	<b>Officers</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Class</b>
<b>Board of Ministry</b>			
TBS		Clergy KS	2027
D. R. "Buck" Linton-Hendrick	Secretary	Clergy CO	2029
Dan Jones		Lay CO	2031
Dave Depoy		Lay OK	2027
Jaimie Willis	Chair	Clergy KS	2029
Aaron Duell		Clergy KS	2027
Cathy Holley		Clergy CO	2031
Duane Cornella		Lay MO	2031
Kevin Barron		Clergy CO	2027
Victor Peterson		Clergy MO	2029
Ty Walkenshaw*		Clergy MO	2031
Landon Maberry*		Lay OK	2031
Jeff Ralston		Clergy OK	2029
Lyle Shipley		Clergy OK	2027
Paul Reed	Vice Chair	Lay OK	2029
Mike Kilby*		Lay	2031
Brad Dush	Ex-Officio	Presiding Elder	N/A
Jonathan (Kent) Garfield	Ex-Officio	Presiding Elder	N/A
<b>Superintendency Committee</b>			
Dennis Sillaman		CO Clergy	2027
Kathryn Chittenden		CO Lay	2028
Joshua Johnson		KS Clergy	2027
Johnny Freeman		KS Lay	2029
Mike Irvine		MO Clergy	2029
Tammie Lukefahr		MO Lay	2028
David Daniel	Chair	OK Clergy	2029
Susan Croll		KS Lay	2031
<b>Finance &amp; Administration Committee</b>			
Tyler Hufford		CO Clergy	2029
Bob Brandt		CO Lay	2027
Brad Kirk	Chair	Clergy KS	2029
Samuel Lufiyele		Clergy	2027

Richard Croll	Vice Chair	KS Lay	2029
Ann Grammon*		KS Lay	2031
Wally Jones		MO Clergy	2027
Carl Palmer*		MO Clergy	2031
Stella Chimutashu		Canada Lay	2031
Kathe Ramsey	Secretary	MO Lay	2029
DA Bennett		OK Clergy	2027
Wendee Perceful		OK Clergy	2031
Bob Strunk		OK Lay	2031
Carrie Clifford		OK Lay	2029
Regina Klamm	Treasurer	Ex-Officio	N/A
Holly Joy	Lay Leader	Ex-Officio	N/A
<b>Nominations &amp; Leadership Committee</b>			
Jordan McFall	Chair	Conference Supt.	N/A
Nathan O'Neal		CO Clergy	2029
Bill Cosbey		CO Lay	2027
Kim Shank	Secretary	KS Clergy	2028
TBS		Lay	2027
Scott Griffin		MO Clergy	2029
Denni Palmer		MO Lay	2027
Steve Littrell	Vice Chair	OK Clergy	2029
Bill McAngus		OK Lay	2028
<b>Committee on Investigation</b>			
Chris Sloan*		MO Clergy	2029
Greg Tolle	Chair	OK Clergy	2028
Adam Chriss*		KS Lay	2029
Jan Dillard		MO Clergy	2027
Norbert Marek		KS Lay	2027
TBS		Lay	2029
Tom Trautman	Vice Chair	OK Clergy	2027
<b>Alternates</b>			
Nathan O'Neal*		CO Clergy	2029
Timothy Trujillo		OK Clergy	2027
Dana Gouge		KS Clergy	2028
Sheryl Lear		KS Lay	2028
TBS		Clergy	2028
TBS		Lay	2028

Bob Humphrey*		OK Lay	2029
<b>Administrative Review Committee</b>			
Jacob Maforo*		KS Clergy	2029
Barron Willer	Secretary	MO Clergy	2027
Keith Cressman	Chair	OK Clergy	2027
<b>Administrative Review Alternates</b>			
Larry Lawman*		MO Clergy	2028
John Hollon*		OK Clergy	2029
<b>Heartland Leadership Council</b>			
Jordan McFall – Chair	Conference Superintendent		
Holly Joy	Conference Lay Leader		
Jaimie Willis	Board of Ministry Chair		
David Daniel	Superintendency Committee Chair		
Brad Kirk	Finance & Administration Chair		
Steve Littrell	Nominations/Leadership Vice-Chair		
Greg Tolle	Committee on Investigation Chair		
John Hollon	Conference Missions Chair		
Allen Smith	Conference Secretary		
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## **CHURCH PLANTING COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **A Need for a Strategy for Church Planting**

At the 2025 Heartland Annual Conference a motion was passed to have a group of people meet to develop a strategy for church planting. This group was assembled and met at Asbury GMC in Wichita for a 2-day meeting in August. Several documents had been prepared ahead of the meeting for the group's consideration. At the end of the meeting a document for Church Planting in the Heartland Conference had been proposed for consideration by the Conference Leadership Council and other groups as needed. It now will come for approval at the 2026 Heartland Annual Conference. This 26-page document has five sections:

1. A Vision for Multiplication
2. Satellite Campus Model
3. House Church Model
4. Pioneer Church Model
5. A Plan for Funding

This document provides the rationale for church planting and helpful insights into the three models of church planting identified. It is intended to guide the Heartland Conference and its churches in planting new churches. It is designed to be flexible knowing that the context of the area and the strengths of the clergy and laity involved in the church plant will help to shape the strategy.

It is important to emphasize the document calls for a paradigm shift in our thinking about church planting. Most of us are used to church plants being done by the Conference, which is a top-down strategy. This plan acknowledges that new churches will be started at the grassroots level by individuals and churches seeing the need for a new church in their own town or in a neighboring town. The Heartland Conference will be supportive of such efforts and at times may encourage our districts and churches to be proactive in planting new churches to reach new people and younger generations with the life changing gospel of Jesus Christ.

### **Funding New Church Plants**

As a part of the strategy for church planting the idea of having a special offering for planting new churches is encouraged. The Conference Leadership Team has set aside an amount from conference reserves to be matched by gifts from individuals and churches. This offering will be received during Annual Conference. Our New Church Committee is developing an application process for grants to be distributed from the offering received. We are anticipating that the deadline for application will be July 1, 2026 because we do have some new church plants ready to be launched this fall. We are planning to receive this offering on a regular basis so that new churches will be encouraged by a grant given by the people and churches of our Conference.

### **Training for Church Planting**

This year we have had six people involved in a cohort led by the Awaken Network. This is an intensive training event which has weekly meetings of the cohort as well as weekly calls from a coach. This training is designed specifically for those who are planting a new church. Our New Church Committee **strongly encourages** this kind of training for all who are planting a new church. Pastoring a new church is much different from pastoring an already established church. There is much to learn and a cohort encourages the participants to share with one another the joys and concerns that they are encountering.

## **Our Future Focus**

Our New Church Committee will focus our energy on the following four items:

1. Unchartered plants needing support
2. Churches exploring multiplication
3. Pastors sensing a call to planting
4. Churches willing to support new plants financially and relationally

When a group of people begin a “new church” they need some time before they are ready to be a “chartered church”. Chartering is a sign that this new church has enough people and financial resources that they can be on their own. Until then the New Church Committee will check in on them, give them support and encouragement, and guide them through the process of chartering.

In the meantime, the New Church Committee is responding to and identifying churches that have the capacity for multiplication. In addition, the New Church Committee is assisting those who are sensing that planting a church is something God is calling them to do in the setting they are currently in or in a different area that the Holy Spirit is leading them to.

The New Church Committee is also interested in identifying churches that want to support financially or relationally the churches and individuals who are planting new churches. Ideally, we would have one or more churches in each district that would take the lead in this emphasis of planting churches. If your church is willing and able to be a partner in church planting please let us know!

## **Your Church Can Multiply**

Most churches have given little thought to the idea that they can plant a new church. And many churches are not aware of the principle of church multiplication. To help bring awareness of church multiplication and to increase the number of churches in our Conference who will join in the multiplication effort our Conference is partnering with the River Network to have two or three workshops online this fall on the topic, “Your Church Can Multiply”. Dates for these 90-minute workshops will be announced soon, and signup opportunities will be available at Annual Conference.

## **Conclusion**

There are and will be new churches being planted in the Heartland Annual Conference! You and your church can help this to happen!

**Read our Strategy for Church Planting  
on the Heartland Website:**



# ETHIOPIAN NAZRAWUYAN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

## 2025 Ministry Highlights & Accomplishments

*"First, we are thankful for God,  
who works with us and  
enables us to contribute to the  
Great Commission."*

Rev. Dr. Anbessu Tolla Feyissa

### Church Planting & Membership Growth

- 103 new churches and preaching points planted in 2025
- 218 active churches across 14 districts
- 5,157 new members added during the year

### Evangelism & Salvation Impact

- 1,467 individuals accepted Jesus Christ as Savior
- 1,554 individuals received water baptism
- Jesus Film ministry reached 4,056 individuals in key districts

### Discipleship & Leadership Development

- 1,351 members actively engaged in discipleship programs
- 392 ministers trained through History Makers leadership cascade
- Foundational, doctrinal, and youth training expanded nationwide.



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## ZIMBABWE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH STATISTICS OVERVIEW JANUARY TO MARCH 2026

### Number of congregation as a comparative with December 2025

	Number of Congregations
2025 December	98
2026 March	109

It is interesting to note that, from our report at Annual Conference in December 2025 to the present, we have added 11 new congregations. This clearly demonstrates that the Church is growing, with increasing numbers as shown below.

### Membership comparative to December 2025 and March 2025

	Actual Membership
2025 December	7335
2026 March	8425

The Zimbabwe Annual Conference of the GMC has seen a notable increase in membership, growing from 7,335 in December 2025 to 8,425 in March 2026. This represents an increase of approximately 1,090 members over a three-month period.

This growth can be attributed to the church's efforts to strengthen its presence in Zimbabwe and its emphasis on traditional Wesleyan theology.

### New congregations overview in Pictures



Dzivarasekwa Westlea Charge in Harare Chitungwiza District opened a new congregation in Dzivarasekwa Extension, they are using a house under construction for their church service and bought 20 plastic chairs. The place is leased and rented.



Chitungwiza Charge started a new area in Rural Chihota, Ngundu area where they identified disadvantage members of society and preached through donating food and groceries worth \$375.00

## SPECIAL ANNUAL CONFERENCE OFFERING

As part of this year's Annual Conference, we are inviting churches and individuals across the Heartland to join together in two special offerings supporting the ongoing work of Church Planting and Missional. To help encourage generosity and expand the impact of these offerings, every gift given toward these ministries will be eligible for a conference matching gift.

In keeping with the financial policy of the Heartland Annual Conference, the conference seeks to maintain a minimum of six months of operating expenses in reserves. When unrestricted reserves exceed that threshold, the Conference Leadership Council may designate additional funds for missional purposes. The Conference Leadership Council has approved reallocating up to \$45,000 to support these matching special offerings during Annual Conference. Through this initiative, the conference will match gifts dollar-for-dollar up to \$22,500 for Church Planting and up to \$22,500 for Missional Partnership, creating an opportunity to significantly extend the impact of every contribution.

As we prepare for Annual Conference, we encourage you to prayerfully seek what the Lord may be calling you personally to give, and to invite your congregations to participate as well through online giving, which will also count toward the matching gift opportunity. No gift is too small when placed in the hands of God.

Scripture reminds us of the example of the Macedonian believers, who "in the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity" (2 Corinthians 8:2, NIV). May we likewise give with joyful and faithful hearts as we invest together in the work of the Kingdom to spread scriptural holiness across the Heartland and the globe. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and partnership in the ministry God has entrusted to us together.

Online giving is available now and will remain open through June 14, 2026.

*"To Him who is able to do immeasurably more. — Ephesians 3:20-21"*



Bridget Kirk  
Director of Operations

## Give online:

### Missional Partnership

#### Fund:



### Church Planting

#### Fund:



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## HEARTLAND DISASTER RESPONSE



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# Heartland Disaster Relief

If you would like to donate towards a specific event or need, you can indicate that on your check or on the conference website when you donate. Any surplus funds after a situation is addressed will be put in the main Disaster Response Account to help with future situations.

### BY CHECK:

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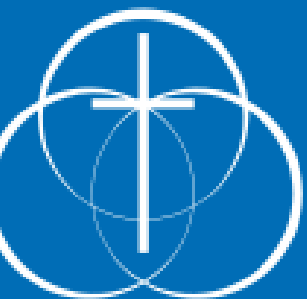
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The Disaster Response Team of the Heartland Conference is dedicated to helping local churches prepare for and respond to disasters in their local communities by providing plans and training for local church teams, raising awareness in the conference for emerging situations, and raising funds and supplies to support local church efforts.

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If you would like to start a local disaster response team in your church or district, or be involved in our disaster response network, please email us. 59

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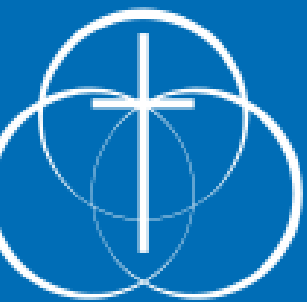


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Johnson Memorial Methodist Church	Laura Cartwright
Kanorado Church	Joshua D. Simmons
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Limon Methodist Church	Tyler Hufford
Marvel Methodist Church	Vacant
Plains Community Church	Tyler Hufford
StarStone Fellowship Church	Randy Jessen
Stratmoor Hills Methodist Church	Linda Pelletier
Westside Global Methodist Church	Paul Guffey
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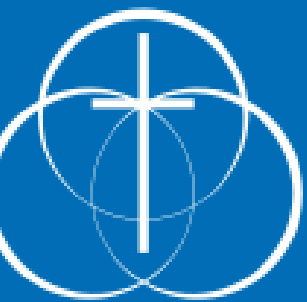
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Caledonia Methodist Church	Steve Turner
Centenary Methodist Church	Carl D. Palmer
Cooter Methodist Church	Hartlen Coats
CrossRoads Dexter	Mike Irvine
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Esther Methodist Church	Joseph Hayes
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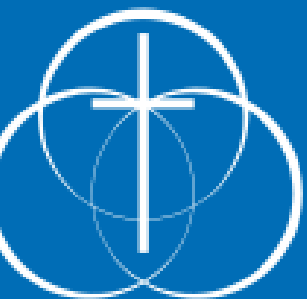
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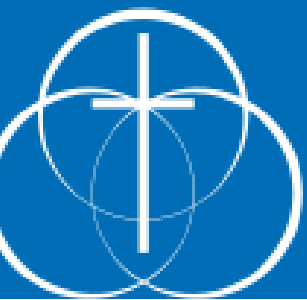
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Evangel Church	Kelly Sipes, Hector Sanchez
Faith Methodist Church	Rick Branson
Fulton Methodist Church	Connie Edgerton
Hammond Global Methodist Church	James Brackett
Madison Methodist Church	Susan Higdon (retiring end of June 2026)
One Hope Church	Eric Rook
Otterbein Community Church of Chanute	Scott Bates
Plum Creek Methodist Church	Jada Hodgson
Potawatomi Community Church	Dave Jones
St. John's Global Methodist Church	James Brackett



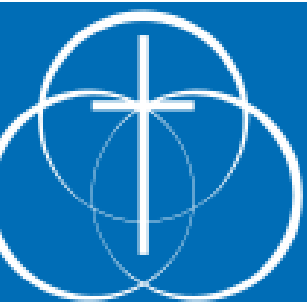
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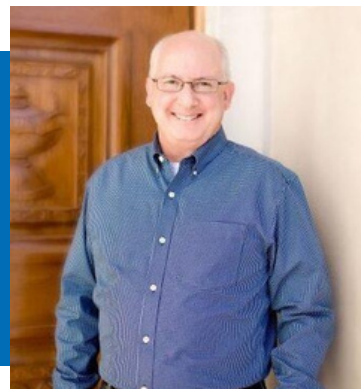
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Adair Methodist Church	Steve Bear
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Caney Methodist Church	Steve Bredesen
Claremore First Methodist Church	Ray Crawford, Jaimie Willis, John Vick, Joe Grubb
Delaware Methodist Church	Scott Worley
Elk City Church	Mark Loftin
First Church of Foyil	Frank Mangan
First Methodist Church of Mannford	Barry Hayes
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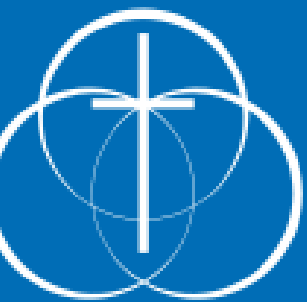
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Clarita Methodist Church	Lyle D. Shipley
Coalgate Methodist Church	Lyle D. Shipley
Connections Church (Unchartered Plant)	Les Bussell
Cornerstone Methodist Church	Jim Shepherd
First Methodist Church of Ardmore	David Daniel, John Hollon, Kira Calhoun-Wilson
First Methodist Church of Elmore City	Caroline Lovett
First Methodist Church of Madill	Steven Littrell, Wanda Littrell
Gene Autry Methodist Church	Vacant
Mannsville Methodist Church	Teresa Norton
New Hope Methodist Church (Unchartered Plant)	Dan Patman
New Zion Methodist Church	Daniel Ramey
Pathway Church (A Global Methodist Congregation)	Steven Wilson
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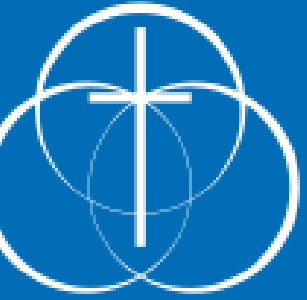
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Elgin Methodist Church	Thomas Trautman
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Mount Zion GMC	Timothy Stone
New Creation Global Methodist Church	Dylan Cole
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Pond Creek Methodist Church	Randy Kiel
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St. Andrew's Community Church	D. A. Bennett, Bonny Coats, Josh Coats
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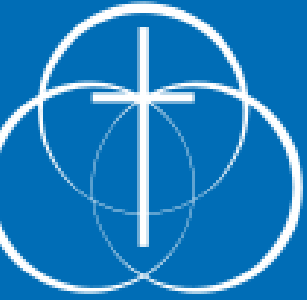
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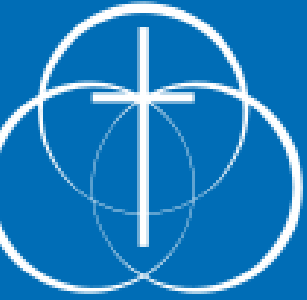
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Flint Hills Global Methodist Church	Joshua Johnson
Glasco Bible Fellowship Church	Vacant
Hebron Methodist Church	Sarah Fisher
Ionia Community Methodist Church	Keith Shank
Jewell Trinity Methodist Church	Keith Shank
Kirwin Community Methodist Church	Rex McDowell
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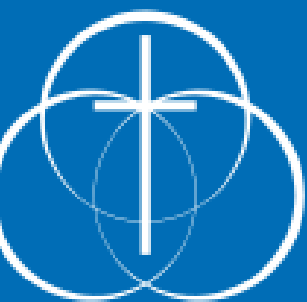
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Mercer Methodist Church	Mike Tipton
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Oketo Methodist Church	Johnny Tucker
Oneida Methodist Church	John Rebant
Princeton Methodist Church	Mike Tipton
Sabetha Methodist Church	John Rebant
Sparta Methodist Church	Rodney Krumme
Unionville Methodist Church	Barb Hagerla
Zion Methodist Church	Clarence "Rick" Forthman



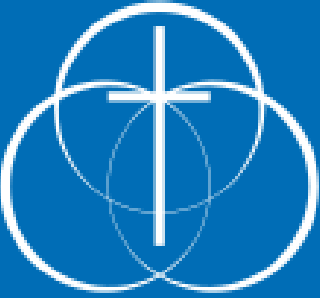
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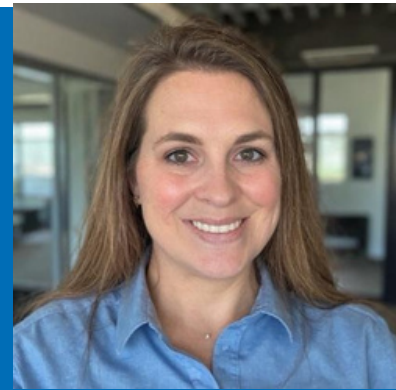
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Kanopolis Methodist Church	Dennis Carter
Long Island Community Church	Ted Stapleton
Lucas Community Church	Les Rye
Luray Community Church	Les Rye
Ness City Methodist Church	John Grimm
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Stockton Methodist Church of Restoration	Ted Stapleton



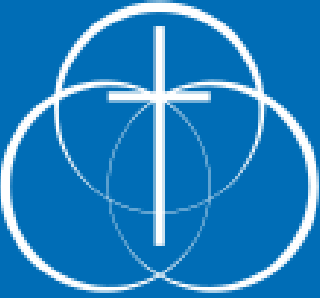
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Kismet Methodist Church	Dennis (Buck) Linton-Hendrick
Lakin Methodist Church	Elizabeth Winger Young
Lydia Church	Gregory Fletcher
Plains Methodist Church	Dennis (Buck) Linton-Hendrick
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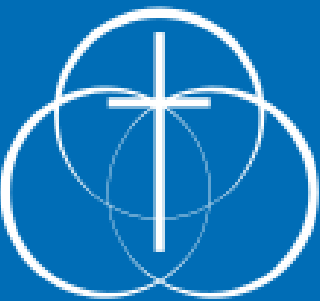
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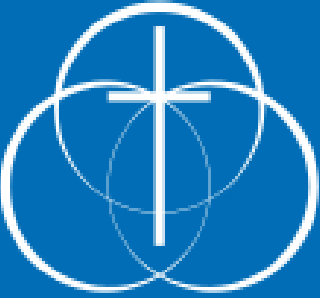
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Ransom Methodist Church	Norma McNair
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Utica Methodist Church	Jee Sook Gil



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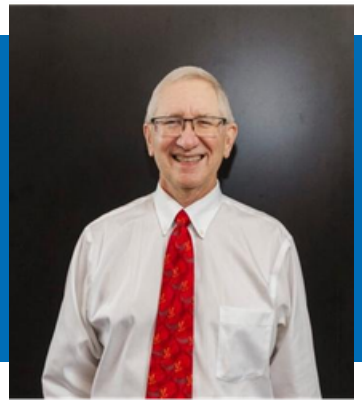
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Protection Methodist Church	Vacant
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Asbury Church	Clint McBroom
Belle Plaine Global Methodist Church	Lorna Boden
Conway Springs Methodist Church	Lorna Boden
Grace Fellowship	Matt Thompson
Gypsum Community Church	Open (appointment in progress)
New Covenant Church (A Global Methodist Community)	Cathy Holley
Norwich Methodist Church	Cathy Holley
Oxford Methodist Church	Vacant
The Goddard Church	Brad Riley
Tisdale Methodist Church	Lisa Buffum
Towanda Community Church	Wayne Handle
Wellington Methodist Church	Isaac Chua



# 2026 General Conference

Global Methodist Church | 2026 General Conference

August 30-September 5, 2026

Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa

***Please be in prayer for our Heartland Conference Delegates!***

## **Lay Delegates**

- 1. Holly Joy**
- 2. Cara Nicklas**
- 3. Allison Woods**
- 4. Everjoyce Madzinga**
- 5. Tyson Heins**
- 6. Bill Brown**

## **Lay Alternates**

- 1. Richard Croll**
- 2. Paul Reed**

## **Lay Reserves**

- 1. Mathew Jones**
- 2. Christin Dush**

## **Clergy Delegates**

- 1. Jordan McFall**
- 2. Ray Crawford**
- 3. Rick Just**
- 4. DA Bennett**
- 5. Jaimie Willis**
- 6. Joshua Johnson**

## **Clergy Alternates**

- 1. Elizabeth Winger-Young**
- 2. Susan Innes**

## **Clergy Reserves**

- 1. David Daniel**
- 2. Bradley Kirk**



## Heartland Annual Conference Standing Rules

### **Introduction: Our Commitment to Holy Conferencing**

The Heartland Annual Conference begins its work grounded in the practice of holy conferencing, a Wesleyan means of grace through which the Holy Spirit forms us as we pray, listen deeply, speak truthfully in love, and seek the mind of Christ together. Holy conferencing is more than courteous dialogue; it is a spiritual discipline calling us to humility, mutual respect, and discernment shaped by Scripture, the Spirit, and one another.

This practice guides not only our Annual Conference sessions but every setting where God’s people gather to discern and lead. Within these Standing Rules, holy conferencing takes shape through clear processes, fair procedures, respectful speech, and a shared commitment to the mission and unity of the church. As we conduct our work, we commit to honoring the image of God in one another and serving Christ and His Church faithfully.

### **I. Voting Membership**

The voting membership of an Annual Conference is defined in ¶708.1 of the Book of Doctrines and Discipline (BDD).

Voting members of the Heartland Annual Conference shall include:

#### **1. Clergy Members**

Those elders, deacons, and transitional local pastors, and supply pastors under appointment (except as limited elsewhere in the BDD), and senior status clergy who registered for Annual Conference by the required deadline.

#### **2. Lay Members from Local Churches**

Lay members duly elected by Heartland GMC local church charge conferences.

#### **3. Equalization Lay Members**

Additional lay members elected for the purpose of equalizing the number of clergy and lay members, as outlined in the Lay Equalization Plan of the Heartland Annual Conference.

### **II. Lay Equalization Plan**

The Lay Equalization Plan for the Heartland Annual Conference, approved at the 2024 Annual Conference, establishes the following:

#### **1. Local Church Representation**

Every Global Methodist Church within the Heartland Annual Conference shall be entitled to one (1) voting lay delegate to the Annual Conference, regardless of pastoral appointment status.

#### **2. Connectional Council Representation**

Any lay member serving on the Connectional Council shall be granted voice and vote on all matters before the Annual Conference.

### 3. Equalization Process

Additional lay members shall be added as necessary to ensure parity between clergy and lay voting members, in accordance with the BDD and this plan.

## III. Rules of Order

### A. Principles of Holy Conferencing

In all deliberations, members of the Annual Conference commit to:

- Speak with humility, charity, and truthfulness
- Listen deeply before responding
- Assume good intentions
- Refrain from personal attacks or uncharitable assumptions
- Maintain a posture of prayer before, during, and after difficult conversations
- Seek the common good and the unity of the Spirit

These principles guide the interpretation and application of all rules that follow.

### B. Definitions for Clarity

For the purposes of these Standing Rules:

- **Bar of the Conference:** The physical area designated by the presiding officer within which voting members must be seated to vote or speak.
- **Consent Calendar:** A grouping of non-controversial items presented for collective action without debate.
- **Procedural Motion:** A motion that concerns the process of the meeting (e.g., to amend the agenda, extend debate, refer, table).
- **In Writing:** Motions may be submitted on paper or through an approved electronic method designated by the Conference Secretary.

### C. The Bar of the Conference

1. The voting bar shall be determined by the presiding officer prior to any vote.
2. A member must be within the bar to vote.
3. A member must be within the bar to be recognized to speak.

### D. Motions and Submissions

1. All motions, amendments, and procedural motions made from the floor must:  
Be presented in writing;  
Be signed by the person submitting the motion; and  
Be placed in the hands of the Conference Secretary immediately after being moved.

### **E. Floor Debate**

1. To be recognized for motions, seconds, and speeches, members must approach a floor microphone, be recognized by the presiding officer, and clearly state their name and whether they are clergy or lay.
2. Debate on any motion shall be limited up to three (3) speeches in support and three (3) speeches in opposition.
3. Each speech shall be limited to two (2) minutes.
4. All speech shall reflect the commitments of holy conferencing, including charity, clarity, and respect for all persons.
5. Personal attacks, imputing motives, or uncharitable speech shall be ruled out of order.

### **F. Consent Calendar / Omnibus Motions**

1. A Consent Calendar (or omnibus motion) may be presented by the presiding officer or appropriate body to consider multiple items of business collectively.
2. Items placed on the Consent Calendar are considered non-controversial and may be adopted in a single motion without debate.
3. Any item may be removed from the Consent Calendar or omnibus motion for separate consideration by a 50% vote of the Annual Conference.
4. Removed items shall be taken up in their normal order under the Rules of Order.
5. The purpose of the Consent Calendar is to steward time and honor the work of the Conference while allowing any member the opportunity for fuller conversation when needed.

**2025 HEARTLAND ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES**



May 28 to May 31, 2025  
Claremore, OK

# 2025 Heartland Annual Conference

## Meeting Minutes

5/29/2025 Thursday Afternoon Business Session

### 1. Announcements

Bishop Jeff Greenway announced that he is delegating authority to lead the meeting to the Conference Superintendent Jordan McFall. Bishop Greenway will preside on Friday during the election of the Clergy General Conference delegates.

Bishop set the bar for the middle sections of the sanctuary, where voting members would be counted. The side sections were reserved for observers, no vote.

### 2. Worship and Opening Prayer

Bishop Greenway opened the session with prayer and turned the service over to the worship team. After an enthusiastic time of worship, Ros Crawford offered a prayer for the conference.

### 3. Agenda

David Daniels made opening announcements. David Daniels made a motion to set the agenda for the conference according to the journal as published. Brad Kirk seconded the motion. The motion carried with a voice vote.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

The Conference Secretary, Allen Smith, presented the Minutes of the 2024 Annual Conference as published in the conference journal for approval. Motion to approve minutes was made by Holly Joy. Brad Kirk seconded the motion. Superintendent McFall called for a vote by a show of hands, and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **Conference Lay Leader Report and Nominee Introductions**

Conference Lay Leader, Holly Joy, presented the Lay Leader Report, found on page 18 of the conference journal. Holly shared exciting news of all they accomplished this year. Holly introduced all of the delegates for the General Conference.

Holly also read the Lay Equalization Plan, which was approved in 2024, and is now being presented for an update. The version provided in the journal reflects that paragraph numbers were corrected according to the updated BODD. This comes as a motion from the Conference Lay leader. There was a second by Denni Palmer. There was a point of order that only the laity may vote on this motion. Superintendent McFall called for a vote by hand. The motion was approved unanimously. Rev. David Daniels prayed for the laity in our conference.

### **Superintendency Report**

Rev. David Daniel presented the Superintendency Report, on pg. 31 in the journal for approval by the Conference. Superintendent McFall called for a voice vote to approve the Report. The report was approved unanimously.

### **Cabinet Report**

Rev. Rick Just, Dean of Cabinet, presented the Cabinet Report found on page 89 of the journal. Rev. Just referred to the BODD and the paragraphs that apply to the Presiding Elders and the role of the Cabinet. Rick pointed out that the Presiding Elders are also Elders who serve a church. The Presiding Elders are working to find a rhythm of work between the church and the district.

Rev. Just explained that the cabinet is presenting information in the Journal about vacation policies because it needs to be addressed across the five-state conference. The cabinet, in cooperation with our legal counsel, will be working on the vacation policy, so it will work across all five states and Canada. An updated policy will be adopted and published soon.

Rev. Just addressed the issue that all inactive clergy are still required to carry liability insurance, due to legal actions in another conference. Rick introduced the 15 Presiding Elders. McFall prayed a blessing over the Presiding Elders and thanked them for their service.

This Cabinet report comes as a motion from Rev. Rick Just. David Player seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. McFall called for a voice vote to approve the Report. The report was approved unanimously.

### **Finance & Administration Report**

Rev. Brad Kirk, chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, presented their reports and recommendations. The report begins on page 22 of the Journal. Kirk presented McFall a giant pillow that was made on the trip to Costa Rica.

Update: On page 25 of the Journal, the 2025 First Quarter Report shows \$662,400, but that number should be 559,647.00.

Kirk reported that the AC has made progress in setting aside a prudent reserve, as required by the resolutions passed and in keeping with good business practices. The F&A has now started using a sweep account to earn interest on the money in the bank, while minimizing risk.

The philosophy of the F&A is good stewardship, because there are so many varied ministries that we could support, but the primary ministry happens in the local church. Our philosophy is to emphasize

partnerships rather than building and administering new programs. We are committed to stewardship, transparency, and financial responsibility.

The shift to a fiscal year, from July to June, is to help the AC implement the budget after each annual conference. It gives the AC more control over the budget. It is easier than trying to guess the costs of things next January, which is 7 months from now.

The Finance and Administration Committee presents for approval:

- a. 2024 Year-End Financials
- b. Connectional Funding remains at 3% local and 1% General
- c. Fiscal Year Change July-June
- d. Proposed 2025-2026 Budget

McFall introduced the items to be voted on by first receiving the F&A reports.

A. 2024 Year-end Financial Reports

- a. Item A, the Year-End Financial Reports, is received from the F&A Committee as prepared for approval by the body.
- b. McFall called for a vote of approval by hand.
- c. Approved unanimously.

B. Remaining Items: Connectional Funding, Fiscal Change, and Budget

- a. Items B, C & D come as a motion from F&A.
  - B. Connectional Funding remains at 3% local and 1% General
  - C. Fiscal Year Change July-June
  - D. Proposed 2025-2026 BudgetAlthough not required, Jeff Bales, clergy, seconded the motion.

b. Discussion:

- c. Amendment: Rev. Jeff Rickman introduced an amendment to increase the money set aside for programming ministries and planting churches. Increase the line for programming ministries for church planting, from \$25,000 to \$150,000, and increase the missional partnership from \$97,500 to \$150,000.
  - i. Rev. Daniel Rickman seconded the amendment.
  - ii. Discussion: Rev. Ray Crawford asked where the surplus is. Rev. Kirk answered that the surplus funds are kept in the AC bank to equalize the ups and downs of month-to-month spending. The current budget reflects the expected income based on the churches in the conference. An increase in the budget may put the Conference upside down or cause it to run a deficit.
  - iii. Rev. Crawford asked what the prudent reserve levels are. Rev. Kirk answered that the Conference Leadership Council looks at the needs and keeps contingency funds of \$40,000.

- iv. Rev Crawford asked if a new church plant needed money and where the money would come from. Rev. Kirk answered that we make money available in conjunction with the local church fundraising, along with outside sources.
- v. Holly Joy, Lay Leader, spoke against the amendment, with the philosophy that we, as the Annual Conference, should try to be focused on being bottom up, rather than top down, adding more administrative costs.
- vi. Rev. Daniel Rickman, clergy, asked Point of Information for F&A about the budget. Asked about the \$40,000 increase for hosting the Annual Conference, from \$30,000 to \$70,000. Rev. Kirk explained that the \$30,000 budgeted was only the conference expense, not including the registration income. We recognized that it was better to budget the full amount, then reflect the income on its own line item. The expense to hold AC has not gone up by that amount. The goal was to make the budget simple.
- vii. Rev. Rick Just reminded us of the culture we came out of and reminded us to be bottom up and not try to throw a lot of money. He stands against the amendment.
- viii. Rev. DA Bennet asked POI about the agenda for tomorrow. McFall answered that there is more time for consideration.
- ix. Bennet made a motion to adjourn for today and table the amendment until tomorrow. Bonny Lynn Hendrick seconded the motion to table. McFall called for a hand vote, and it was tabled.

### **Adjourned**

In keeping with our conference schedule, McFall made announcements about dinner this evening and adjourned the business session.

# 2025 Heartland Annual Conference

## Meeting Minutes

5/30/2025 8:00 AM

Friday morning, Laity business session

### 1. Call to Worship

Bridget Kirk, Conference Administrator, called the meeting to order and to worship.

### 2. Worship

The Heartland Worship Team opened with praise and worship music.

### 3. Prayer

Allison Woods, Heartland Prayer Team, led a time of prayer to open the session with a blessing on all who are called to lay ministry, lay leadership in their local churches, and lay delegates to General Conference.

### 4. Report from the Conference Lay Leader

Holly Joy reported on all the exciting things that are happening in the Heartland, including the CLM and the Lay Equalization plan.

### 5. Conference Lay Ministry (CLM) Committee Report

Lucy Trautman gave brief reports about the work of the CLM over the past year and the upcoming work. The report was received as given, and approved by acclamation.

The session included a message from the Conference Superintendent, Jordan McFall.

Each CLM was presented with a certificate for their accomplishment. This year's Certified Lay Ministers are listed on page 34 of the Journal.

<b>Certified Lay Minister</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Training</b>
Kyle Been	Pocola First GMC	UMC
Catherine Danforth	Sabetha MC / Sabetha KS	UMC
Tyson Heins	Ebenezer GMC / Olpe, KS	UMC
Doug Hisken	Belle Plaine MC / Belle Plaine, KS	UMC

Ronda Johnson	Quinter MC / Quinter, KS	UMC
Kathy Koehn	Quinter MC / Quinter, KS	UMC
James Musler	Tisdale MC / Winfield, KS	UMC
John Rebant	Sabetha MC / Sabetha KS	Trinity Annual Conference
Janet Reynolds	Pleasant Plains MC / Pleasant Plains, KS	UMC
Rick Smith	Sabetha MC / Sabetha, KS	UMC
Rick Stiles	Christ's Community Church / Joplin, MO	UMC
Rita Stiles	Christ's Community Church / Joplin, MO	UMC
Dora Summers	Belgrade MC / Belgrade, MO	UMC
Joe Warne	Belle Plaine MC / Belle Plaine, KS	UMC
Patsy Witschi	First MC / Shattuck, OK	UMC
Lucy Trautman	Elgin MC / Elgin, OK	UMC
Brian Young	Chester MC / Chester, NE	UMC
Christine Calvert	Cheyenne, OK	UMC
Tonya Roark	Cheyenne, OK	UMC

## 6. Missions Report

Doug Hisken gave a mission report. The report was received as given, and approved by acclamation.

## 7. Closing Worship

The Heartland Worship Team provided a closing time of worship.

## 8. Benediction and Dismissal

Holly Joy led the session in a benediction prayer and adjourned the meeting.

# 2025 Heartland Annual Conference

## Meeting Minutes

5/30/2025 8:00 AM

Friday morning, clergy business session

### 1. Call to Worship

Rev. Brad Dush, from the Board of Ministry, called the meeting to order and called us to worship.

Dush opened with a reading from Ephesians 4:1-4.

### 2. Worship

Kelly Jo Poss, Rosco Crawford, and Megan McFall led the worship team as they opened with praise and worship music.

### 3. Prayer

Rev. Kent Garfield, Presiding Elder of the Missouri Southwest District, opened the session with a time in prayer.

Superintendent Jordan McFall opened the business session.

### 4. Report from the Board of Ministry (BOM)

Rev. Larry Danforth, chair, and Paul Reed, vice-chair of BOM, presented the report from BOM found on page 34. This report is submitted as a motion from BOM, for approval by the body, and does not require a second.

4.1 Danforth asked, "What persons have completed the certification for Certified Lay Ministry in the GMC? In what conference was their training?" Reed responded that the list of names is printed in the journal, on page 34.

<b>Certified Lay Minister</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Training</b>
Kyle Been	Pocola First GMC	UMC
Catherine Danforth	Sabetha MC / Sabetha KS	UMC
Tyson Heins	Ebenezer GMC / Olpe, KS	UMC
Doug Hisken	Belle Plaine MC / Belle Plaine, KS	UMC
Ronda Johnson	Quinter MC / Quinter, KS	UMC

Kathy Koehn	Quinter MC / Quinter, KS	UMC
James Musler	Tisdale MC / Winfield, KS	UMC
John Rebant	Sabetha MC / Sabetha KS	Trinity Annual Conference
Janet Reynolds	Pleasant Plains MC / Pleasant Plains, KS	UMC
Rick Smith	Sabetha MC / Sabetha, KS	UMC
Rick Stiles	Christ's Community Church / Joplin, MO	UMC
Rita Stiles	Christ's Community Church / Joplin, MO	UMC
Dora Summers	Belgrade MC / Belgrade, MO	UMC
Joe Warne	Belle Plaine MC / Belle Plaine, KS	UMC
Patsy Witschi	First MC / Shattuck, OK	UMC
Lucy Trautman	Elgin MC / Elgin, OK	UMC
Brian Young	Chester MC / Chester, NE	UMC
Christine Calvert	Cheyenne, OK	UMC
Tonya Roark	Cheyenne, OK	UMC

4.2 Danforth asked, "Who are approved as candidates for Ministry?" (§ 506) Reed responded that the names below are listed in the journal are approved.

Chase Bradfield	David Jones
Amy Hopper	Shannon Moss
Logan Floyd	John Rebant

4.3 Danforth asked, "What persons have transferred to the GMC as candidates for Ordination? From what conference did they transfer?" (§ 521.4)

Reed responded that none transferred.

4.4 Danforth asked, “What persons have completed the candidacy for ordination? What year was their candidacy approved?” Reed responded by naming Stephen Graber and Joseph Summers.

4.5 Danforth asked, “What persons have been received as Transitional Local Pastors?” (¶ 521) (V)

Reed read the list of Transitional Local Pastors by name on pages 35-36, because they must be voted on.

<b>Transitional Local Pastor</b>	<b>Current Appointment</b>	<b>Year Received</b>
Don Altom	FMC Hollis / Gould Methodist Church	2022
Steve Bear	Adair Methodist Church / FMC Claremore	2023
Galen Crippen	Ashland Methodist Church	2023
Joseph Grubb	FMC Claremore	2023
Todd Finley	Quinlin Methodist Church	2023
Greg Fletcher	Deerfield Methodist Church / Lydia Church	2023
Rex Allen McDowel	Kirwin Community Methodist Church	2023
Rocky Repp	FMC Mangum	2023
Gene Sharp	Trinity Methodist	2023
Matthew Thompson	Grace Fellowship Church	2023
Steve Wilson	Davis Pathway	2023
Earl Scott Worley	Delaware Methodist Church	2023
Hartlen Coats	Inactive	2023
Maria Foerschler	Inactive	2023
Stephen Romero	Inactive	2023
Tiffany Malone	Inactive	2023
Dwain E Miller	Inactive	2024
Vicki DeRouen-Hough	Inactive	2023

McFall called for an approval vote by a show of hands.

Approved unanimously.

4.6 Danforth asked, “What persons previously received as Transitional Local Pastors are not renewed?” Reed responded that John Goldman was not renewed. The conference journal shows that Goldman discontinued by surrendering the license

4.7 Danforth asked, “What persons have been approved as Supply Pastor?” (§ 512)

Reed referenced the list found in the journal, pages 36 and 37, included herein by reference.

<b>Supply Pastor</b>	<b>Current Appointment</b>	<b>Year Approved</b>
Jeffrey Paul Bales	Still Waters Church	2024
Michael Baughn	Brewster Methodist Church	2023
Garry Bwalya	Otterbein Methodist Church	2025
Mark Compaan	Inactive	2024
Joseph Aaron Costley	Oakton Church	2024
Matthew Ernst	Inactive	2024
Michelle A Hass	Brighton Global Methodist Church	2023
Ricky Henshaw	Gene Autry Methodist Church	2023
Jada Hodgson	Plum Creek Methodist Church	2023
George Tyler Hufford	Genoa MC / Limon MC	2024
Javin Keaton	Springfield MC / Walsh MC	2024
Mary Kudakwashe	Inactive	2025
Pezzy Kudakwashe	Heartland Faith Church	2024
Mark Loftin	Elk City MC / Havana MC	2023
Samuel Lufiyele	Bucklin Bible Fellowship	2023
Norma McNair	McCracken MC / Ransom MC / Arnold MC	2023

Caleb August Mueller	Perryville MC / Crossroads MC	2024
J.L. Nichols	Attica MC / Zenda MC	2023
Teresa Norton	Mannsville Methodist Church	2023
Coty Lee Nguyen	Lamont Methodist Church	2024
Nathan Oneil	Yuma MC	2023
Reece Player	Pawhuska Methodist Church	2023
David Rosales	Inactive	2024
Joshua Simmons	Kanorado Church	2023
David Schmidt	New Beginnings Global Methodist Church	
Jeremy Thomason	Advance Methodist Church	2024
John D Townsend	Ellsinore GMC / Grandin GMC	2024
Russel Vallier	Otterbein Community Church	2023
Sakiusa Vakadewatabua	Sharon Springs Methodist Church	2025
Quintin Robert Wray	Okeene Methodist Church	2023

Danforth pointed out that one correction: Dylan Joseph Cole is removed from this list and is listed elsewhere in the report.

4.8 Danforth asked, “What persons were received as Deacons and are active in the Heartland Conference who have completed all educational requirements, according to 407 Transitional BDD?”

Reed responded that the names are listed in the journal and included by reference:

- Bonny Coats
- Paul David Roman
- Dana Gouge
- Timothy Stone
- Phil Greenwald

4.9 Danforth asked, “What persons were received as Deacons and are active in the Heartland Conference who have education requirements yet to fulfill?” (§ 407 Transitional BDD)

Reed responded that the names are listed in the journal and included by reference:

Lisa Buffum

Rand Burden

Susan Innes

Allen Smith

Charles Littrell

4.10 Danforth asked, “What persons have been approved for ordination as Deacons at this Annual Conference session? Do they have educational requirements remaining to complete?” (§ 407 TBDD)

According to 509.2, each candidate will be voted on individually or as a block and requires two-thirds of the vote for approval.

Candidates were called forward as the names were read.

The BOM recommended that candidates be voted on individually. Each of these candidates is approved by BOM and recommended for approval. McFall called each candidate’s name and called for a show of hands for each candidate. Applause was held for the end.

1. Rachelle Epperson, approved.
2. Stephen Graber, approved.
3. Tyler Wayne Lee, approved.
4. Wanda Litrell, approved.
5. David McGee, approved.
6. Jeri Soens, approved.
7. Joseph Summers, approved.
8. Steve Thomas, approved.
9. Jeramie Herrera, approved.

All candidates were approved unanimously and welcomed with a rousing applause.

Point of Information by McFall, all Deacons have already spent time with Bishop Greenway to answer the historical questions. Further, they will formally answer those questions at a later session in front of the body.

4.11 Danforth asked, “Who are Deacons who have transitioned into the GMC under the provisions of 521.1? (V)?” Reed responded, none.

4.12 Danforth asked, “What persons are inactive Deacons?” (¶ 509)

Reed responded that they are listed in the journal and included here:

James Anthony Lambert

Jeremy Sanders

Stacy Sprinkle

4.13 Danforth asked, “What persons are Senior Deacons?” (¶ 520)

Reed responded that they are listed in the journal and included here:

Connie Cole Jeske

Marcia G. Reed

Charles Edward Littrell

Jim A. Stilwell

Richard David Read

Margery Van Oostrum

4.14 Danforth asked, “What Deacons have applied for Senior Status?” (¶ 517) (V) Reed responded none.

4.15 Danforth asked, “What persons have been received as Elders and are active in the Heartland Conference?” (¶ 510)

Reed responded that the list is in the journal. The list is found on pages 39-40

Danforth corrected, to add Daniel Dennison, who is an Elder.

Tod Anthony	Robert Dart	David Heister
Tim Ashcraft	Gary Davison	Andrew Henson
Dwight Atkinson Jr.	Aaron Duell	Scott Heusel
Jacqueline Banks	Harrison Dush	Susan Higdon
Rick Branson	Cali Eck	Cathy Holley
Lisa Beavers	Brian Faust	John Hollon
D A Bennett	Natalie Faust	Ricky Huggins
James L Brackett	Bruce Ferguson	William Irwin

Stephen Bredesen	Sandra Ferguson	David Johnson
Lester Bussell Jr	Rick Forthman	Joshua Johnson
Dennis Carter	Jonathan Garfield	Donald Jones
Laura Cartwright	Jee Sook Gil	Wally Jones
Isaac Chua	R. Scott Griffin	Rick Just
S Lindsey Clark	John Grimm	Randy Kiel
Cherie Cobb	Maria Grimm	Brad Kirk
Ethen Coble	Michael Guertin	Rodney Krumme
Julius Collins	Barb Hagerla	Puong Ong Lau
Ray Crawford	Wayne Handle	Dennis Linton-Hendrick
Charles Danforth	Barry Hayes	Steven Littrell
David Lloyd Daniel	Wanda Heidemann	Larry Lawman
Caroline Lovett	Jeffrey Rickman	Paul Stephens

T Jacob Maforo	Randall Richards	Joel Thompson
Mark Mann	Meghan Riegerix	Michael Tipton
Mark McAdow	Bradley Riley Eric	Gregory Tolle
Jordan McFall	Rook Les Rye	Thomas Trautman
Stephen Morgan	Hector Sanchez	Timothy Trujillo
Carl Palmer	Wendy Mohler-Seib	Steven Turner
Seung Ho Park	Keith Shank Deanne	Gina Tyler
Dan Patman	Sharp Jimmy	Randall Wade
Linda Pelletier	Shepherd Lyle	William Walkenshaw
Wendelyn Perceful	Shipley	Kevin Watson Mary
David Player		Webster

Amanda Peterson	Kelly Sipes	Daneale White
Ymbar Polanco	Kenneth Smith	Barron Willer
Jeff Ralston	Trevor Smith	Kira Calhoun-Wilson
Daniel Ramey	Chris Sloan	Elizabeth Winger-Young
Kevin Reed	Ted Stapleton	Daniel Dennison

4.16 Danforth asked, “What persons have been approved for ordination as an Elder at this Annual Conference session? (¶ 510.1d) (¾ V) Each candidate will be voted on individually by the Elders.

Candidates were called forward as their names were read. Reed called them by name.

McFall pointed out that Terry Lynn Mayhew asked to be postponed and will be addressed next year.

McFall called for a vote individually by the Elders only. The vote was done by a show of hands, with applause held to the end.

1. Lorna Kay Boden, approved
2. Richard Wayne Cassaday, approved.
3. Joshua Coats, approved.
4. Davidson Cole Fields, approved.
5. Sarah Fotopulos, approved.
6. Michael Vincent Irvine, approved.
7. Kathleen Wyat Leathers, approved.
8. Victor Peterson, approved.
9. William Anderson Stapleton Jr., whose name was read and previously approved by the TLC.
10. Christopher William Stinnett, approved.
11. John Vick, approved.
12. Jamie Willis, approved.
13. John Wesley Young, approved.

All candidates were approved unanimously and welcomed with a round of applause.

After approval, Jordan McFall prayed for the approved Deacons and Elders.

William Anderson Stapleton Jr. was ordained in his home by Bishop Greenway before he passed from this life. He will be honored in prayer later today.

4.17 Elder Transitioned into the GMC under the provisions of 521.1? (V)

Rev. McDaniel stopped reading the report by section and gave a summary of the approvals and transitions that have occurred throughout the year. These are found in the Clergy Session Addendum added to the Journal, read into the record.

Some names listed are Senior Status and were not present.

Reed called those present to come forward by name:

Elders transferred in since last year and approved by the TLC: Darrell Lee Cates, Christopher Lance Tiger, Charles Attis Cox, David Fowler, Marvin Hudson, Travis Muse, David Eldon Karges, Gary Lee Davison, William Paul Guffey, and Linda Kay Grounds.

Approved after January 1, 2025: Sandra Beth Duckworth, Herman Gustav Lambrecht III, and Susan Rice.

Bishop Greenway addressed the clergy delegation about the history of the denomination that got us here and the advice he received from bishops of other denominations who had been through similar splits. Those bishops “walked with a limp” from the wrestling match that they had been through. Greenway advised being gentle to those who arrive early and gracious to all who come late, for all labor in ministry. Bishop Greenway read the call and asked if they had committed to the call and vows of Elders. All responded affirmatively.

The Elders were then received and blessed by the Bishop.

Those approved after January 1, 2025, were approved but not yet been voted on must be voted on and approved by the body today.

McFall corrected to add Susan Rice to 4.17.

Elders: Sandra Beth Duckworth, Herman Gustav Lambrecht III, and Susan Rice.

By a hand vote, all were approved.

Point of Information by Danforth, items in the journal with a “(V)” do require a vote by the body.

4.18 Danforth asked, “What persons are inactive Elders? (§ 510)

Reed responded that the list is in the journal.

Stephen Cagle	William Guffey	Jerry Raab
Richard Calhoun Jr.	Andrew Haire	Daniel Rickman
James Cinocca Jr.	Joel Hamme	Dennis Sillaman
Graeme Collett	Andrew Henson	Christopher Symes

Sandra Duckworth	David Karges	Brett Thomasson
Daniel Eischen	Todd Lovell	Laurence Varvel
Robert Feist	Brian Mangan	
David Forrest	Travis Muse	
Gwenda Freeman	Sei Yoon Park	
Rudolph Freese	Paul Pribil	

4.19 Danforth asked, “What persons are Senior Elders?” (¶ 520)

Reed responded that the list is in the journal.

Sigurd Bjorklund	Michale Hardgrove	Robert Paschal Jr
Paul Blanchard	Robert Harrison	Ronald Perceful
Alayna Bradford-Smith	Stephen Harshaw	Carl Plischke
Darrell Cates	Deb Harvey	Paul Rider
Kenneth Cressman	Gary Haynes	Edward Rousset
Clifton Crockett	James Hill	David Sanders Sr
Adrian Cole	Marvin Hudson	Patricia Ann Smith
Charles Cox Jr.	Thomas Janoski	Wayne Stephens
Nancy Crawl	David Jenkins	Albert Story
Janice Dillard	Randall Jessen	Timothy Thurston
Wayne Fitzgerald	Robert Canary	Christopher Tiger
Alice Fowler	Mike Keating	Thomas Tomlinson
David Fowler	Herman Lambrecht III	John Williamson
Larry Garfield	Beth Ann McLaughlin	
Darrel Grant		

Bonnie Linton-Hendrick (7/1/2025)

4.20 Danforth asked, “What Elders have applied for Senior Status?” (¶ 517)

Reed read the names Kevin Barron, Jan McDaniel, and Susan Rice

They were called forward.

Jordan called for a block vote by a show of hands. Approved unanimously.

Danforth prayed for these Senior Elders.

4.21 Danforth asked, “What persons have been approved as Valid Deacon in the conference? (¶ 517)

Reed answered none

4.22 Danforth asked, “What persons have been approved as Valid Elders in the conference? (¶ 517)

Reed referred to the list on page 42, adding Dylan Cole.

Corrected list:

Kim Martin

Eddie Gene Rhodes

Dylan Cole

4.23 Danforth asked, “What clergy have been endorsed by the GMC for chaplaincy ministries in a non-parish setting?” (¶ 513)

Reed read the names:

Dana E Gouge

Stephen Morgan

4.24 Danforth asked, “What clergy have been appointed to ministries beyond the local church?” (¶ 610.9)

Reed referred to the list, adding: Paul David Roman, and Aaron Duell

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Appointment</b>
Daniel Dennison	Horizons Stewardship
Dana Gouge	Chaplain - KC Hospice & Palliative Care
Phil Greenwald	Mid-American Christian University
Susan Innes	Chaplain - Devorss & Hillside Funeral Homes
Wendy Mohler-Seib	Friends University
Stephen Morgan	Robert J. Dole VA Medical Center Chaplain
Gina Tyler	KU Med Chaplain
Kevin Watson	Asbury Seminary - Tulsa Campus
Paul David Roman	
Aaron Duell	Chaplaincy, Salina Hospice

4.25 What persons have been transferred to other GMC conferences? (¶ 607)

Clergy	Status	Conference Transferred To
J. Augusto Dr. Sarria-Anaya	TBO Elder	Trinity
Matthew Hunter Patman Fountain	Supply Pastor	Trinity
Susan Huguley Harrison	TBO Elder	Great Lakes
Ilho Lim	Elder	Korean American
Tae Won Won Son	Elder	Korean American
Myungchul Song	Elder	Korean American

4.26 What persons have been received by transfer from other GMC conferences? (¶ 607)

**None**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

4.27 What clergy have taken a voluntary leave of absence? (¶ 417.1; ¶ 417.2 Transitional BDD)

Clergy	Ordained Status
Kim Shank	Elder
Brett Thomasson	Elder

4.28 What clergy have returned from a voluntary leave of absence? (¶ 518.1; 518.2)

**None**

4.29 What clergy have been placed on *Involuntary leave of absence*? (¶ 417.4; ¶ 417.5 TBDD)

**None**

4.30 What clergy previously on *Involuntary leave of absence* have been reinstated? (¶ 518.1; 518.2)

**None**

**DISCONTINUED/LEAVE**

4.31 What candidates for ordination have been discontinued?

**None**

4.32 What Supply Pastors have been discontinued?

<b>Supply Pastor</b>	<b>How Discontinued</b>
Rafael Humberto Cortez	Withdrawn
David Eckert	Retired
Angelo Gonzalez	Withdrawn
Brian Ipati Onduso	Withdrawn
Maya Nicole Samuel Opati	Withdrawn
Dawson Philip Roesch	Withdrawn

4.33 What Deacons have had their clergy status terminated?

Yvonne Buchanan

4.34 What Elders have had their clergy status terminated?

<b>Elder</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>How Terminated</b>
Matthew Johnson	Inactive	Withdrawn
Mathew Judkins	Inactive	Withdrawn
Todd Martin Lovell	Inactive	Withdrawn
Josheua Blanchard	Inactive	Withdrawn

4.35 Which clergy have passed from this life to life eternal in the past year?

Corrected list: Robert Harmon and William "Bill" Stapleton.

Corrected list: Robert Harmon and William “Bill” Stapleton.

The clergy delegation paused to pray for these clergy who have been promoted by the Lord to the realm of glory, and whom we will see again someday.

McFall spoke about their ministries and legacy. Stapleton’s son, Ted Stapleton, was recognized.

### **Concluding remarks**

Jordan McFall recognized Larry Danforth for all the work that BOM has done this year and throughout the transition the past two years. Larry will be rolling off the BOM at the end of the year. The body appreciated Danforth with a warm round of applause.

Bishop Greenway spoke about the challenges of the BOM, which had to build processes from scratch. He reminded the clergy of the power of asking young people if they would consider the call to ministry. Through asking, he has had 29 young people answer that call to ministry. We have opportunities around us, and we have to ask.

We had a time of prayer, and Bishop asked people to write down the names of people that God brings to mind who may be ready for a conversation about ministry. Greenway challenged pastors to have those conversations in the next week when they return home.

### **5. Worship Time**

The body enjoyed a brief worship, singing Trust in Jesus.

### **6. Moment of Privilege - Parting Words**

Rev. Natalie Faust, Presiding Elder, is moving to Monroe, LA. Natalie explained her move to Louisiana. Faust told the story of Leigh Joiner, the first female clergy ordained in Louisiana in the 1940s. Faust recognized and encouraged all of the women in ministry in the Heartland.

McFall recognized Faust for all that she has done for the Heartland.

### **7. Announcements**

Badges have a QR code and login information on the back. If you have issues logging in, see the Secretary, who will have some assistants helping people log in. There are also loaner tablets available.

### **8. Benediction**

Faust gave a benediction prayer.

9. Agenda Correction - Approve Personal Leave Policy

McFall explained that this item was published in the Journal as an agenda item. There is not yet a policy to approve, so the item is removed from the agenda.

Meeting adjourned.

# 2025 Heartland Annual Conference

## Meeting Minutes

5/30/2025 10:00 AM

Friday Morning Clergy and Lay General Conference Voting Session

### 1. Call to Worship

Rev. Brad Dush called the meeting to order and issued a call to worship.

### 2. Announcements

Secretary Allen Smith gave information about VPoll, the voting software that will be used for the election of General Conference Delegates. Voting members need to use either their own smartphone or get a loaner tablet. Login information is printed on each member's name tag. Login support is available.

### 3. Worship Time

The worship team opened our Friday morning time together with praise and worship music.

### 4. Prayer

For the Heartland Prayer Team, Rev. David Player shared scripture and a time of prayer to begin our time together.

### 5. Moment of Privelege:

Bishop Greenway took time to pray for Rev. Steve Bredisen, who was having a recurrence of malaria, so we took time to pray for him.

Bishop Greenway also took time to introduce his wife, Beth, who attended to be part of our Annual Conference.

### Special Announcements and Guest Speaker

Greenway recognized members of the Heartland who also serve on the general commissions, including Tyson Hines, who serves on the General Committee on Episcopacy, and Bridget Kirk, the administrator who keeps things running smoothly in the Heartland office. She also serves on the General Commission on General Conference, planning the conference in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Bishop Greenway introduced Matthew Conover, who serves as Treasurer and Executive Director of Finance for the GMC. Conover addressed the conference briefly about God accomplishing his will in His kingdom and inviting us to come along in building that kingdom.

Greenway also recognized Cara Nicholas, a member of the connectional council.

### 6. Round 0 – Sample Question

Secretary Allen Smith gave instructions for voting, the use of loaner tablets, and the need to come to a microphone for all motions, seconds, and discussions.

Before opening the voting portion for clergy, there was a time of technical support and questions to ensure that all voting members were connected to the vote software on their phones or had a loaner tablet provided by the conference. Secretary Smith reviewed the voting procedures and explained the sample question as a test of the system. Smith is rooting for John Wesley and provided Bishop Greenway with a pair of John Wesley socks.

A Sample Vote was taken for your favorite Wesley: John Wesley, Charles Wesley, or Susanna Wesley.

Once again, John Wesley is the favorite, winning 55%. Susanna placed second with 29%, followed by Charles with 16%.

The sample confirmed that all 266 members were able to vote.

## 7. **Round 1 - Clergy**

During the first round of voting, only clergy are to vote for a total of 10 names for General Conference Delegates. There are to be six main delegates, two alternates, and two reserves. Withdrawals: Rev. Cali Eck, Rev. Michael Guertin, and Rev. Natalie Faust have withdrawn from consideration for candidacy.

After voting opened, Secretary Smith and others provided technical assistance for all who needed help with the voting process. Once all members had voted, Greenway closed the ballot. The clergy were able to elect a slate on the first round of voting.

Clergy Results:

Main Delegates:

1. McFall McFall
2. Ray Crawford
3. Rick Just
4. DA Bennet
5. Jamie Willis
6. Joshua Johnson

Alternates

7. Elizabeth Winger Young
8. Susan Innes

Reserves:

9. David Daniel

10. Bradley Kirk

**8. Round 2 - Lay Delegates**

During the first round of voting, the lay members are voting for a total of 10 names for General Conference Delegates. There are to be six main delegates, two alternates, and two reserves.

After a prayer by Bishop Greenway, the ballot was opened for electronic voting. Again, time was allowed for technical support for the voting process. Once all support issues were resolved, Greenway closed the ballot. A full slate was elected in the first round of voting.

**RESULTS:**

**Main Delegates**

1. Holly Joy

2. Cara Nicklas

3. Allison Woods

4. Everjoyce Madzinga

5. Tyson Heins

**6. TIE VOTE:**

William Bill Brown – 89 votes

Richard Croll – 89 votes

**Alternates**

7.

8. Paul Reed

**Reserves**

9. Mathew Jones

10. Christin Dush

Bishop Greenway invited all elected clergy and laity delegates to come to the altar rail, to kneel and be blessed during a time of prayer. The members of the conference were invited to lay hands on the delegates. Greenway blessed them and anointing to be upon them for their service as delegates to the General Conference.

After the blessing, it was brought to the attention of the Bishop that we had a tie, which required a tiebreaker vote.

#### 9. **Round 3 – tie vote breaker**

The previous round resulted in a tie between Bill Brown and Richard Croll. This round, lay members will vote for one name.

Results:

1. William Brown, 66 votes, elected as the 6th Main delegate.
2. Richard Croll, 56 votes, elected as Alternate delegate.

William Brown is selected as the main delegate, Richard Croll will serve as an Alternate. Both will travel to Africa as part of the General Conference.

This ends the electronic voting process for this session.

Bishop Greenway turned the meeting over to Superintendent McFall for the remaining business of the Conference.

#### 10. **Board of Ministry (BOM) report by Larry Danforth**

The BOM report is found on pages 32-33 of the Conference Journal. The BOM has made many changes and adaptations as the Heartland went from being a Provisional Annual Conference to being an Annual Conference. Danforth gave remarks about the report, including some updates and additions as follows.

Rev. Larry Danforth and Rev. Paul Reed presented the report from BOM found on page 32. Danforth recognized all members of the BOM and thanked them for their ongoing work, meeting monthly. There is also a sub-group for the lay ministry training. Danforth will roll off of BOM, and Jamie Willis will start as chair on June 1, 2025.

McFall received the report as written and thanked the BOM for their service.

#### 11. **Leadership Nominations Report by Steve Littrell**

Steve Littrell gave the Leadership Nominations as printed on pages 45-47 of the Journal. Littrell explained that Leadership is not one of the sexy teams, but instead works all year to fill positions of leadership and service on all the boards and committees, according to the BODD. All of the boards and committees have term limits.

Note about committee lists and names:

An \* asterisk means that person will begin their second term.

A \*\* double asterisk means that the person starts serving immediately.

The Committee on Investigation (COI) has three spots listed as TBS.  
As an update, please add:

- Gregg Tolle – OK Clergy\*\*
- Chris Koehn – OK Laity\*\*

The Heartland currently only has three vacant positions, which are recent changes. The team has worked hard to call and nominate people for positions.

This list of committees and nominations comes as a motion from the committee. McFall called for a vote by hand. The nominations were approved unanimously.

## 12. Finance & Administration (F&A) – Continued from yesterday.

Chair Brad Kirk presented the report yesterday and returned to answer questions.

### A. Proposed 2025-2026 Budget, Page 28.

- a. Items B, C & D on page 10 come as a motion from F&A. second by Jeff Bales.
  - B. Connectional Funding remains at 3% local and 1% general fund.
  - C. Fiscal Year Change July to June
  - D. Proposed 2025-26 Budget

### b. AMENDMENT to Item D Proposed 2025-26 Budget:

There was an Amendment that was tabled on Thursday as we adjourned.

Previous Amendment: Jeff Rickman proposed an amendment to increase the line for programming ministries for church planting, from \$25,000 to \$150,000, and increase the missional partnership from \$97,500 to \$150,000. The motion to amend was not seconded during the previous session. Rickman asked McFall if it needed to be split into two items. McFall recommended a division of the question. Rickman withdrew and reintroduced the motions as follows.

Jeffery Rickman moved to bring it back to the floor. Second by Joseph Seal.

- i. Jeff Rickman reintroduced the subject and separated his amendment to increase the money set aside for programming ministries and planting churches. Increase the line for programming from \$25,000 to \$150,000. Daniel Rickman seconded the amendment.
- ii. Jeff Rickman discussed the line item and the need for increased funding for church plants and other programming ministries.
- iii. McFall asked for clarification of where the money would come from. Rickman answered that if we go over our connectional funding as it comes in, then this amount of \$125,000 would be pulled from reserves.
- iv. Discussion and further action:

1. Holly Joy made a motion to table the amendment. Second by Trevor Smith.
2. Discussion: In recognition of our joint desire to plant churches and also save money at the beginning of our Conference, Holly Joy recommends forming a commission to establish best practices for these ministries. Holly Joy recommends that Jeffery Rickman sit on that committee, along with others with experience in church plants and a member of Finance and Administration. Point of order on the Motion to table by Kevin Reed.
3. Robert's Rules require that no items die by being tabled, but must be referred. Holly Joy amended her motion to table and wanted to change it
4. to a motion to form a commission as described above.
5. This leaves the amendment by Rickman with an additional pending motion. As a path forward, the Bishop recommended that Joy rescind her motions. Joy rescinded the motion. The Second by Trevor Smith agreed.
- 6.
7. Holly Joy moved that her recommendation be referred to the Conference Leadership Council for the formation of a Church Planting task force. The Task Force will bring a comprehensive plan to the 2026 Annual Conference. Second by Susan Innes.
  - a. Debate Motion to Refer: 2 speeches for, 2 against.
  - b. Chris Tiger, Senior clergy, spoke for. Tiger serves as chair of church planting and wants to be part of the task force.
  - c. Daniel Rickman, clergy, gave a speech against the formation of a task force to avoid duplication of the existing committee.
  - d. Richard Croll, clergy, spoke for referral. He said that passing a budget that is above what is projected would not be wise and prudent. He is against increasing the budget and for referring to a new committee, so that we can “teach churches to fish” or plant churches.
  - e. Cody Nguyen, from Lamont, spoke against the referral to the task force. Nguyen is against pulling from the surplus reserves.
  - f. Point of Information: Tyson Heins, from Olpe, KS, reminded the body of BODD Paragraph 207, that one of the responsibilities of the Annual Conference is planting and chartering churches through sponsorship by existing churches.
  - g. Point of information: Isaac Chua, Wellington, KS, asked who is responsible for managing line-item spending? Not relevant to the motion at hand.

- h. Kira Calhoun, clergy from Ardmore, OK, motion to end debate.  
Second by Joshua Johnson.
  - i. Vote by a show of hands. Approved.
- i. Vote to approve referring to the Conference Leadership Council for the formation of a Church Planting task force.
  - i. Vote by a show of hands.
  - ii. Motion to Refer was Approved.
- j. Bishop Greenway stepped down from the meeting, leaving the business to McFall.

MOTION – Jeffery Rickman, clergy from Nowata.

- c. Jeff proposed the other part of his amendment, now a separate item, as follows:  
Adjust the budget to increase the Missional Partnership from \$97,500 to \$150,000. Funding will come from our connectional funding as it comes in, but if we go over budget, then this additional amount of \$52,500 would be pulled from reserves. Second by Johnny Tucker.
  - i. Jeffery Rickman spoke for the amendment.
  - ii. Point of Information by Brad Kirk: Currently, churches give \$350 each to the connection funding, which is specifically going to this Missional Partnership fund. Some churches give more as they are able. These are designated funds. This is already being funded above \$97,500.
  - iii. Kira Calhoun-Wilson spoke against the amendment.
  - iv. Tracy Cummins, Ardmore 1<sup>st</sup> laity. Speech against, stating that churches can already give, and the budget does not need to be adjusted.
  - v. Randy Kiel, clergy, spoke against.
  - vi. Motion to call the question was made by Larry Daniel, which was seconded by Buck Linton-Hendrick.
    - 1. Vote to call the question. Approved.
- d. Vote on the amendment by hand. The Amendment failed.

### 13. Adjournment for Lunch

McFall prayed for our lunch.  
Items on the table will be addressed in the next meeting session.  
Adjourned for lunch at noon.

**5/30/2025 1:00 PM**

**Friday Afternoon Business Session**

**14. Reconvening Announcements**

Superintendent McFall wore his jacket, which was a gift from Rev. Anebasou and the church in Africa, as a reminder of our international partnerships.

**15. Worship**

Roscoe Crawford led a brief time of worship and prayer.

Secretary Allen Smith reminded people to return tablets. All tablets were returned to the vendor.

Secretary Smith gave a special thanks to Davidson Fields, John Vick, and Bridget Kirk for helping with electronic voting support during the morning session.

We have Disaster Response Volunteer t-shirts available for sale. Joshua Johnson can facilitate ordering shirts in bulk for volunteer teams. Proceeds help with disaster relief and help easily identify team members assisting during a disaster.

Rev. McFall prayed for our time together.

**16. Finance and Administration (F&A) Continued.**

**Before us: Items B, C & D on page 10 come as a motion from F&A. Seconded by Jeff Bales.**

**B. Connectional Funding remains at 3% local and 1% general fund.**

**C. Fiscal Year Change July to June**

**D. Proposed 2025-26 Budget**

**These reports and the budget come as a motion from Brad Kirk. 2nd by Rick Just.**

A. Joshua Johnson, clergy, moved to call the question for all that is before us. Second by Buck Linton-Hendrick.

a. Calling the question will end the debate. Normally, each item receives two speeches for and two against; however, we have had enthusiastic debate and discussions over the budget yesterday and this morning. This call ends further debate, including waiving two for and two against.

b. McFall called for a vote by hand.

c. Calling the question passed.

B. The vote to approve Items B, C, and D was done by a show of hands.

C. Items B, C, and D passed with one vote against.

#### **17. F&A Recommended Compensation**

F&A recommends an increase of \$1,000 per year in recommended pastor compensation. This is not a requirement. This comes as a motion from F&A. No one came forward for debate or discussion.

McFall asked for a vote by hand. The recommendation passed unanimously.

All items from F&A are complete.

McFall prayed a blessing for the finances and culture of generosity in the conference for the glory of the kingdom.

Point of information, we are on page 14 of the agenda.

#### **18. Oklahoma Wesleyan University (OKWU)**

We enjoyed a short video about OKWU. Dr. James Dunn, President of OKWU, addressed the body.

#### **19. Historic Questions of the Ordinands**

Bishop Greenway called all ordinands forward to answer John Wesley's historic questions before the body before their ordination tomorrow. After the ordinands answered the questions, Greenway prayed a blessing over them.

#### **20. Prayer Ministries Report**

Allison Woods presented a report from the Heartland Prayer team, chaired by Rev. David Player and Allison Woods. Woods recognized all in the room who had been part of the prayer team. Woods equated prayer in the church with being a healthy heart in the human body. Let us be heart-healthy in the Heartland.

#### **21. Camping Ministries Report**

Rev. Cali Eck shared the exciting things that are happening as churches across the Heartland are joining together to host children and youth summer camps. The Heartland has approved Camping Ministries Policies to promote safe opportunities for young people to learn about Christ. Eck recognized the leaders who have volunteered their time to write this policy to promote doctrine and polity that align with the Global Methodist Church. Trevor Smith spoke from the floor to support the influence of camping ministries in the life of the church.

#### **22. Recognition of Ministries and Partners**

We enjoyed a short video on Disaster Response by Rev. Joshua Johnson.

The video from One Child could not be shared today due to technical problems, but it will be posted to social media or emailed to the conference. McFall introduced John from One Child and discussed the ministry they do in Zimbabwe.

McFall recognized and invited those members to stand for recognition.

#### **New Churches –**

- Hooker Wesleyan, OK
- Woodward First Methodist Church, OK
- StarStone Fellowship, in Parker, CO
- First Church of Foyil, OK

#### **Church Plants –**

- New Creation Norman, OK has been chartered!
- New Hope, Tishomingo, OK
- Still Waters Church, Stillwater, OK
- Connections Church, Lone Grove, OK
- Grace Global Methodist Church of Sikeston, MO
- Global Methodist Church of Canada

McFall invited all to stand and prayed a blessing for these new churches.

### **23. Missions Report**

Rev. John Hollon, chair of the Mission Team, started by recognizing the Mission Team as one of the sexy teams in the conference. Hollon recognized all of the members who have dedicated time this year. Hollon explained the partnering nature and goals of the mission team to help connect local churches with the mission field.

### **24. International Partnership Discussion Panel**

Hollon called Jacob Mafaro, our first missionary, to give an update on the mission work in Zimbabwe. Mafaro addressed the conference, thanked them for partnering, and gave an update on the ministry. Mafaro talked about the role in missions of the senders, the payers, and those who go. Each role is important to the mission.

McFall, Hollon, and the assembly prayed for Mafaro. So far, our offering has gathered over \$5,000 to help Jacob's mission.

Hollon shared a video from Rev. Dr. Anbessu in Ethiopia. Anbessu's goal is to plant 100 churches per year, with a goal of 500 new churches in 5 years. When they organized as a conference, they had 137 churches. Anbessu addressed the conference, and McFall called the prayer team to come and pray for Anbessu and the ministry.

Hollon invited Rev. Forbes from Zimbabwe to share about his ministry. They have watched the progressive agenda change their previous denomination's annual conference. They now have 62 congregations and 31 pastors applying to the Global Methodist denomination. Their convening conference will be on August 28, 2025. McFall called the prayer team to come and pray for Forbes and the ministry.

Zimbabwe trip dates: Aug 24-Sept 2, 2025. Contact John Hollon for more information.

Wayne Handle, clergy, made a suggestion from the floor that Rev. Forbes and Rev. Dr. Anbessu pray for all of us in the Heartland before we close. They both prayed beautiful, heartfelt prayers for the Heartland and all our mission work together in the future.

### **Closing Worship**

A Special Offering for International Partnerships was gathered during the final worship.

### **Adjournment**

Superintendent McFall moved to adjourn at 4:10 PM.

The business meeting adjourned with a hearty "Amen" by all present.

The evening worship will start 10 minutes late at 4:40 to allow for a reasonable break.

Rev. Dr. Othello will be preaching this evening.

*ETHIOPIA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING*

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)**

Between Heartland Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church,  
Great Lakes Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church,  
and Ethiopia Nazrawiyan Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church

**PERIOD OF AGREEMENT**

January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

**PARTIES**

1. Heartland Annual Conference (HAC), comprising Global Methodist churches in Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma in the United States of America in North America
2. Great Lakes Annual Conference (GLAC), comprising Global Methodist churches in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin in the United States of America in North America
3. Ethiopia Nazrawiyan Annual Conference (ENAC), comprising Global Methodist churches in Ethiopia in Africa

**PURPOSE**

This MOU establishes a framework for partnership and transitional support between HAC, GLAC, and ENAC to strengthen the Global Methodist Church's ministry work in Ethiopia.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

WHEREAS, this MOU is established as a transitional assistance agreement with the preferred objective of moving away from a conference-to-conference and instead developing direct church-to-church and district-to-district partnership between the parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Partnership Development:** The parties acknowledge and agree that this transitional assistance arrangement is intended to facilitate the development of a sustainable self-governing Global Methodist Annual Conference in Ethiopia.
2. **Funding Contingencies:** The financial commitments outlined below in this MOU for this period are contingent upon the successful receipt of designated funds from contributing HAC and GLAC local churches.
3. **Limited Guarantee:** Notwithstanding any other provision in this MOU, the parties acknowledge and agree that, in the event of a shortfall in collections from local churches, HAC and GLAC cannot and do not guarantee the full disbursement of the specified funding amounts, despite best efforts to secure such funds.

## **ETHIOPIA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **SECTION I: CONFERENCE SUPPORTED PROJECTS**

*The following projects are supported through HAC and GLAC Conference funds. Total Conference Support: \$104,850 USD*

#### **1. Pastoral Annual Training Conference**

Equipping leaders for effective ministry is a core pillar of ENAC's strategy. Regular training will strengthen pastors, elders, and ministry leaders in theological understanding, church administration, worship, and discipleship.

##### **Support Details:**

- **Conference Support for Year: \$12,500 USD**
- Payment will be made by February 15, 2026
- Coverage: Facilitator travel, lodging, materials, and logistics

##### **Performance Metrics:**

- Number of pastors and leaders trained
- Number and quality of training sessions held
- Content and follow-up activities

#### **2. ENAC GMC Annual National Revival Conference**

The National Revival Conference is one of the most impactful annual gatherings of ENAC. Its purpose is to proclaim the Gospel to unbelievers, strengthen the faith of believers, and foster unity and encouragement among ministers and congregations across Ethiopia.

##### **Support Details:**

- **Conference Support for the Year: \$29,200 USD**
- Payment will be made by February 15, 2026

#### **3. Emergency Support**

In times of crisis, ENAC will conduct rapid assessments and closely monitor the living and health conditions of pastors, elders, and members. This fund provides critical assistance during natural disasters, health emergencies, and other unforeseen circumstances.

##### **Support Details:**

- **Conference Support for the Year: \$10,000 USD** annual emergency fund
- 5-day response time after sent to HAC and GLAC Conference Superintendents and Missions Chairs
- Impact report due within 60 days of fund disbursement
- Payments will be made as funding becomes available

#### **4. Conference Superintendent's Support**

The Conference Superintendent provides spiritual oversight, administrative leadership, and strategic coordination of ENAC

##### **Support Details:**

- **Conference Support Total for the Year: \$30,000 USD**
- Payments will be made quarterly on March 1, 2026, April 1, 2026, July 1, 2026, and October 1, 2026

## **ETHIOPIA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **Reporting:**

- ENAC Superintendent will submit a quarterly ministry report on his activities and ENAC financial reports by the payment date

### **5. Church Visiting Ministry**

ENAC has a strong tradition of church visitation, encouraging and strengthening congregations across all districts. ENAC will conduct three structured church visits annually (approximately every four months).

#### **Support Details:**

- **Conference Support for the Year: \$15,500 USD**
- Covers travel (\$10,100) and lodging (\$5,400)
- Payments will be made by July 1, 2026

#### **Implementation:**

- Two leaders (including presiding elders and full-time ministers) are appointed for each visit
- Quarterly impact reports summarizing visits, outcomes, and lessons learned

### **6. Children's and Women's Ministry Support**

The Women's Ministry empowers women through Bible studies, prayer groups, and leadership development. The Children's Ministry nurtures spiritual growth through engaging lessons and participation in worship.

#### **Support Details:**

- **Annual Conference Support for the Year: \$7,650 USD**
- Payments will be made by October 1, 2026

### **7. GLAC and HAC Annual Conference Session Support**

HAC and GLAC Missions Chairs to receive requests for travel to their respective annual conference sessions, which are approved at an amount within their conferences' budget.

### **Conference Support Summary**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Pastoral Annual Training Conference	\$12,500
ENAC GMC Annual National Revival Conference	\$29,200
Emergency Support	\$10,000
National-Level Coordinators' and Superintendent's Support	\$30,000
Church Visiting Ministry	\$15,500
Children's and Women's Ministry Support	\$7,650
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$104,850</b>

**TOTAL CONFERENCE SUPPORT: \$104,850 USD**

## **ETHIOPIA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **SECTION II: LOCAL CHURCH SUPPORTED CORE PROJECTS**

*The following projects are supported through direct partnerships with HAC and GLAC local churches. These represent priority, baseline commitments which will be funded first and in full before any funding is directed to Section III. Total Local Church Support: \$88,000 USD*

#### **1. Pastor and Family Support Program**

HAC and GLAC commit to providing financial support for 160 pastor families in the ENAC through direct local church partnerships.

##### **Support Details:**

- Annual stipend amount: \$300 USD per family (\$25/month)
- Distribution method: Funds transferred directly to ENAC's national bank account for local distribution
- Payments will be made quarterly as funding becomes available
- **Local Church Support: \$48,000 USD**

##### **Reporting Requirements:**

- Final roster and profiles of supported pastors due by January 30, 2026
- Quarterly impact reports due April 15, July 15, October 15, and January 15
- Annual financial audit completed by March 1, 2027

#### **2. Jesus Film, Evangelism, and Church Planting**

The Jesus Film Evangelism Ministry has been one of ENAC's most effective tools for reaching unreached communities with the Gospel. This ministry uses both small and large equipment to conduct evangelism and church planting campaigns, leading many to Christ in remote areas.

##### **Support Details:**

- **Local Church Support: \$40,000 USD**
- Payments will be made quarterly on March 15, 2026, June 15, 2026, September 15, 2026, and December 15, 2026
- Duration: January - December 2026

##### **Reporting Requirements:**

- Quarterly reports detailing team activities, areas reached, and financial utilization (January, March, July, and September)

#### **Section II – Core Local Church Support Summary**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Pastor and Family Support Program	\$48,000
Jesus Film, Evangelism, and Church Planting	\$40,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$88,000</b>

**TOTAL CORE LOCAL CHURCH SUPPORT: \$88,000 USD**

## **ETHIOPIA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

### **SECTION III: ADDITIONAL LOCAL CHURCH SUPPORTED PROJECTS**

*Projects in this section will be funded only after Sections I and II have been fully funded, and as additional local church or individual contributions become available, or when a church or donor feels specifically called to support one or more of the initiatives below. These projects represent strategic expansion opportunities that deepen impact, accelerate growth, and respond to specific ministry needs as resources allow. They are not guaranteed, but we pray for God to provide abundantly more than we ask or imagine. Total Local Church Support: \$153,400 USD*

#### **1. Pastor and Family Support Program (Additional Expansion)**

In addition to the core commitment outlined in Section II, this expansion would provide support for an additional 140 pastors and their families—moving ENAC toward the goal of supporting 300 pastor families and planting 100 new churches annually.

##### **Support Details:**

- Annual stipend amount: \$300 USD per family (\$25/month)
- 140 additional pastors and their families
- Payments will be made quarterly as funding becomes available
- **Local Church Support: \$42,000 USD**

#### **2. Jesus Film Equipment and Supplies**

In addition to the \$40,000 Jesus Film, Evangelism, and Church Planting support in Section II, this funding provides for Jesus Film equipment and supplies to expand outreach capacity and reach more unreached communities with the Gospel.

##### **Support Details:**

- **Local Church Support: \$20,000 USD**
- Payments will be made quarterly as funding becomes available
- Duration: January - December 2026

#### **3. New Rural Churches Support**

As ENAC continues its church planting movement, support will be tailored to rural contexts to reach remote communities with the Gospel. This funding assists newly planted rural congregations with essential resources for worship, outreach, and community building.

##### **Support Details:**

- **Local Church Support: \$34,000 USD**
- Payments will be made quarterly as funding becomes available
- Duration: January - December 2026

#### **4. New Urban Churches Support**

Support for church planting in urban areas where ministry opportunities are growing. Urban churches face unique challenges, including higher costs and rapidly changing demographics, requiring targeted support for sustainable growth.

##### **Support Details:**

- **Local Church Support: \$18,200 USD**

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### **5. Pastoral Training and Education Program**

This program provides ongoing theological education and professional development for ENAC pastors, strengthening their capacity for effective ministry leadership.

#### **Support Details:**

- **Local Church Support: \$19,200 USD**
- Covers venue, materials, participant travel, accommodation, and meals
- Payments will be made quarterly as funding becomes available

#### **Reporting:**

- Yearly training plans submitted in advance
- Quarterly impact reports (January, March, July, and September)

### **6. Motorcycles for Ministry Outreach**

Transportation is critical for church growth and evangelism, especially in rural areas. The 10 motorcycles previously donated by the Great Lakes Annual Conference have been a tremendous asset for reaching remote communities.

#### **Planned Support:**

- 10 new motorcycles will be purchased and distributed annually
- Cost per motorcycle: \$2,000 USD, including transportation and legal certification
- **Local Church Support: \$20,000 USD**
- Payments will be made when funding becomes available

#### **Selection Criteria:**

- Presiding elders with at least 5 years of rural ministry experience
- Responsible for at least 3 congregations

#### **Documentation:**

- Quarterly utilization and impact reports (January, March, July, and September)

### **Section III – Additional Local Church Support Summary**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Pastor and Family Support Program (Additional Expansion)	\$42,000
Jesus Film Equipment and Supplies (Additional Expansion)	\$20,000
New Rural Churches Support	\$34,000
New Urban Churches Support	\$18,200
Pastoral Training and Education Program	\$19,200
Motorcycles for Ministry Outreach	\$20,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$153,400</b>

**TOTAL ADDITIONAL LOCAL CHURCH SUPPORT: \$153,400 USD**

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### **COMBINED FUNDING SUMMARY**

<b>Funding Source</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Conference Support (Section I)	\$104,850
Core Local Church Support (Section II) – See Limited Guarantee Section	\$88,000
Additional Local Church Support (Section III) – See Limited Guarantee Section	\$153,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$346,250</b>

**TOTAL 2026 COMMITMENT: \$346,250 USD**

### **FUTURE FUNDING**

Funding for individual church partnerships will flow from participating Heartland and Great Lakes churches to the Heartland and Great Lakes Annual Conferences, and then to the Ethiopian Annual Conference. We envision the ENAC will train its pastors to preach and teach stewardship and implement the expectation of connectional giving from its local churches to the ENAC at 3% of local church tithes, gifts and offerings in support of conference self-sustainability.

**Each year, funding will be evaluated between HAC, GLAC, and ENAC. Over the course of nine years, HAC and GLAC funding will gradually decrease to zero, with an annual reduction from the initial funding level. This planned reduction aligns with the GM Church in Ethiopia's sustainability goal.**

### **REPORTING AND COMMUNICATION**

- Quarterly written reports on program implementation
- Quarterly video conferences between leadership teams
- Annual in-person evaluation meeting

### **MODIFICATION**

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**SIGNATURES**

**Heartland Annual Conference**

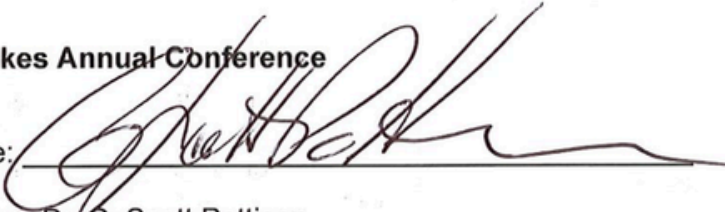
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Name: Rev. Rick Just

Title: Dean of Cabinet

Date: Mon 3 2026

**Great Lakes Annual Conference**


Signature: 

Name: Rev. Dr. G. Scott Pattison

Title: Conference Superintendent

Date: March 3, 2026

**Ethiopia Nazrawiyan Annual Conference**

Signature: 

Name: Rev. Dr. Anbessu Tolla

Title: Conference Superintendent

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between the Heartland Annual Conference and Zimbabwe Provisional Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

## PERIOD OF AGREEMENT

August 31st, 2025 - August 30, 2026

## PARTIES

1. Heartland Annual Conference (HAC), comprising churches in Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, Southern Nebraska, and Canada in North America
  - Number of Churches= 209
  - Number of Pastors= Active 174 Inactive 53 Senior Status 60
  - Annual Budget= \$851,500
  - Missional Partnership Funds= \$85,000 (\$35,000 Zimbabwe/\$35,000 other partner, \$15k for travel and other unexpected expenses)
2. Zimbabwe Provisional Annual Conference (ZPAC)
  - Number of Churches= 60
  - Number of Pastors= 40
  - Annual Budget= \$70,000

## PURPOSE

This MOU establishes a framework for partnership and support between HAC and ZPAC to strengthen the Global Methodist Church's ministry work in Zimbabwe.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

WHEREAS, this MOU is established as a transitional assistance agreement while also developing a direct church-to-church partnership between the parties;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Partnership Development:** The parties acknowledge and agree that this transitional assistance arrangement is intended to facilitate the development of a sustainable church-to-church partnership between HAC and ZPAC churches that may or may not include financial commitments in the future.

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- 2.Funding Contingencies:** The financial commitments outlined below in this MOU for this period are contingent upon the successful receipt of designated funds from contributing HAC local churches. With that in mind, a) HAC shall exercise reasonable efforts to collect and distribute the designated funds as outlined in this agreement. b) While HAC commits to undertaking diligent efforts to secure the specified funding through its local church network, the parties expressly acknowledge that the actual distribution of funds is contingent upon successful collection from contributing HAC churches.
- 3.Limited Guarantee:** Notwithstanding any other provision in this MOU, the parties acknowledge and agree that, in the event of a shortfall in collections from local churches, HAC cannot and does not guarantee the full disbursement of the specified funding amounts, despite best efforts to secure such funds.

## **TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

### **1. Superintendency**

HAC Churches commit to:

- Provide financial support for Superintendent Welfare in the ZPAC
  - In the amount of \$6,000.00
- Provide financial support for Superintendent Travel in the ZPAC
  - In the amount of \$3,000.00
- Provide financial support for Superintendent Office Supplies in the ZPAC
  - In the amount of \$2,400.00
- Reporting Requirements:
  - Final detailed budget breakdown of funds due by September 15, 2025
  - Quarterly impact reports due by the 15th of January (this is specific to previous year), April, July, and October
  - Annual financial audit completed by March 1, 2026

### **2.Zimbabwe Conference Office**

HAC commits to:

- Provide financial support for Office Secretary in the ZPAC
  - In the amount of \$3,600.00
- Provide financial support for Office Rental in the ZPAC
  - In the amount of \$6,000.00
- Provide financial support for Office Deposit in the ZPAC
  - In the amount of \$500.00

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### **3. Convening Annual Conference**

#### HAC Responsibilities:

- Financial Support:
  - Venue costs: \$3,500 USD
  - Materials and resources: \$4,000 USD
  - Accommodation: \$5,500 USD
  - Meals and refreshments: \$5,500 USD

#### ZAC Responsibilities:

- Local Organization:
  - Secure venue in Zimbabwe
  - Register participants
  - Organize logistics and prepare schedule
- Documentation:
  - Daily attendance records
  - Votes counted and reported

### **4. Mutual Connection and Exchange**

- The Heartland Annual Conference (HAC) and the Zimbabwe Provisional Annual Conference (ZPAC) of the Global Methodist Church affirm their shared value of being a connectional church rooted in mutual support, encouragement, and learning. As part of this commitment, both conferences agree to the following:
  - The Heartland Annual Conference (HAC) will send representatives to attend the annual conference gathering of the Zimbabwe Provisional Annual Conference (ZPAC), as a visible sign of partnership, unity, and mutual encouragement.
  - The Zimbabwe Provisional Annual Conference (ZPAC) will send representative(s) to attend the Heartland Annual Conference gathering to strengthen relational ties and to share in the life and witness of the global church.
  - Financial support for travel expenses for Zimbabwean representatives may be provided by the Heartland Annual Conference as needed and as resources are available. The Heartland Annual Conference will actively encourage its local churches to send mission teams to Zimbabwe, as the Spirit leads, to serve, learn, and grow alongside the ZPAC in ministry.
  - Together, both conferences commit to investing in one another over time, sharing the gifts God has entrusted to each, and humbly receiving from one another in areas where learning and growth are needed.

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### **5. Other Support**

HAC agrees to:

- Support Requests:
  - As requests for additional support or help are brought from ZPAC to HAC Missions Team, those requests will be considered on a case by case basis as funding is available.

### **Future Funding**

Funding for individual church partnerships will flow from participating Heartland churches to the Heartland Annual Conference to the Zimbabwe Annual Conference.

We envision the ZPAC will train its pastors to preach and teach stewardship and implement the expectation of connectional giving from its local churches to the ZPAC. Using every resource such as local church tithes, gifts and offerings in support of conference self-sustainability.

Each Year funding will be evaluated between HAC and ZPAC. There will be an expectation that HAC funding will decrease as the partnership grows and continues into the future.

## **REPORTING AND COMMUNICATION**

- Quarterly written reports on program implementation
- Quarterly video conferences between leadership teams
- Annual in-person evaluation meeting
- As the ZPAC seeks to become an official GMC Conference they shall develop a plan for connectional funding for the GMC at large, as well as local funding for Annual Conference

## **MODIFICATION**

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effective on day sixty (60), upon delivery of notice unless otherwise stated by the requesting party. In no event shall the termination take place less than sixty (60) days of notice.

**SIGNATURES**

Heartland Annual Conference

Signature: *Jordan S. McFall*

Name: Jordan S. McFall

Title: Conference Superintendent

Date: June 11, 2025

Zimbabwe Annual Conference

Signature: *Tendai Maxwell Nyagano*

Name: Tendai Maxwell Nyagano

Title: Chairperson, Transitional Conference Advisory Team

Date: June 11, 2025



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