



GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH NORTH GEORGIA

Instructions for Clergy Transfers to GMC

For a full and detailed understanding of the Clergy Transfer process, please refer to paragraph 516 of the 2024 Book of Doctrines and Disciplines of the Global Methodist Church. Through December 31, 2026, the 2024 Book of Doctrines and Disciplines of the Global Methodist Church provides special transitional provisions for clergy persons ordained or in the process of ordination in The United Methodist Church. For more details on these provisions, please refer to paragraph 521 of the BoDD. Clergy persons transferring from the UMC will still need to complete the “Request for Clergy Transfer” form.

Clergy ordained in denominations other than the Global Methodist Church are welcome to apply to transfer to the GMC. Interested clergy persons should submit an inquiry through the ngagmc.org website by completing the “Request for Clergy Transfer” form. Once completed, the Board of Ministry will review the clergy persons credentials to determine if they are eligible to be received with clergy status. Interested persons may be received as Ordained Elders, Ordained Deacons, Certified Candidates for Ministry, or Candidates for Ministry. Individuals who do not qualify to be received as a transfer will be given guidance on how to start the Ministry Candidacy process.

Before you complete the “Request for Clergy Transfer” form, interested clergy persons should locate the following:

- 1) A formal resume with references.
- 2) Proof of ordination from a denomination with a formalized vetting process. *[Please note: ordinations by local congregations, networks, or associations do not meet this requirement].*
- 3) Official transcripts of all post-high school education.

After receiving the “Request for Clergy Transfer” form, as well as all necessary documentation, a clergy person requesting to transfer to the GMC will be asked to complete the following:

- 1) [If applicable] submit a written request to the clergy persons former denomination requesting all personnel files maintained by the clergy persons former denomination be sent directly to the board of ministry.
- 2) Complete the Clergy Application form through the globalmethodist.org website.
- 3) Submit a psychological exam through the Board of Ministry.
- 4) Interview with the annual conference Board of Ministry.

Upon completing the above requirements, clergy transfers must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Ministry, a 2/3 vote of clergy session of the Annual Conference, and approval by the receiving bishop.