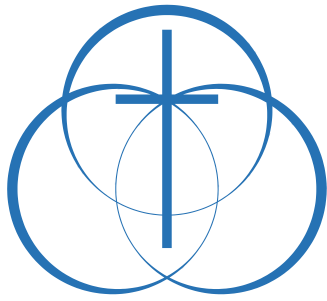




# **2026**

# **Annual Conference**

# **Handbook**



# GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH **NORTH GEORGIA**

## **2026 Annual Conference**

**June 4-6, 2026**  
**Norcross First Global Methodist Church**  
**2500 Beaver Ruin Road**  
**Norcross, Georgia 30071**

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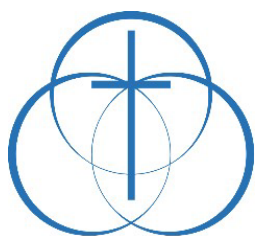
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# Welcome Letters

## Letter from Andy Postell, Conference Superintendent



**GLOBAL**  
**METHODIST CHURCH**  
**NORTH GEORGIA**

May 22, 2026

Dear North Georgia Annual Conference Family and Friends,

It is hard to believe that Annual Conference 2026 is here. The year has certainly flown by. I can't begin to express how much I love being able to serve the Conference as the Conference Superintendent. Over the last twelve months, I have had the pleasure of preaching in many of our churches, speaking at district meetings, and sharing leadership development opportunities across North Georgia. Throughout those experiences, I have seen a shift in our momentum. I have witnessed people asking different questions, shifting their focus to a more Wesleyan approach of disciple-making, as well as exploring opportunities to multiply the Kingdom.

I pray you are excited about the upcoming Conference session in Norcross. Our goal from the very beginning is to expand worship and equip the laity and clergy with tangible tools that will strengthen the local churches. In the coming days, I invite you to join me in a time of prayer and fasting as we approach the time we gather together. If you would be willing to commit to a time of prayer, sign up for our vigil at <http://ngagmc.org/ac/>. May we join together and pray for a movement of the Holy Spirit leading up to annual conference. May the Holy Spirit prepare us and open us up to His presence and power.

While annual conference may be a few days away, please know that a team of dedicated people have been working to organize and plan this annual conference session since October 2025. The wonderful team of servant leaders at Norcross First have been tremendously gracious to us. We are so excited to be returning for annual conference. In addition, Rev. Pedro Silva has been a great addition to our team as he has led our planning over these past 6 months. Come excited. Come prepared with a heart of worship. Come and join us as we fellowship, learn, and praise God together.

*In Christ,*

***Rev. Andy Postell***

*Conference Superintendent*

## Letter from Tina Kirkland, Conference Lay Leader



Hello Annual Conference Delegates, Guests and Visitors,

It is such an exciting time for our third annual conference as we come together as the North Georgia Conference of the Global Methodist Church. Under the direction of Rev. Pedro Silva, the Annual Conference planning team has worked very hard to make this a wonderful experience for each of you. The goal of the team is that this time of worship, study, and business will inspire you to return back to your churches and communities with a renewed spirit for the future.

I am thankful for the dedication of the prayer team preparing and praying for this conference. In addition, I would love to take the time to thank all of you that have invited me to worship in your great churches in North Georgia. I am blown away at your ministry, mission, vision, and dedication to your community! I welcome any and all invites for Sunday morning to visit your church.

I ask for your prayers for the leadership of the North Georgia Conference as we work tirelessly for kingdom growth and advancement. We also covet your prayers for the delegation and volunteers from North Georgia as we travel this August to General Conference in South Africa.



Tina Kirkland

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# Campus Maps



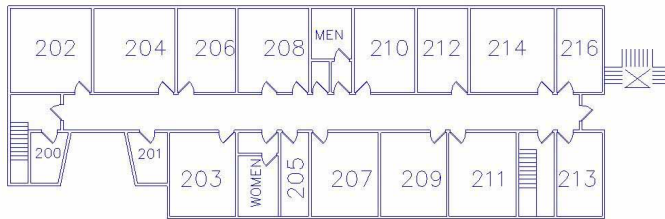


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# Building Layout

## Education Building

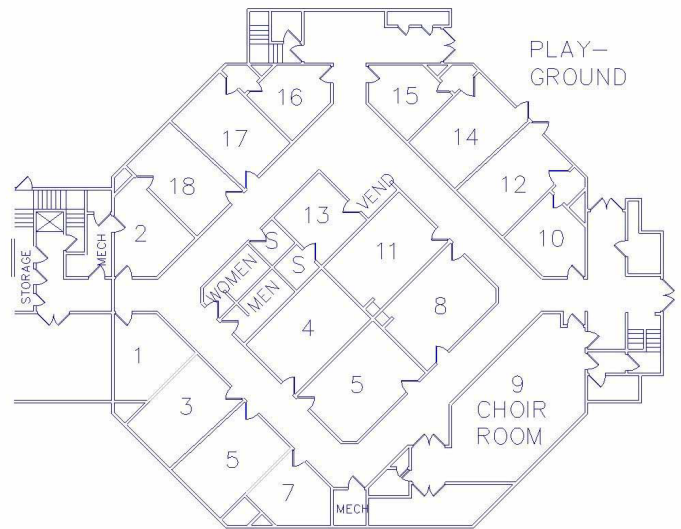
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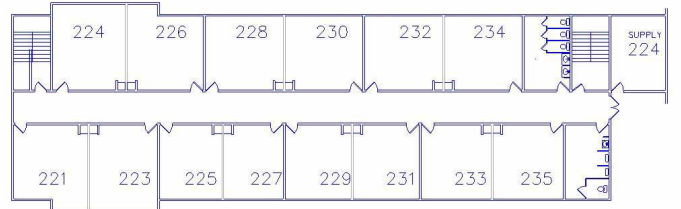


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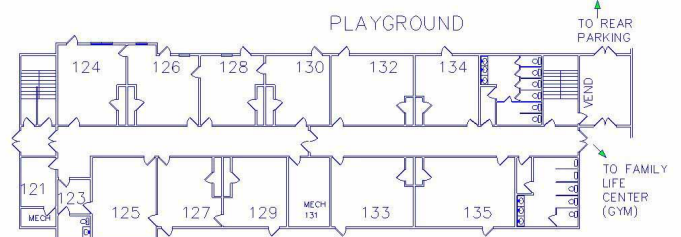


## Children's Wing

### 2nd Floor



### 1st Floor



# 2026 North Georgia Annual Conference Agenda

## Thursday, June 4, 2026

|                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11:00 AM          | Display Setup (Welcome Center)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2:00 PM           | Connectional Council meeting with Bishop Auta                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 3:00 PM           | Connectional Elders meeting with Bishop Auta                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 4:30 PM           | Volunteers meet with Bishop John Pena Auta for Prayer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM | Registration Open (Family Life Center)<br>Displays Open (Welcome Center & Hall of the Disciples)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 5:30 PM           | Consecration and Prayer over the NGA Prayer Team (Family Life Center/Prayer Room)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 6:45 PM           | Teaching Session (Sanctuary)<br>Welcome<br>Opening Music<br>Introduction<br>Module 1 – What is 'Missions'? – Led by Sherri Morrissey<br>Module 8 – Our Metric for Excellence in Mission – The Acts 1:8 Church<br>New Mission Website<br>World Prayer Map<br>Acts 1:8 Church Video<br>Consent Agenda Notice<br>Rescue Story |
| 7:55 PM           | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 8:00 PM           | Worship<br>Music<br>Sermon by Rev. Luciano Pereira da Silva from Panama<br>Time of Prayer<br>Music<br>Dismissal                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9:15 PM – 9:45 PM | Desserts Social Sponsored by Faith Connection FCU (Family Life Center) – Dianne McMullen                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Friday, June 5, 2026

|                   |                                                                                                  |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7:00 AM – 10 AM   | Registration Open (Family Life Center)<br>Displays Open (Welcome Center & Hall of the Disciples) |
| 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM | Morning Coffee & Doughnuts by Faith Responders (Family Life Center)                              |
| 7:45 AM           | Clergy Executive Session (Chapel)                                                                |
| 9:00 AM           | Teaching Session & Opening Worship (Sanctuary)<br>Music<br>Welcome                               |

Module 3 – God’s Heart for the Nations – Led by Rev. Lee Judy Stevenson  
 Rescue Story Video  
 Introduction of Rev. Gabriella Kopas  
 The Sacrament of Holy Communion  
 Sermon by Rev. Gabriella Kopas, Conference Superintendent of Central Europe  
 Prayer for General Conference Delegation  
 Prayer for Episcopal Nominees & ACE Members  
 Music  
 Closing Prayer

10:30 AM

Break

10:40 AM

Teaching Session (Sanctuary)  
 Rescue Story Video  
 Module 2 – Making the Redemption Story Personal – Rev. Judy Stevenson

11:10 AM

Small Groups

11:40 AM

Lunch/Teaching Session  
 Module 6 – Mission Leadership in the GMC – Led by Jeff Jernigan  
 Module 7 – Becoming Great Commission Churches: Scalable Steps – Led by Jeff Jernigan

**Group 1**

11:40 AM – 12:30 PM Lunch (Family Life Center)  
 12:30 PM – 1:20 PM Teaching Session (Sanct)  
 1:20 PM – 1:45 PM Small Group

**Group 2**

11:40 AM – 12:30 PM Teaching Session (Sanct)  
 12:30 PM – 12:55 PM Small Group  
 12:55 PM – 1:45 PM Lunch (Family Life Center)

1:45 PM

Break

1:45 PM – 6:00 PM

Afternoon Coffee & Snacks sponsored by NGA Annual Conference

2:00 PM

Business Session (Sanctuary) *\*Vote of the Conference Required*  
 Welcome  
 Opening of Annual Conference  
 Opening Prayer  
 Organization of the Annual Conference  
 Setting the Agenda\*  
 Election of the Conference Secretary, Associate Secretaries, and Tellers\*  
 Setting the Bar of the Annual Conference  
 Disaster Relief Video  
 2026 Budget Update & 2027 Budget Discussion  
 Prayer Team Video  
 Vote on Consent Agenda\*  
 Emerging Generations Video  
 Appointment Making Process\*  
 Kingdom Advancement Video  
 Break  
 Missions Team Video  
 Conference Partnerships Introductions  
 Reports Removed from Consent Agenda (if any)  
 Board of Ministry Report  
 Prayer over ordinands  
 Recognition of those Who Have Gone Through Certified Lay Ministry  
 Lay Empowerment Video  
 Recognition of those Who Have Gone Through Answering God’s Call  
 Prayer over Answering God’s Call

Recognition of those Who Have Gone Through Lay Empowerment Institute  
Prayer over Lay Empowerment  
Future Date of Annual Conference  
Closing Words, Survey, and Prayer

|         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4:20 PM | Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 4:30 PM | Teaching Session (Sanctuary)<br>Module 4 – Understanding Unreached People Groups – Led by Olivia Watkins<br>Video – What is UPG<br>Module 5 – The Need for Intentionality Missions – Led by Olivia Watkins<br>Video – The Task Remaining<br>Recognizing Acts 1:8 Church Assessment Tool<br>Instruction for Breakout Groups & Dinner |
| 5:30 PM | Small Groups                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 6:00 PM | Dinner (on your own) - Food Trucks Available at Church                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 7:30 PM | Night of Worship (Sanctuary)<br>Welcome<br>Music<br>Prayer for Unreached People Groups<br>Music<br>Introduction<br>Sermon by Rev. Joy Griffin<br>Music<br>Closing Words<br>Rescue Story Video<br>Benediction                                                                                                                        |
| 9:00 PM | Dessert Social Sponsored by Educational Opportunities Tours (Family Life Center)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

## Saturday, June 6, 2026

|                     |                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM  | Displays Open                                                                                                                                |
| 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM  | Coffee & Doughnuts sponsored by One Mission Society (Family Life Center)                                                                     |
| 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM   | Ordination Rehearsal (Sanctuary)<br>2026 Ordinands' Class Picture with Bishop John Pena Auta                                                 |
| 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM   | Ordinands meet with Bishop John Pena Auta (Chapel)                                                                                           |
| 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | Service of Ordination (Sanctuary)<br>All Conference Clergy are invited to robe, process, and sit together<br>Sermon by Bishop John Pena Auta |

# 2026 Consent Agenda

The North Georgia Standing Rule Section III.5 allows for a Consent Agenda to streamline proceedings during the annual conference session. This involves adopting reports to be included in the Conference Journal without requiring verbal action from the annual conference attendees. The specific reports earmarked for inclusion in the 2026 Consent Agenda will be presented on Friday, June 5, during the Business Session. It is essential to review these reports before the session. If no objections are raised, all reports will be accepted and approved by the consensus of the annual conference. Any reports removed from the Consent Agenda will be addressed as time allows.

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# Reports

## Preferred Timeline for the Appointive Process Effective January 1, 2027

*Revised May 2026*

### Introduction

Over three centuries, the people called Methodist have used an appointive system to connect clergy with congregations. The Global Methodist Church has retained the appointive system for deploying clergy, yet we have made significant modifications to allow greater input from all parties involved. This document outlines the GMC of North Georgia's appointive process in accordance with the *Book of Doctrines and Disciplines*.

In the appointment-making process, the Bishop, Conference Superintendent, and the Presiding Elders seek to match clergy and congregations to fulfill our Gospel mandate by intentional discipleship, leadership development, and multiplication for the purpose of making disciples of Jesus Christ and spreading Scriptural holiness across the world.

### Annual Timeline

The GMC appointive process is far more effective when pastoral changes are implemented across the conference within the same time frame. Coordinating moves across the conference increases the pastoral pool for churches and opportunities for pastors. The cabinet designed this process in keeping with the *Book of Doctrines and Disciplines* to increase transparency around the appointive process and to maximize the voices of clergy and the SPRC/PPRC in consultation.

#### Clergy Evaluations – Submit by January 15

Annual clergy evaluations are an opportunity for the clergyperson and the church to discern how God is working and what God is leading toward in the future of the calls of the clergyperson and church. Three different evaluative tools are provided, and local churches and pastors may choose which form best suits their needs. Clergy evaluations may be done and submitted anytime during the calendar year, but please submit to the Conference office by January 15, of the following year.

#### Retirement Letters – Submit by January 15

Pastors seeking to retire should notify their presiding elder and the conference superintendent in writing by January 1. Our anticipated retirement date is at/or around June 30. Clergy may retire at any time during the year, but a June retirement enables increased pastoral candidates for the local church. If you plan to retire and want to be included in the preferred timeline, please submit your letter to the Conference office by January 15.

#### Known Vacancy List – Posted January 31

A *Known Vacancy List* will be published for clergy on January 31. The *Known Vacancy List* will include those churches where a move is definite. Clergy may review the list and contact the assigned presiding elder for consideration. Please note that the *Known Vacancy List* will not reflect vacancies identified later in the move cycle. The Known vacancy list will be updated online throughout the year on the Conference website.

#### Discerning Change – Submit by February 28

By February 28 of each year, clergy and churches may request a change in appointment. Please note the following:

1. Clergy are considered appointed indefinitely to a church until either party requests a change. The normal time to request a change is February 28, and the normal window for changes to occur starts

July 1, and will last for the next several months with appointments beginning on the first of the month.

- a. Standard Cycle: The standard cycle to request a change in appointment is February 28th. An effective SPRC / PPRC will have already conducted an annual evaluation by January and will be engaged in regular meetings with the pastor and church leadership.
  - b. Non-Standard Cycle: A church and/or pastor can request a pastoral change at any time during the calendar year. A church that determines that their current appointment needs to end outside of the standard cycle must contact the Conference Superintendent (who will assign a Presiding Elder). An SPRC / PPRC that seeks to end a pastoral appointment abruptly may be required to provide up to 3 months of severance to the pastor, at the discretion of the conference superintendent. Note: An abrupt end to a pastoral appointment is an option of last resort. The presiding elder and/or conference superintendent will first explore the viability of reconciliation or a performance improvement plan.
2. Once it is discerned that a pastoral change will be requested, the SPRC / PPRC and the pastor contact the Conference Superintendent, who will assign a presiding elder. The presiding elder will provide all parties with access to the change request forms.

### **Discerning the Pastoral Needs of the Church – March & April**

The SPRC / PPRC will need to evaluate their church's pastoral needs. The considerations listed below can be conducted with the assistance of the Presiding Elder.

1. Church Profile: The SPRC / PPRC completes a church profile. The profile provides valuable information about the church and its local community. Complete this profile with care as it will serve to guide the Cabinet and will be a first introduction to a potential new pastor.
2. Determining Pastoral Support: The SPRC / PPRC should prayerfully discuss the qualities and special skills desired in a new pastor, the employment time, benefits, and housing.
  - a. Spiritual Gifts: Spiritual gifts needed in a pastor (spiritual gifts are those listed by the Apostle Paul in Romans 12:6-8 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 28).
  - b. Pastoral Skills: Specific skills needed in a new pastor, especially if there is a ministry area that needs particular attention. (An example would be a church undertaking a building project, launching a new small group ministry, or seeking to revive a contemporary worship service).
  - c. Part-Time or Full-Time: Pastors are appointed in quarter increments. ( $\frac{1}{4}$  time = 10 hours a week,  $\frac{1}{2}$  time = 20 hours a week,  $\frac{3}{4}$  time = 30 hours a week, full-time is 40 hours). Please note that these are approximations.
  - d. Compensation: Determine the compensation level offered to a new minister. Compensation levels vary depending on part-time or full-time status, size of the congregation, and experience level desired. Currently, there is no minimum salary requirement for clergy. The presiding elder may offer feedback if a suggested salary is too low to be considered full-time.
  - e. Retirement Benefits: Clergy serving in  $\frac{1}{2}$  time,  $\frac{3}{4}$  time, or full-time appointments are entitled to receive retirement benefits. Retirement benefits are calculated as follows:
    - i. For churches with a parsonage: 5% of (salary + 25% of base salary)
    - ii. For churches with a housing allowance: 5% of (salary + housing)
    - iii. The church also matches the pastor's personal contribution up to an additional 5%. The maximum a church will contribute toward retirement is 10%.
  - f. Health Insurance: Clergy serving at full-time appointments are entitled to receive health insurance. The health insurance cost to the local church is determined by whether the pastor is single, married, or has a family. To view the costs to local churches, please click the link below and scroll down to "Health Flex Rates Download".  
<https://www.globalmethodist.org/benefits---insurance-information>

- g. Health Insurance Exemptions: There are four exemptions for churches to providing health insurance:
- i. If the pastor is covered under their spouse's insurance.
  - ii. If the pastor is bi-vocational and receives coverage through another employer.
  - iii. If the pastor has military insurance (TriCare or VA).
  - iv. The pastor is on Medicare or Medicaid.
- h. Housing: Full-time clergy must be provided with a parsonage or a housing allowance. If the church has a housing allowance, it is recommended that it be set at a level to cover 12 months of fair market rental value for a median home in the local area. If a church provides a parsonage and the pastor opts not to live in church provided housing, then the church is not required to provide a housing allowance. However, churches may provide a housing allowance at their discretion.
- i. Accountable Reimbursement & Continuing Education: Determine your projected Accountable Reimbursement and Continuing Education levels for a new pastoral appointment.

### **Determining the Process – March & April**

The SPRC / PPRC should meet with the presiding elder to review the pastoral needs and pastoral support discussed in the previous section. The Presiding Elder will help the SPRC / PPRC determine how they want to proceed in seeking a pastoral candidate. The GMC allows multiple avenues for pastoral candidates to be surfaced. Note: The SPRC / PPRC must determine with the Presiding Elder which of the following two options they will pursue prior to any additional action being taken.

#### **Option 1: Cabinet-led process**

- The Presiding Elders will prayerfully review the church profile and seek to surface up to 3 pastoral candidates. Note: the cabinet cannot guarantee 3 candidates but will seek to provide up to 3 where possible.
- The SPRC / PPRC may request specific GMC clergy by name for consideration. SPRC / PPRC may submit any specific names they would like to be considered to the Presiding Elder. SPRC / PPRC members are not to contact a pastor directly
- Pastors who submitted themselves for consideration will be provided to the Presiding Elders for consideration.

#### **Option 2: SPRC / PPRC Contracts a National Search Firm**

- The *Book of Doctrines and Disciplines* allows a local church to conduct their own pastoral search with a national search firm.
- The Presiding Elder must be involved in any discussions with a search firm.
- Any candidates surfaced by a national search firm must first be submitted to the Board of Ministry for review and must be approved by the conference superintendent before any interviews or discussions occur between representatives of the local church and a pastoral candidate.
- Note: Most search firms are not experienced in surfacing theologically Wesleyan candidates. A local church will bear the full cost of contracting a search firm, despite no guarantees of finding an appropriate match.

### **Pastoral Consultations – Target April and May**

The Presiding Elder will coordinate consultations with pastoral candidates. The SPRC / PPRC will be required to offer a consultation to each pastoral candidate. Please note the following consultation guidelines:

- Introduction: The Presiding Elder will arrange an introductory meeting where the SPRC / PPRC and projected pastors are introduced. Pastoral and church profiles will be provided to both parties in advance of this meeting.

- Projected Pastor Protocol: The appointive process is confidential and must be treated with respect by all members of the SPRC / PPRC. The following protocols will be strictly observed:
  - Sermons: SPRC / PPRC members are welcome to review a projected pastor's sermons on their current church website. Do not share the name of the projected pastor, sermon files, or other identifying information beyond the SPRC / PPRC. It is not acceptable for projected pastors to visit your church to preach or lead worship in the "projected" phase unless approved by the assigned Presiding Elder.
  - Public Appearance: Churches should be aware that pastors will be visiting their websites, social media, etc., as well as your church facility for an introductory visit. Please make sure social media is accurate and updated, and all physical spaces are well maintained.
  - Compensation and Benefits: Compensation and benefits will have already been determined before the projection. The consultative meeting is not to be considered a time to negotiate salary, accountable reimbursements, or other benefits.
- The Pastoral Match
  - The SPRC / PPRC will prayerfully discern the projected pastors, either indicating a preference or ranking the pastoral options.
  - The pastoral candidates will prayerfully discern the projected appointment. It is possible that some pastoral candidates may be exploring multiple consultations simultaneously.
  - A match occurs when both the SPRC / PPRC and the projected pastor agree to the match. Once both parties agree, the match is submitted to the Bishop for the appointment to be "fixed."
- Announcement Date: Once the appointment is set, the Presiding Elder will work with the pastor and church to decide on a starting date as well as an announcement date to share the appointment more broadly.

### **Appointment Start Date – July 1<sup>st</sup> & August 1<sup>st</sup>**

Appointments may only start on the first of each month for *Benefits* purposes. The appointment start window for the standard cycle will be in the July – August time frame, though in some instances an appointment may start outside this window.

### **Additional Notes**

- Effective & Fruitful Process: The SPRC /PPRC plays a significant role in the Global Methodist Church. An effective SPRC / PPRC will have regularly scheduled meetings, will be led by a chair who ensures that timely communication is provided with effective record-keeping and a meeting agenda, and that annual evaluations are properly conducted for all clergy and lay staff.
- Pastors Communicating Consultations: If a pastor under appointment (senior pastor or associate) receives a consultation at another church, then he or she must notify their SPRC / PPRC chair at the time of consultation (an associate pastor will also notify his or her senior pastor at this time). A consultation is not a guarantee that the pastor will receive a new appointment, but in the spirit of transparency we will inform the chair of the pastor's current church. The chair (and senior pastor) should practice prayerful discernment as they determine how to communicate with the SPRC / PPRC. The chair may consult with the Presiding Elder.
- Non-Standard Cycle Changes: Pastoral appointment changes may occur at any time during the calendar year, and for a variety of reasons. We strongly encourage pastors and churches to seek pastoral changes during the Standard Cycle Timeline highlighted above. Some instances where a change may occur outside this timeline include:
  - A pastor chooses to end his or her appointment. This will be arranged with the Presiding Elder.
  - The SPRC / PPRC chooses to end the appointment abruptly. The Presiding Elder and Conference Superintendent will be involved in any conversations related to the concluding of an appointment by an SPRC / PPRC.

- The pastor goes on medical or family leave.
  - The pastor enters senior status (retirement).
  - The pastor is placed on involuntary leave (by the Conference Superintendent).
- Questions: Please contact your Connectional Elder with questions about the appointive process.

# Conference Standing Rules

John Wesley understood Christian Conferencing as one of the five instituted means of grace. As those who pursue God's call to love Him and to love our neighbor, we join to peacefully work together for the common good of all to fulfill the mission of the church. Within the North Georgia Conference, standing rules are established not only for our conferencing together but to guide the daily life of the Annual Conference — to order how to best go about God's mission in an effective and caring manner, that we may make a bold witness for Christ to the world.

## Section I: Establishment of the Conference

1. The North Georgia Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church (hereafter referred to as the "Conference") is established and operates under the authority of ¶708 of the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline* of the Global Methodist Church. It likewise functions as a non-profit corporation recognized by the State of Georgia and as a part of the global denomination governed by the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline* of the Global Methodist Church.
2. The Conference is subject to the provisions of and operates under the Bylaws of the North Georgia Annual Conference of the GMC, Inc.
3. The structures and organization of the Conference shall be determined in alignment with those of the denomination as a whole. Any discrepancy between the structure and procedures of the Conference and the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline*, or any successor thereto, shall be resolved in favor of the denominational provisions outlined in that document.
4. The boundaries of the Conference shall be established by the Connectional Council of the Conference in conjunction with the General Conference of the Global Methodist Church. The Conference shall roughly be composed of congregations within the counties and cities of north Georgia between the Alabama state line to the west to the South Carolina state line to the east, and from the Tennessee and North Carolina state lines to the north to a line that runs roughly from Harris County to Richmond County to the south.

## Section II: Membership

1. The voting membership of an annual conference shall be composed of active elders, deacons, transitional local pastors, and supply pastors under appointment (except as limited elsewhere in the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline*) and senior clergy who meet the qualifications of the *Book of Doctrines and Discipline*, as well as at least an equal number of lay members elected by each charge or by the district or annual conference. Each charge shall be entitled to as many lay members as it has appointed clergy.
2. The annual conference may add as lay members of the annual conference those who are serving in conference leadership positions.
3. The annual conference shall determine the method of electing additional lay members to equalize the number of clergy members. Only laity shall vote in the election of equaling laity. Such members may be elected by a charge conference, district conference, or the annual conference, but they must be elected and not appointed.
4. If not otherwise a voting member of the annual conference, the Conference Legal Counsel shall be seated in the annual conference and shall be given the privilege of the floor without vote.

## Section III: Procedures of the Annual Conference

1. The Conference shall meet at such a time and place as determined by the presiding Bishop and/or the Conference Superintendent. The Conference shall meet on at least an annual basis for a time of worship, education, inspiration, and conducting necessary Conference business.

2. Membership of the Conference shall consist of an equal number of active clergy and laity, representing each pastoral charge within the Conference. In addition to ordained deacons and elders under appointment, active clergy shall include transitional local pastors, and senior clergy as per the provisions outlined in Section III.3 below.
3. Following the provisions of ¶520, clergy who have taken senior status shall retain their right to both voice and vote within the Conference if they fulfill either of the following conditions: (a) they are within seven years of the effective date of their aligning with the Global Methodist Church or the end of their last appointment, or (b) they are under appointment by the Conference for at least one-quarter time. Senior clergy not qualifying under the preceding retain voice, but not vote, at the annual conference, and they will not be counted for balancing purposes between clergy and lay delegates.
4. Conference sessions shall generally be conducted using the Modern Rules of Order, though, whenever possible, the Conference shall attempt to conduct its business by consensus vote. The Conference may also choose to limit debate and speeches in favor or in opposition by a motion approved by simple majority vote. The Bishop, Conference Superintendent, or their designee shall preside at all meetings of the Annual Conference.
5. To streamline conference proceedings, a consent agenda committee, comprising the Conference Superintendent, Conference Lay Leader, Annual Conference Chairperson, and Conference Secretary, along with relevant parties presenting reports, recommendations, or resolutions, may compile a written list of items called the Consent Agenda. These items will be presumed adopted by consent of the annual conference unless removed during a designated period of the conference. Removal requires a motion supported by two voting members of the annual conference. Removed items will be placed on the regular agenda at the discretion of the conference secretary.
6. These Conference guidelines may be suspended by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting.
7. A special session of the annual conference may be held at such time and in such place as shall have been determined by the annual conference after consultation with the bishop, or by the bishop with the concurrence of three-fourths of the Cabinet. A special session of the annual conference shall have only such powers as are stated in the call, unless the annual conference by a two-thirds vote shall determine that other business may be transacted.
8. Between meetings of the Annual Conference, the Connectional Council and the Connectional Council Executive Committee shall be authorized to conduct the day-to-day business of the Annual Conference and any material decisions made by the Council shall be ratified by the Annual Conference at its next Annual Conference business session.

## **Section IV: Financial Procedures**

1. The Finance and Administration Committee shall annually prepare and recommend a Conference budget for the next calendar year. Such budget shall set levels for Conference Connectional Funding from each member church for the ensuing budget year. The Budget prepared must be a “balanced” budget.
2. Individual congregations shall calculate and submit to the Conference their amount of the Connectional Funding, using approved Conference forms, for both the Conference and the denomination as a whole as per ¶449.4 by January 15 of each calendar year based on the prior year’s local church operating income. The congregation’s share shall be limited as provided for in the *Book of Doctrine and Discipline* or its successor.

## **Section V: Conference Committees**

1. The Conference shall establish committees and boards as defined by the *Book of Doctrine and Discipline* ¶710.

2. The Conference will further establish committees, boards, and task teams to accomplish its work according to The By-laws and at the direction of the Connectional Council and advice of the Nominations and Leadership Committee.

## **Section VI: Records**

The annual conference shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of all annual conference, board, and committee meetings. The annual conference shall gather such district / area and congregational statistics as necessary to fulfill its purposes or are required by the *Book of Doctrine and Discipline* of the Global Methodist Church.

## **Section VII: Districts**

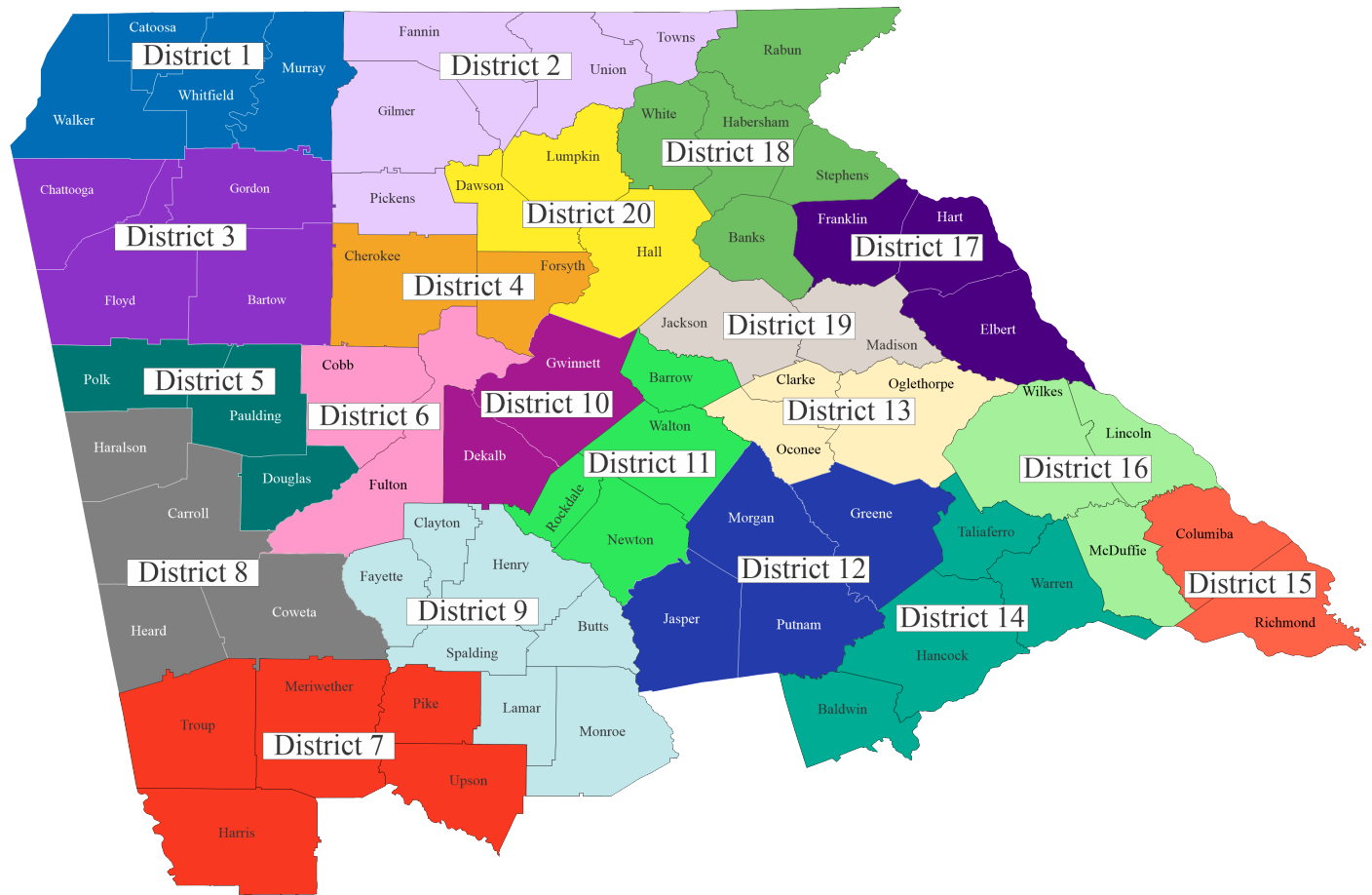
The annual conference shall establish the number of districts / areas, upon recommendation from the bishop, cabinet, and conference leadership. The districts / areas, their churches, and their clergy shall receive supervision and leadership from the presiding elder/connectional community elder assigned by the Bishop or Conference Superintendent.

## **Section VIII: Provisions**

These rules govern the Annual Conference and shall be revised as needed to address such change in status. These rules are further subject to the By-Laws of the Conference and the Book of Doctrine and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church.

# Conference Appointments

## Conference Map



Bishop:

John Pena Auta

Conference Superintendent:

Rev. Andy Postell

Conference Lay Leader:

Tina Kirkland

Presiding Elders:

Rev. Herzen Andone

Rev. Dr. John Beyers

Rev. Steve Dodson

Rev. Robin Parr

## Appointment List

The following are the appointments as of June 1, 2026

| Connection Community                                                                                                                                                                       | Church                        | Lead Pastor      | Associate Pastor(s) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| <b>District 1</b><br>Catoosa, Murray, Walker, and Whitfield Counties<br><b>The Rev. Dr. Zach Fitzpatrick</b><br>zfitzpatrick@elmc.church<br><b>Marget Sikes</b><br>Connectional Lay Leader | Center Valley MC (Chatsworth) | Jan Connor       | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                            | Chatsworth MC                 | Graham Arp       | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                            | Elizabeth Lee MC              | Zach Fitzpatrick | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                            | Five Springs MC               | Chris Branscomb  | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                            | Pleasant Grove MC Dalton      | -                | -                   |

| Connection Community                                                                                                                                                                  | Church                        | Lead Pastor       | Associate Pastor(s)                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Rock Spring MC                | Bill Lowry        | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Varnell Church                | Matt Laskey       | -                                     |
| <b>District 2</b><br>Fannin, Gilmer, Pickens, Towns, and Union Counties<br><i>The Rev. Sam Hamby</i><br>pastorsambrmc@gmail.com<br><i>Christopher Farr</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader | Bethel (Morganton)            | Michael Morton    | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Blue Ridge                    | Sam Hamby         | Laura Hamby                           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Trinity Church of McCaysville | Byron Ahrens      | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Union Hill Hiawassee          | Winfred Pitts     | -                                     |
| <b>District 3</b><br>Bartow, Chattooga, Gordan, and Floyd Counties<br><i>The Rev. Scott Brown</i><br>rev.rscottbrown@gmail.com<br><i>Tony Pack</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader         | Faith MC                      | Scott Brown       | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Gracepoint GMC (Rome)         | Steve Allred      | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Lindale MC                    | Bob Durham        |                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Rush Chapel                   | Norv Havens       | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Sam Jones MC                  | Lathem Postell    | Mark Lovell, Jacob Burson             |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Shannon Community Church      | Ken Freshour, Sr. | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Trinity by the River (Rome)   | Kevin Lobello     | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | The Bible Seminary            | Lynn Lewis Jr.    |                                       |
| <b>District 4</b><br>Cherokee and Forsyth Counties<br><i>The Rev. Sandra Macht</i><br>Rev.Sandra.Macht@gmail.com<br><i>Michelle Roberts</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader                | Ball Ground                   | Sandra Macht      | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Canton First MC               | Kenny Ott         | Matthew Abel, Dean Osuch              |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Creekside MC                  | Jason Danuser     | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Hillside Church               | Herzen Andone     | Michael Cromwell                      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Macedonia Church (Alpharetta) | David Laycock     | Ashely Tippins                        |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Mt Gilead MC (Woodstock)      | Dean Osuch        | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Orange MC                     | Greg Burgner      |                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Sawnee Ridge                  | David Lee         | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | The Way (Woodstock)           | Andy Rogers       |                                       |
| <b>District 5</b><br>Douglas, Paulding, and Polk Counties<br><i>The Rev. Tim Constien</i><br>tim@constienusa.com<br><i>Kimberly Kreider</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader                | Dog River MC                  | Tim Constien      | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Flint Hill Church             | Steve Griggers    | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Kresge MC                     | Mike Broome       | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Lithia Springs MC             | Thomas Long       | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Mt Nebo MC                    | Glenn Petero      | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Smyrna GMC                    | -                 | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Beautiful Feet                | Joy Griffin       |                                       |
| <b>District 6</b><br>Cobb and Fulton Counties<br><i>The Rev. Judy Stevenson</i><br>jstevenson@mailandcommunity.church<br><i>Joseph Howell</i>                                         | Covenant Church (Smyrna)      | Pedro Silva       | -                                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                       | Due West MC                   | David Campbell    | Jeanette Dickens<br>Sam Gindlesberger |

| Connection Community                                                                                                                                                                                | Church                              | Lead Pastor                     | Associate Pastor(s)                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Connectional Lay Leader<br><hr/>                                                                                                                                                                    | Macland Community Church            | Judy Stevenson<br>Lee Stevenson | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Mt Zion MC                          | Bill Burnham                    | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Mountain View                       | Joe McKechnie                   | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | New Beginnings MC                   | Jared Lathem                    | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | St Stephen Community Church         | Greg McClelland                 | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Sardis MC                           | Chuck Savage                    | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Fellowship at County Line           | Herschel Collins                | -                                                   |
| <b>District 7</b><br>Harris, Meriwether, Pike, Troup, and Upson Counties<br><i>The Rev. John Halley</i><br>jphalley@gmail.com<br><i>Jay Allred</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader                       | First MC of Manchester              | -                               | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Hopewell MC                         | Mike Cain                       | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Life Springs Church                 | Alex McGinnis                   | Shane Moore                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Thomaston First MC                  | John Halley                     | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Wesley Methodist Church of LaGrange | John Beyers                     | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Williamson MC                       | Billy Beard                     | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Woodbury MC                         | Larry Neal                      | -                                                   |
| <b>District 8</b><br>Carroll, Coweta, Haralson, and Heard Counties<br><i>The Rev. Joy Griffin</i><br>joy@iliteam.org<br><i>Scott Eason</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader                               | Center Point MC (Temple)            | Don Stevens                     | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Covenant GMC of Newnan              | Timothy Rogers                  | Randy DeGroot                                       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Grace MC                            | Franciso Artley                 | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Poseyville Church                   | Franciso Artley                 | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Shiloh MC & Campground              | Shane Lovvorn                   | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Tallapoosa First                    | Marlin Miller                   | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Conference Evangelist               | Wes Griffin                     |                                                     |
| <b>District 9</b><br>Butts, Clayton, Fayette, Henry, Lamar, Monroe, and Spalding Counties<br><i>The Rev. Tim Rogers</i><br>prchrtim@bellsouth.net<br><i>Cindy Baxter</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader | Highland MC                         | -                               | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Jodeco MC                           | Tommy Ross                      | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | New Hope MC (Hampton)               | Ed Swehla                       | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | New Providence Church               | Bryan Easley                    | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Pomona Community Church             | Russell Nuss                    | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Stark MC                            | Chris Mullis                    | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Trinity MC                          | Debby Stikes                    | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Turner GMC                          | Bob Wooten                      | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Union MC (Stockbridge)              | Max Hill                        | -                                                   |
| <b>District 10</b><br><i>The Rev. Miguel Vélez</i><br>pastor@skyland.church<br>Dekalb and Gwinnett Counties<br><i>Chris Holcombe</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader                                     | Christian Unity                     | Samyul Yu                       | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Church on the Hill (Gwinnett)       | Jeff Coleman                    | Brian Butcher<br>Cortney Whiting<br>Janet Whittaker |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Gwinnett GMC                        | -                               | -                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Norcross First                      | Eddie Bradford                  | -                                                   |

| Connection Community                                                                                                                                                                          | Church                                    | Lead Pastor                      | Associate Pastor(s) |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Skyland Church (Brookhaven)               | Miguel Valez                     | Jose Rodriguez      |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Trinity Church @ Duluth                   | Titus Constatine                 | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Trinity Korean MC (Suwanee)               | Kyeng Gon Kim                    | Sung Su Seo         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Conference Missionary                     | Esaho Kipuke                     |                     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | TMS Global Hospice Chaplain               | Sarah Parham<br>Courtney Whiting |                     |
| <b>District 11</b><br>Barrow, Newton, Rockdale, and Walton Counties<br><i>The Rev. Mike Wadley</i><br>wadley512@gmail.com<br><i>Linda Richardson</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader               | Barrow GMC                                | Dave Hinson                      | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Pentecost MC (Winder)                     | Dave Hinson                      | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Pleasant Valley MC (Monroe)               | -                                | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Rockland (Lithonia)                       | Mike Wadley                      | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Shiloh @ Almon (Covington)                | Mike Wadley                      | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Starrsville Church                        | -                                | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Stoney Creek Methodist Worship Center     | -                                | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Wesley Methodist Church (Covington plant) | Chris Haymore                    | -                   |
| <b>District 12</b><br>Greene, Jasper, Morgan, and Putnam Counties<br><i>The Rev. Hugh Hendrickson</i><br>country.parson.hugh@gmail.com<br><i>Butch Thompson</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader    | Eatonton First MC                         | David Wofford                    | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | First MC of Greensboro-Lake Oconee        | Mark Danzey                      | Hugh Hendrickson    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Fork Chapel                               | -                                | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Madison MC                                | Matthew Mitchell                 | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Pennington MC                             | Glenn Cole                       | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Prospect MC (Morgan County)               | Bryce Behnke                     | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Rutledge MC                               | Bryce Behnke                     | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Swords Community Church                   | Brian Beveridge                  | -                   |
| <b>District 13</b><br>Clarke, Oconee, and Oglethorpe Counties<br><i>The Rev. Dr. Luis Ortiz</i><br>ortizluis909@gmail.com<br><i>Susana Alvarado</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader                | Bridge Community Church Athens            | Luis Ortiz                       | Angela Baza-Bellido |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | St. James (Athens)                        | Bill Curington                   | -                   |
| <b>District 14</b><br>Baldwin, Hancock, Taliaferro, and Warren Counties<br><i>The Rev. Darrell McGinnis</i><br>darrellmcginnis@yahoo.com<br><i>Jeffrey Waddell</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader | Crawfordville MC                          | David Sisler                     | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Hopewell Church (Milledgeville)           | TDB                              | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Johnson Church (Warrenton)                | Jim Bo Medlock                   | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Knowles Chapel                            | Darrell McGinnis                 | -                   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Milledgeville First MC                    | Stephanie Caldwell               | Nathan Ballew       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                               | Pierce Memorial (Sparta)                  | Darrell McGinnis                 | -                   |

| Connection Community                                                                                                                                                                           | Church                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Lead Pastor                                                                                                                                                                 | Associate Pastor(s)                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                                                | Prospect (Norwood)<br>Awakenings Collegiate<br>Fellowship                                                                                                                                               | Jim Bo Medlock<br>Tate Welling                                                                                                                                              | -                                                   |
| <b>District 15</b><br>Columbia and Richmond Counties<br><i>The Rev. Christopher Goss</i><br>christopher@mosaicchurchdevans.org<br><i>Davey Story</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader                | Barton Chapel MC<br>Burns Memorial<br>Dunns Chapel MC<br>Harlem MC<br>Hephzibah MC<br>Martinez MC<br>Mosaic Church<br>Philadelphia MC (Harlem)<br>Shiloh MC                                             | Eric<br>Hendrickson<br>-<br>Jennifer Cheely<br>Rick Nevard<br>Eric<br>Hendrickson<br>Michael Snyder<br>Christopher<br>Goss<br>James Hyder,<br>Jr.<br>Mary Edith<br>Kirkland | -<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-           |
| <b>District 16</b><br>Lincoln, McDuffie, and Wilkes Counties<br><i>The Rev. Mike Gudka</i><br>pastormikegudka@gmail.com<br><i>Neal Tam</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader                          | Lincolnton MC<br>Macedonia MC (Thomson)<br>Salem MC (Thomson)<br>Thomson First<br>Washington First MC<br>Young Memorial MC<br>(Thomson)                                                                 | Mike Gudka<br>Leah Chapman<br>Jim Miller<br>Steve Dodson<br>Doug Parsons<br>-                                                                                               | -<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-                          |
| <b>District 17</b><br><i>The Rev. John Moore</i><br>john.moore68@live.com<br>Elbert, Franklin, Hart Counties<br><i>Evelyn Wells</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader                                 | Bethlehem (Elberton)<br>Elberton First MC<br>Hartwell First MC<br>Liberty Hill MC<br>Providence Church at Shoal<br>Creek<br>Woodlawn<br>Conference Evangelist                                           | John Moore<br>John<br>Donaldson<br>Allen Stewart<br>Michele May<br>-<br>John Moore<br>Tom Atkins                                                                            | -<br>-<br>Matt Parker<br>-<br>-<br>-                |
| <b>District 18</b><br>Banks, Habersham, Rabun, Stephens, and<br>White Counties<br><i>The Rev. Ross Wheeler</i><br>pastorrosswheeler@gmail.com<br><i>Kim Hudgins</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader | Clarksville First<br>Cleveland First MC<br>Cool Springs MC<br>Ebenezer MC<br>Homer MC<br>Mt Pleasant MC (Cleveland)<br>Nacoochee MC<br>New Salem MC<br>St James (Toccoa)<br>Tiger MC<br>Toccoa First MC | Ross Wheeler<br>Brian Alexander<br>Mike Campbell<br>Bill Mallalieu<br>Fletcher Law<br>Paul Bennett<br>Keith<br>Windmiller<br>Ed Jumper<br>-<br>Toby Grady<br>Tom Moseley    | -<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>- |
| <b>District 19</b><br>Madison and Jackson Counties<br><i>The Rev. Dr. Andy Hargrove</i><br>andybhargrove@gmail.com<br><i>Guy Dean Benson</i><br>Connectional Lay Leader                        | Center Pointe MC<br>Colbert MC<br>Ebenezer Church Jefferson<br>Gordon's Chapel MC<br>Holly Springs MC<br>Jones Chapel MC                                                                                | Mike Devine<br>Eddie Herring<br>-<br>Andy Hargrove<br>Raymond<br>Gibbs<br>-                                                                                                 | -<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-<br>-                          |
| <b>District 20</b>                                                                                                                                                                             | Asbury Chapel                                                                                                                                                                                           | Whit Martin                                                                                                                                                                 | -                                                   |

| Connection Community                | Church                                     | Lead Pastor      | Associate Pastor(s) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Dawson, Lumpkin, and Hall Counties  | Bethel MC (Dawson County)                  | David Sanders    | -                   |
| <i>The Rev. Dr. Steve Schofield</i> | Clemons Chapel                             | Richard Griffith | -                   |
| steveschofield9@gmail.com           | Dahlonaga MC                               | Steve Schofield  | Robin Parr          |
| <i>Dan Parr</i>                     | Hickory Flat (Lula)                        | Craig Murray     | -                   |
| Connectional Lay Leader             | Lula MC                                    | Craig Murray     | -                   |
|                                     | McKee's Chapel                             | Mike Borchert    | -                   |
|                                     | Redwine (Gainesville)                      | Justin Arnold    | -                   |
|                                     | Saint Paul MC (Dahlonaga)                  | David Bost       | -                   |
|                                     | The Highlands (Gainesville)                | Kyle Smith       | -                   |
|                                     | Wesley Chapel (Dahlonaga)                  | Stuart Greene    | -                   |
|                                     | Awakenings Collegiate Fellowship           | Nathan Dickens   |                     |
|                                     | Knox Martin Foundation for Cancer Research | Becky Martin     |                     |
|                                     | Conference Evangelist                      | Blane Spence     |                     |

# Financial Report

## Budgeting and Approval Schedule for 2027 Budget

|                                                | CURRENT    | NEW SCHEDULE      |
|------------------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Ministry Committees Submit Requests to Finance | Feb. 2026  | October 2026      |
| Finance Approves                               | March 2026 | November 2026     |
| Connectional Council Approves                  | April 2026 | December 2026     |
| Annual Conference Approves                     | June 2026  | January 23, 2027* |

### Benefits of Changing Schedule:

- More accurate data to budget 2027
- Currently we have budgeting almost a year ahead
- Prevents post-budgeting adjustments
- Projected revenue in 2027 will be based on 2026 experience
- Annual Conference approval will be held electronically
- Detailed Education of Proposed 2027 Budget before vote

\*Electronic Annual Conference date coordinated with the Bishopauta's schedule

## Year-End 2025 Actual to Budget Comparison

| Revenue                             | Actual              | Budget              | (Over)/Under Budget   |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Connectional Funding                | \$546,703.64        | \$390,000.00        | (\$156,703.64)        |
| Annual Conf and Other Event Revenue | \$50,467.64         | \$0.00              | (\$50,467.64)         |
| <b>Total Revenue (Over Budget)</b>  | <b>\$597,171.28</b> | <b>\$390,000.00</b> | <b>(\$207,171.28)</b> |

| Annual Conference and Ministry Exp | Actual              | Budget              | Over/(Under) Budget  |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Annual Conference and Events       | \$76,793.46         | \$10,700.00         | (\$66,093.46)        |
| Board of Ministry                  | \$12,337.48         | \$13,400.00         | \$1,062.52           |
| Kingdom Advancement                | \$36,906.67         | \$41,500.00         | \$4,593.33           |
| Missions                           | \$12,446.58         | \$10,000.00         | (\$2,446.58)         |
| Emerging Generations               | \$21,405.08         | \$34,500.00         | \$13,094.92          |
| Prayer and Intercession            | \$4,160.21          | \$4,500.00          | \$339.79             |
| Lay Empowerment                    | \$9,052.64          | \$10,760.00         | \$1,707.36           |
| <b>Total Ministry Expenses</b>     | <b>\$173,102.12</b> | <b>\$125,360.00</b> | <b>(\$47,742.12)</b> |

| Conference Office and Admin Exp             | Actual              | Budget              | Over/(Under) Budget  |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Conf Superintendent Salary and Benefits     | \$145,163.17        | \$133,684.00        | (\$11,479.17)        |
| Other Conference Office Expenses            | \$24,668.94         | \$14,000.00         | (\$10,668.94)        |
| Admin/Miscellaneous Expenses                | \$126,612.19        | \$116,956.00        | (\$9,656.19)         |
| <b>Total Conference Office and Expenses</b> | <b>\$296,444.30</b> | <b>\$264,640.00</b> | <b>(\$31,804.30)</b> |

|                       |                     |                     |                      |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Total Expenses</b> | <b>\$469,546.42</b> | <b>\$390,000.00</b> | <b>(\$79,546.42)</b> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|

|                                     |                     |                     |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|
| <b>Total Revenue</b>                | <b>\$597,171.28</b> | <b>\$390,000.00</b> |  |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>               | <b>\$469,546.42</b> | <b>\$390,000.00</b> |  |
| <b>Excess Revenue over Expenses</b> | <b>\$127,624.86</b> | <b>\$0.00</b>       |  |

|                                        |                      |               |  |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>Annual Conf and Other Event Rev</b> | <b>\$50,467.64</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b> |  |
| <b>Annual Conf and Other Event Exp</b> | <b>\$76,793.46</b>   | <b>\$0.00</b> |  |
| <b>Net AC and Other Event Loss</b>     | <b>(\$26,325.82)</b> |               |  |

## 2026 Conf Expenses to be Funded via Reserves

Approved in December 2025 by Connectional Council

| Description             | Amount           |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Bishop Expense          | 10,000.00        |
| CS Out of Conference    | 7,500.00         |
| Conf Lay Leader Retreat | 2,500.00         |
| Ministry Stoles         | 2,500.00         |
| Judicial Admin & Review | 2,500.00         |
| Cabinet Chair Expense   | 2,500.00         |
| Special Events          | 7,000.00         |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>34,500.00</b> |

Conf Exp to be funded with reserves approved in January 2026 by Connectional Council

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Conf Visioning Project | 10,000.00 |
|------------------------|-----------|

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| <b>Total Expenses Approved by Connectional Council to be funded via reserves</b> | <b>44,500.00</b> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|

## 2026 Budget

| Revenue                            | Budget              |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Connectional Funding               | \$632,575.00        |
| Emerging Generation                | \$16,900.00         |
| Prayer Seminar Fees                | \$6,000.00          |
| Lay Ministry Fees                  | \$2,250.00          |
| Annual Conference Revenue          | \$47,500.00         |
| <b>Total Revenue (Over Budget)</b> | <b>\$705,225.00</b> |

| Annual Conference and Ministry Exp | Budget              |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Annual Conference                  | \$42,000.00         |
| Board of Ministry                  | \$35,000.00         |
| Programs & Ministry                | \$75,000.00         |
| Emerging Generations               | \$27,900.00         |
| Prayer and Intercession            | \$12,000.00         |
| Lay Empowerment                    | \$17,845.00         |
| Missions                           | \$115,000.00        |
| Conference Office                  | \$390,480.00        |
| <b>Total Ministry Expenses</b>     | <b>\$705,225.00</b> |

## Kingdom Advancement Report

### Kingdom Advancement Team Recap for Annual Conference

#### Are You a Multiplier?

One of our tasks as the Kingdom Advancement team is to help equip both leaders and churches to become multipliers across our conference. And by *Multiplier*, I mean a *healthy disciple-making leader who champions reproduction*. Multipliers are individuals and communities engaged in making disciples, establishing spiritual communities, mobilizing new leaders, and launching churches. When we multiply, we glorify God.

#### Worth Celebrating

Over the past 12 months the KA team has been hard at work helping to foster a culture of multiplication across our conference. Here are just a few highlights of how that has unfolded this past year:

- 10 Local church leaders have completed Exponential's Multipliers Learning Cohort.
- 24+ Clergy have completed or are in process of completing Narrow Gate's discipleship learning cohort.
- All 20 Connectional Lay Leaders were introduced to multiplication principals at their annual retreat and several clergy thru district gatherings.
- Coaching referrals have been made for local church leaders seeking to refine vision and redevelop discipleship pathways.
- Collaboration has begun among local churches seeking to launch churches and/or college campus ministries.
- Mission Insite Reporting and Consulting provided to multiple local churches and their leaders.
- *Guiding Principles for Church Multiplication* for North Georgia Conference drafted.

More important than numbers are changed lives and perspectives. Here are few testimonials from leaders who have undertaken Exponential Multipliers training:

*Exponential Multipliers has given me clarity and language related to the holy discontent I've felt for 10+ years that church is not what it is intended to be. Our churches and individual Christian's principle calling is to make disciples who make disciples - obeying the great commandment and fulfilling the great commission through the great empowerment of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:8). I am discovering on this journey practical ways we can build this disciple-making mindset into the culture of our churches and into believers' lives. ~ Greg Foster, Lay leader, Gwinnett GMC*

*The Exponential Multipliers Cohort has challenged me to think more intentionally about discipleship and leadership development, not just growing programs but multiplying people. It has expanded my vision for ministry by helping me see the importance of investing deeply in others so they can confidently lead and disciple those around them. ~Rev. Laura Hamby, Blue Ridge Methodist Church*



*This year's Exponential Multipliers Cohort traveled to observe and hear from church leaders who have shifted from attractional church culture to a disciple multiplication culture in various communities across the United States. In honor of our Conference Superintendent's passion for Krispy Kreme donuts, we made a brief stop while in San Diego this past May.*

## Looking Ahead

As we look ahead, we are seeking to further foster a culture of multiplication of disciples, leaders, churches, and church expressions across our conference. We aim to do this through the following efforts:

- Expanding the number of participants in Exponential & Narrow Gate learning cohorts this fall into next spring.
- Multiplication Training to be offered across the connection offered by graduates of the Exponential Learning Cohorts.
- Grant Process & Application developed for use by local churches looking to collaborate in planting churches and college ministries. We are seeking and anticipate funding coming available to invest in church planting initiatives by local churches.
- Fostering connections among local churches who have discerned a call to collaborate in launching new churches and spiritual communities.
- Coaching made available for church plants and existing churches seeking revitalization.

We are eager to consult, coach, and collaborate with church leaders and local churches looking to revitalize a culture of healthy disciple and church multiplication. We are here to serve you. For more information, contact: Andy Rogers, Kingdom Advancement Team Coordinator

[Andy@TheWayWoodstock.com](mailto:Andy@TheWayWoodstock.com)

# Lay Empowerment Team Report

We are “all things laity”

Only three years ago we held our Inaugural North Georgia Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church, and in that same three years the Lay Empowerment Team has sponsored programs that provide opportunities for laity to learn about the Global Methodist Church, the many resources available through the conference to enhance local church leadership, find one's place to serve whether enhancing a laity role in leadership or seeking a clergy path to ordination. Through three educational programs sponsored by the Lay Empowerment Team we seek to equip, educate and inspire laity to strengthen, plant and revitalize churches and to become personally involved in the making of disciples who make disciples.

Each program leads to further knowledge and advancement. Adopting the expectation of the Ministry and Higher Education Commission for clergy in the GMC, we encourage life-long learning for laity of the NGA Annual Conference

## Lay Empowerment Institute

**LEI** is a series of 9 workshops developed to provide laity with knowledge of the GMC, history of Methodism and the birth and development of the Global Methodist Church, the utilization of conference resources to strengthen the local church, opportunities to serve in mission and ministry within the community and around the world, our conference vision and the important of becoming an individual witness in the outreach to a world that needs to know Jesus ~”so that the world may know!” That is what *LiveSent*, our annual conference theme entails.

We invite you to attend the graduation of 30 participants from the 2024 and 2025 classes at 2:00 p.m. on Friday at this 2026 Annual Conference when the LEI diploma and LEI pins will be presented.

We offer the LEI program series annually, March through November, 5 in-person workshops at a local church and 4 workshops by zoom. We have exciting plans for the upcoming class as we continue to offer new information in a program that is unique to the NGA conference; this updated curriculum has proven for many years to develop leaders that collaborate with clergy to focus on spiritual growth, discipleship and leadership development.

Visit our LEI website: <https://ngagmc.org/lei/> or contact Jane Finley, our Conference Director of LEI at [mjfarm100@aol.com](mailto:mjfarm100@aol.com).

## Certified Lay Minister

**CLM** ~ This program equips laity who feel called to pulpit supply or even the possibility to serve as an interim pastor in a local church for one year as well as those who desire to take the Lay Ministry curriculum courses for self-education or preparation for church staff or volunteer positions. For the past three years, the North Georgia Lay Ministry Program has partnered with the South Georgia Lay Ministry Program for the CLM curriculum training. On Friday afternoon, the delegates of the 2026 Annual Conference will officially vote to approve the certification of 13 new Lay Ministers who have met the program's requirements and will receive their official certification. These candidates have passed a background check and received approval by their local pastor and charge conference to become certified. They join 18 Lay Ministers who were initially certified in 2025. Through the program, we have 3 Lay Ministers serving as an interim pastor having been approved by our Conference Superintendent Rev. Andy Postell. We recognize Kenneth Bradley at Saint James, Toccoa; Victor Kovac at Pleasant Valley Church, Monroe and Jay Allred at Manchester Methodist in Manchester. Lay Ministers not only serve in the pulpit but are active in a variety of other ministries in the local church, conference and general church.

Visit the Lay Ministry page of the conference website under Lay Empowerment Team or contact our Conference Director of Lay Ministry, Kin McKinnon, for additional information: [ngagmclsm@gmail.com](mailto:ngagmclsm@gmail.com).

**ANNOUNCEMENT: Our exciting news comes with the announcement that the North Georgia Conference has begun formulating plans to offer our own CERTIFIED LAY MINISTRY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM to begin in January 2027. The program will be guided by the Lay**

*Empowerment Team and will be managed by the CLM Certification Supervisory Team led by Dan Parr in conjunction with the Board of Ministry. More information will be provided on the website as we receive guidance from the decisions made by delegates at the 2026 General Conference about the Certified Lay Ministry Program.*

## **Answering God's Call**

**AGC** ~ The Lay Empowerment Team continues to build support for laity with an opportunity to discern the meaning of God's call on one's life through this one-day workshop.

Now in its second year, **Answering God's Call** builds around the spiritual gifts inventory that is administered through the **PLACE**® Profile. The results of this tool can help laity to understand how uniquely God has created you and how you can use this information in discerning how you might best fit into God's plan for service in the Kingdom here on earth.

In addition to the on-line assessment and an interaction workshop, participants receive one-on-one coaching by a trained facilitator, allowing them to go deeper into the results of their inventory.

We will recognize 29 participants who have completed the program and our video will highlight a couple of individual experiences resulting from participation in the AGC program

For more information, check out the North GA GMC website at <https://ngagmc.org/gods-call/> or contact our Conference Director Susan Young at [syoung.agc@gmail.com](mailto:syoung.agc@gmail.com).

**Visit our Lay Empowerment Team display table at annual conference to learn more about the programs offered to all North Georgia GMC laity and speak with the conference directors of each program.**

## 2026 Nominations & Leadership Report

### Connectional Council

**The Connectional Council shall meet at least 3 times per year for the purpose of communication and coordination of ministry among the Annual Conference boards and committees.**

| Role                              | Name              | Status       | Church                    | District  |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Conference Superintendent         | Andy Postell      | Clergy       | NGA GMC                   |           |
| Conference Lay Leader             | Tina Kirkland     | Laity        | Hillside                  | 4         |
| Conference Treasurer              | Tom Moseley       | Clergy       | Toccoa First              | 18        |
| Conference Parliamentarian        | Dan Parr          | Laity        | Dahlonga                  | 20        |
| Conference Chancellor             | <b>John Miles</b> | <b>Laity</b> | <b>Madison</b>            | <b>12</b> |
| Conference Secretary              | Chris Branscomb   | Clergy       | Five Springs              | 1         |
| Chair of the Cabinet              | John Moore        | Clergy       | Bethlehem & Woodlawn      | 17        |
| Chair of the District Lay Leaders | Neal Tam          | Laity        | Thomson First             | 16        |
| Chair of the Emerging Generations | Matt Abel         | Clergy       | Canton First              | 4         |
| Chair of Kingdom Advancement      | Andy Rogers       | Clergy       | The Way Woodstock         | 4         |
| Chair of Lay Empowerment          | Jane Finley       | Laity        | Toccoa First              | 18        |
| Chair of Superintendency          | John Beyers       | Clergy       | Wesley Methodist LaGrange | 7         |
| Chair of Prayer and Intercession  | Julie Little      | Laity        | Canton First              | 4         |
| Chair of Finance                  | Bobby Carmichael  | Laity        | Wesley Methodist LaGrange | 7         |
| Chair of Board of Ministry        | Eddie Bradford    | Clergy       | Norcross First            | 10        |
| Chair of Missions                 | Jeff Jernigan     | Laity        | Macland Community Church  | 6         |

### Connectional Council Executive Team

**The Executive Team works with the Conference Superintendent and the Cabinet to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Conference. The Executive Team will operate the Conference in the interim of Connectional Council meetings and at the direction of the Bishop or Conference Superintendent. All actions taken by the Executive Team shall be ratified by the Connectional Council.**

| Name                              | Status                            | Status | Church                    | District |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|---------------------------|----------|
| <b>CHAIR:</b> Andy Postell        | Conference Superintendent         | Clergy | NGA GMC                   |          |
| <b>VICE CHAIR:</b> John Moore     | Chair of the Cabinet              | Clergy | Bethlehem & Woodlawn      | 17       |
| <b>SECRETARY:</b> Chris Branscomb | Conference Secretary              | Clergy | Five Springs              | 1        |
| Tina Kirkland                     | Conference Lay Leader             | Laity  | Hillside                  | 4        |
| Neal Tam                          | Chair of the District Lay Leaders | Laity  | Thomson First             | 16       |
| Andy Rogers                       | Chair of Kingdom Advancement      | Clergy | The Way Woodstock         | 4        |
| Jane Finley                       | Chair of Lay Empowerment          | Laity  | Toccoa First              | 18       |
| Jeff Jernigan                     | Chair of Missions                 | Laity  | Macland Community Church  | 6        |
| Bobby Carmichael                  | Chair of Finance                  | Laity  | Wesley Methodist LaGrange | 7        |

## Cabinet/Presiding Elders

**Presiding Elders have conference-wide responsibilities. Connectional Community Elders are assigned to a particular district (connectional community). The cabinet shall have such powers and responsibilities as set by the BD&D.**

| Name                     | Status                | Church                             | District |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| <b>CHAIR:</b> John Moore |                       |                                    |          |
| <b>VICE-CHAIR:</b>       |                       |                                    |          |
| <b>SECRETARY:</b>        |                       |                                    |          |
| Zack Fitzpatrick         | Clergy                | Elizabeth Lee                      | 1        |
| Sam Hamby                | Clergy                | Blue Ridge                         | 2        |
| Scott Brown              | Clergy                | Faith Methodist                    | 3        |
| Sandra Macht             | Clergy                | Ball Ground                        | 4        |
| Tim Constien             | Clergy                | Dog River                          | 5        |
| Judy Stevenson           | Clergy                | Macland Community                  | 6        |
| John Halley              | Clergy                | Thomaston First                    | 7        |
| Joy Griffin              | Clergy                | Beautiful Feet                     | 8        |
| Tim Rogers               | Clergy                | Covenant Newnan (district 8)       | 9        |
| Miguel Velez             | Clergy                | Skyland Church                     | 10       |
| Mike Wadley              | Clergy                | Rockland & Shiloh at Almon         | 11       |
| Hugh Hendrickson         | Clergy                | First MC of Greensboro-Lake Oconee | 12       |
| Luis Ortiz               | Clergy                | Bridge Community Church            | 13       |
| Darrell McGinnis         | Clergy                | Knowles Chapel & Pierce Memorial   | 14       |
| Christopher Goss         | Clergy                | Mosaic Church Evans                | 15       |
| Mike Gudka               | Clergy                | Lincolnton                         | 16       |
| John Moore               | Clergy                | Bethlehem & Woodlawn               | 17       |
| Ross Wheeler             | Clergy                | Clarkesville First                 | 18       |
| Andy Hargrove            | Clergy                | Gordon's Chapel                    | 19       |
| <b>TBD</b>               | Clergy                |                                    | 20       |
| Tina Kirkland            | Conference Lay Leader | Hillside                           | 4        |
| Herzen And one           | Presiding Elder       | Hillside                           | 4        |
| John Beyers              | Presiding Elder       | Wesley Methodist LaGrange          | 7        |
| Steve Dodson             | Presiding Elder       | Thomson First                      | 16       |
| Robin Parr               | Presiding Elder       | Dahlonega                          | 20       |

## Connectional Lay Leaders

**work closely with the Connectional Elders to model a healthy partnership between laity and clergy.**

| Name                      | Status                    | Church                               | District  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| CHAIR: Neal Tam           |                           |                                      |           |
| VICE-CHAIR: Tina Kirkland |                           |                                      |           |
| SECRETARY:                |                           |                                      |           |
| Marget Sikes              | Laity                     | Varnell Church                       | 1         |
| Christopher Farr          | Laity                     | Blue Ridge                           | 2         |
| Tony Pack                 | Laity                     | GracePoint Rome                      | 3         |
| Michelle Roberts          | Laity                     | Sawnee Ridge                         | 4         |
| Kimberly Kreider          | Laity                     | Dog River                            | 5         |
| Joseph Howell             | Laity                     | Due West                             | 6         |
| Jay Allred                | Laity                     | Wesley Methodist LaGrange            | 7         |
| Scott Eason               | Laity                     | Shiloh Methodist Church & Campground | 8         |
| Cindy Baxter              | Laity                     | Jodeco Road                          | 9         |
| TBD                       | Laity                     |                                      | 10        |
| Linda Richardson          | Laity                     | Shiloh Methodist at Almon            | 11        |
| Butch Thompson            | Laity                     | Madison                              | 12        |
| Susana Alvarado           | Laity                     | Bridge Community Church              | 13        |
| TBD                       | Laity                     |                                      | 14        |
| Davey Story               | Laity                     | Harlem                               | 15        |
| Neal Tam                  | Laity                     | Thomson First                        | 16        |
| Evelyn Wells              | Laity                     | Woodlawn                             | 17        |
| <b>Gary Elzey</b>         | <b>Laity</b>              | <b>Tiger</b>                         | <b>18</b> |
| Guy Dean Benson           | Laity                     | Holly Springs                        | 19        |
| Dan Parr                  | Laity                     | Dahlongega                           | 20        |
| Tina Kirkland             | Conference Lay Leader     | Hillside                             | 4         |
| Andy Postell              | Conference Superintendent | NGA GMC                              |           |

## Board of Ministry

**The Board of Ministry shall be responsible for overseeing the recruiting and credentialing of clergy for the furtherance of the mission of the Global Methodist Church. (§§406-410, 418) The Board shall also be responsible for overseeing all clergy changes in conference relations. (§§415-418)**

| Name                       | Status                         | Church                           | District |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| CHAIR: Eddie Bradford      |                                |                                  |          |
| VICE CHAIR: Lathem Postell |                                |                                  |          |
| SECRETARY: Susan Roach     |                                |                                  |          |
| Eddie Bradford             | Elder                          | Norcross First                   | 10       |
| Jason Danuser              | Elder                          | Creekside                        | 4        |
| Debby Stikes               | Deacon                         | Trinity, Griffin                 | 9        |
| Charlie Green              | Elder                          | The Highlands                    | 20       |
| Michele May                | Elder                          | Liberty Hill                     | 17       |
| <b>TBD</b>                 | <b>Elder</b>                   |                                  |          |
| Chris Mullis               | Elder                          | Stark                            | 9        |
| Lathem Postell             | Elder                          | Sam Jones                        | 3        |
| Kyle Smith                 | Elder                          | The Highlands Church             | 20       |
| David Campbell             | Elder                          | Due West                         | 6        |
| Luis Ortiz                 | Elder – Cabinet Representative | Bridge Community Church          | 13       |
| Moe Nethery                | Laity                          | Dahlonaga                        | 20       |
| <b>Marget Sikes</b>        | <b>Laity</b>                   | <b>Varnell Church</b>            | <b>1</b> |
| Susan Roach                | Laity                          | Dahlonaga                        | 20       |
| Al Simon                   | Laity                          | Norcross                         | 10       |
| <b>Jan Mallory</b>         | <b>Laity</b>                   | <b>Wesley Methodist LaGrange</b> | <b>7</b> |
| Francisco Artley           | Elder                          | Grace Methodist                  | 8        |
| Sarah Foster               | Laity                          | Gwinnett Global MC               | 10       |
| Kim Hudgins                | Laity                          | Toccoa First                     | 18       |
| Tom Fish                   | Elder                          |                                  |          |
| Samyul Yu                  | Elder                          | Christian Unity                  | 10       |

## Superintendency Committee

The Superintendency Committee shall be responsible to support the Conference Superintendent in the oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Annual Conference and Global Methodist Church. (§710.3)

| Name                           | Status                | Church                    | District  |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| <b>CHAIR:</b> John Beyers      |                       |                           |           |
| <b>VICE CHAIR:</b> Jane Finley |                       |                           |           |
| <b>SECRETARY:</b> Mike Broome  |                       |                           |           |
| Graham Arp                     | Clergy                | Chatsworth First          | 1         |
| John Beyers                    | Clergy                | Wesley Methodist LaGrange | 7         |
| Mike Broome                    | Clergy                | Kresge                    | 5         |
| Titus Constantine              | Clergy                | Trinity Church @ Duluth   | 10        |
| Charlie Green                  | Clergy                | The Highlands             | 20        |
| Laura Hamby                    | Clergy                | Blue Ridge                | 2         |
| James Emery                    | Laity                 | Wesley Methodist LaGrange | 7         |
| Jane Finley                    | Laity                 | Toccoa First              | 18        |
| <b>Barbara Chandler</b>        | <b>Laity</b>          | <b>Colbert</b>            | <b>19</b> |
| Ansley Neel                    | Laity                 | Elizabeth Lee             | 1         |
| Tina Kirkland                  | Conference Lay Leader | Hillside                  | 4         |
| Mike McCord                    | Laity                 | Canton First              | 4         |

## Administrative Review Committee

The Administrative Review Committee (§906.2) shall be responsible for ensuring that the disciplinary procedures for resolving a substantiated administrative complaint are properly followed as required by Judicial Practices and Procedures 5.2 and fair process (§905).

| Name                  | Status        | Church                 | District  |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------|
| <b>CHAIR:</b> TBD     |               |                        |           |
| <b>SECRETARY:</b> TBD |               |                        |           |
| David Laycock         | Clergy        | Macedonia (Alpharetta) | 4         |
| <b>Bill Curington</b> | <b>Clergy</b> | <b>St James Athens</b> | <b>13</b> |
| David Moore           | Clergy        | Senior Elder           | 6         |
| Alternates:           |               |                        |           |
| Jeff Coleman          | Clergy        | Church on the Hill     | 10        |
| David Wofford         | Clergy        | Eatonton First         | 12        |

## Finance and Administration Committee

**The Finance and Administration Committee shall be responsible to develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, budgets, procedures, and management services for the annual conference. (§710.4)**

| Name                                                       | Status        | Church                     | District |
|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------|
| <b>CHAIR:</b> Bobby Carmichael                             |               |                            |          |
| <b>VICE CHAIR:</b>                                         |               |                            |          |
| <b>SECRETARY:</b>                                          |               |                            |          |
| Cabinet Representative – Andy Hargrove (voice, not vote)   | Clergy        | Gordon's Chapel            | 19       |
| Conference Treasurer – Tom Moseley (voice, not vote)       | Clergy        | Toccoa First               | 18       |
| Conference Superintendent – Andy Postell (voice, not vote) | Clergy        | NGA GMC                    |          |
| Frank Boone                                                | Clergy        | Tiger                      | 18       |
| Justin Arnold                                              | Clergy        | Redwine                    | 20       |
| John Donaldson                                             | Clergy        | Elberton First             | 17       |
| <b>David Lee</b>                                           | <b>Clergy</b> | <b>Sawnee Ridge Church</b> | <b>4</b> |
| <b>Byron Ahrens</b>                                        | <b>Clergy</b> | <b>Trinity McCaysville</b> | <b>2</b> |
| Ray Cann                                                   | Laity         | Elberton First             | 17       |
| Bobby Carmichael                                           | Laity         | Wesley Methodist LaGrange  | 7        |
| Susan Dreschel                                             | Laity         | Canton First               | 4        |
| Mark Fritz                                                 | Laity         | Canton First               | 4        |
| Wes Walker                                                 | Laity         | Church on the Hill         | 10       |

## Nominations & Leadership Committee

The Leadership Committee shall be responsible for nominating clergy and laity to serve on annual conference committees and boards.

| Name                           | Status                                  | Church                        | District |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| <b>CHAIR:</b> Andy Postell     | Clergy - Conference Superintendent      |                               |          |
| <b>VICE-CHAIR:</b> T. Kirkland |                                         |                               |          |
| <b>SECRETARY:</b> TBD          |                                         |                               |          |
| Tina Kirkland                  | Conference Lay Leader                   | Hillside                      | 4        |
| Sandra Macht                   | Clergy - District 4 Connectional Elder  | Ball Ground                   | 4        |
| Sam Hamby                      | Clergy - District 2 Connectional Elder  | Blue Ridge                    | 2        |
| Miguel Velez                   | Clergy - District 10 Connectional Elder | Skyland Church                | 10       |
| Ross Wheeler                   | Clergy - District 18 Connectional Elder | Clarksville First             | 18       |
| John Beyers                    | Clergy - Presiding Elder                | Wesley Methodist LaGrange     | 7        |
| Steve Dodson                   | Clergy - Presiding Elder                | Thomson First                 | 16       |
| Tommy Ross                     | Clergy                                  | Jodeco                        | 9        |
| Alex McGinnis                  | Clergy                                  | Life Springs Church           | 7        |
| Leah Chapman                   | Clergy                                  | Macedonia Methodist (Thomson) | 16       |
| Michael Cromwell               | Clergy                                  | Hillside                      | 4        |
| <b>Paula Cato</b>              | <b>Laity – District 1</b>               | <b>Chatsworth</b>             | <b>1</b> |
| Dan Parr                       | Laity – District 20                     | Dahlonaga                     | 20       |
| Kim Hudgins                    | Laity – District 18                     | Toccoa First                  | 18       |
| Guy Dean Benson                | Laity – District 4                      | Holly Springs                 | 20       |
| Neal Tam                       | Laity – District 16                     | Thomson First                 | 16       |
| Butch Thompson                 | Laity – District 12                     | Madison                       | 12       |
| Jay Allred                     | Laity – District 7                      | Wesley Methodist LaGrange     | 7        |
| Scott Eason                    | Laity – District 8                      | Shiloh MC & Campground        | 8        |
| Sam Farmer                     | Laity – District 8                      | Tallapoosa First              | 8        |
| Jake Harper                    | Laity – District 17                     | Elberton                      | 17       |

## Committee on Investigation

The Committee on Investigation shall be responsible for considering judicial complaints against clergy as set out in Part Eight Judicial Administration of this Book of Doctrines and Discipline and specifically ¶710.6 and 910.2.

| Name                          | Status        | Church                   | District  |
|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| <b>CHAIR:</b> Hal Hinesley    |               |                          |           |
| <b>VICE CHAIR:</b> TBD        |               |                          |           |
| <b>SECRETARY:</b> Mark Lovell |               |                          |           |
| Steve Alred                   | Clergy        | GracePoint Rome          | 3         |
| Mark Lovell                   | Clergy        | Sam Jones                | 3         |
| Whit Martin                   | Clergy        | Asbury Chapel            | 20        |
| <b>Glenn Petero</b>           | <b>Clergy</b> | <b>Mt Nebo</b>           | <b>6</b>  |
| Hal Hinesley                  | Laity         | Thomson First            | 16        |
| <b>Karen Harrison</b>         | <b>Laity</b>  | <b>Gordon's Chapel</b>   | <b>19</b> |
| David McCoy                   | Laity         | Macland Community Church | 6         |
| <b>Alternates:</b>            |               |                          |           |
| Angela Bellido                | Clergy        | Bridge Community Church  | 13        |
| <b>Steve Griggers</b>         | <b>Clergy</b> | <b>Flint Hill</b>        | <b>6</b>  |
| Chuck Savage                  | Clergy        | Sardis                   | 6         |
| Ashley Tippens                | Clergy        | Macedonia (Alpharetta)   | 4         |
| Bill Fincher                  | Laity         |                          |           |
| Kip McVay                     | Laity         |                          |           |
| James Payne                   | Laity         |                          |           |

## Conference Prayer and Intercession Team

The role of The Conference Prayer and Intercession Team is to ensure the work of the conference is thoroughly covered in prayer. The team prays for Conference leadership and needs as well as the Global Methodist Church leadership and needs. This team also prays and works together to encourage each local congregation to prayerfully select a prayer point person to ensure prayer is a priority in local churches. The team also resources local churches as needed.

| Name                                           | Status                | Church                          | District  |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| CONFERENCE PRAYER COORDINATOR:<br>Julie Little | Laity                 | Canton First                    | 4         |
| John Moore                                     | Clergy                | Bethlehem/Woodlawn              | 17        |
| Herschel Collins                               | Clergy                | Fellowship at County Line       | 6         |
| <b>David Bost</b>                              | <b>Clergy</b>         | <b>Saint Paul - Dahlonga</b>    | <b>20</b> |
| Jane Kilgo                                     | Laity                 | Saint James GMC - Athens        | 13        |
| Tina Kirkland                                  | Conference Lay Leader | Hillside                        | 4         |
| Sandra Macht (Cabinet Rep)                     | Clergy                | Ball Ground                     | 4         |
| <b>Cindy Robbins</b>                           | <b>Laity</b>          | <b>Saint James GMC – Athens</b> | <b>13</b> |
| Bethany Ross                                   | Laity                 | Sam Jones                       | 3         |
| Steve Scholfield                               | Clergy                | Dahlonga                        | 20        |
| <b>Wayne Simpson</b>                           | <b>Laity</b>          | <b>Church on the Hill</b>       | <b>10</b> |
| Evelyn Wells                                   | Laity                 | Woodlawn                        | 17        |

## Emerging Generations Team

The role of the Emerging Generations Team is to encourage, resource, and enable children, youth and young adults and their families to lead and serve as followers of Jesus.

| Name                     | Status        | Church                                                  | District  |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>CHAIR</b> – Matt Abel | Clergy        | Canton First                                            | 4         |
| Kayla DeSimone           | Laity         | Canton First                                            | 4         |
| Ed Dickens               | Clergy        | Dahlonega                                               | 20        |
| Taylor Gindlesberger     | Laity         | Due West                                                | 6         |
| <b>Caleb Keene</b>       | <b>Clergy</b> | <b>Thomaston First</b>                                  | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>Tate Welling</b>      | <b>Clergy</b> | <b>Awakening Collegiate Fellowship of Milledgeville</b> | <b>14</b> |
| Brandy Lee               | Clergy        | Harlem                                                  | 15        |
| Lathem Postell           | Clergy        | Sam Jones                                               | 3         |
| Dylan Queen              | Laity         | Elizabeth Lee                                           | 1         |
| <b>Sam Kelley</b>        | <b>Laity</b>  | <b>Milledgeville First</b>                              | <b>14</b> |
| <b>DeDe Reilly</b>       | <b>Laity</b>  | <b>Macland Community Church</b>                         | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>Bailey Tam</b>        | <b>Laity</b>  | <b>Dahlonega</b>                                        | <b>20</b> |
| <b>Chris Haymore</b>     | <b>Clergy</b> | <b>Wesley Methodist Church of Covington</b>             | <b>11</b> |

## Conference Board of Lay Empowerment

The Conference Board of Lay Empowerment equips and empowers laity to be leaders in the local church, district, and conference, partnering with clergy to connect and empower the local church for ministry effectiveness through the Lay Empowerment Institute, Certified Lay Minister program, and the Answering God's Call program.

| Name                  | Role                                                                                 | Church                                          | District  |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Jane Finley           | Chair of Lay Empowerment Team (LET), Director of Lay Empowerment Institute           | Toccoa First                                    | 18        |
| Marget Sikes          | Lay Leader and LET Coordinator                                                       | Varnell Church                                  | 1         |
| Dan Parr              | Lay Leader and LET Coordinator,<br>Associate Chair – Connectional Coordinator        | Dahlonaga                                       | 20        |
| <b>Colleen Boggs</b>  |                                                                                      | <b>Tiger</b>                                    | <b>18</b> |
| <b>Joe Whittemore</b> |                                                                                      | <b>Hartwell</b>                                 | <b>17</b> |
| Neal Tam              | Lay Leader and LET Coordinator                                                       | Thomson First                                   | 16        |
| Butch Thompson        | Lay Leader and LET Coordinator                                                       | Madison                                         | 12        |
| <b>Joseph Howell</b>  |                                                                                      | <b>Due West</b>                                 | <b>6</b>  |
|                       |                                                                                      |                                                 |           |
| Tina Kirkland         | Conference Lay Leader, LET Coordinator, Associate Chair – Communications Coordinator | Hillside                                        | 4         |
| Jeff Jernigan         | LET Coordinator, Associate Chair - Missions                                          | Macland Community Church                        | 6         |
| <b>Nathan Powell</b>  |                                                                                      | <b>Shiloh Methodist Church &amp; Campground</b> | <b>8</b>  |
| Kin McKinnon          | Certified Lay Minister Director                                                      | Saint James GMC – Athens                        | 13        |
| Susan Young           | “Answering God’s Call” Coordinator                                                   | First MC Greensboro-Lake Oconee                 | 12        |
| Andy Postell          | Ad Hoc Member, Conference Superintendent                                             | NGA GMC                                         |           |
| Richard Chewning      | Ad Hoc Member, Advisor, Interim Presiding Elder                                      | Dahlonaga                                       | 20        |
| John Beyers           | Ad Hoc Member, Advisor, Presiding Elder                                              | Wesley Methodist LaGrange                       | 7         |

## Missions Committee

**The Missions Committee serves to inspire and equip congregations to deploy people and resources to share the Gospel with unreached people groups locally, regionally and globally.**

| Name                   | Role                   | Status        | Church                                          | District  |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Jeff Jernigan          | Chair                  | Laity         | Macland Community Church                        | 6         |
| Terry Peters           | Disaster Response Lead | Laity         | Canton                                          | 4         |
| Herschel Collins       |                        | Clergy        | The Fellowship At County Line                   | 6         |
| <b>Brian Boland</b>    |                        | <b>Laity</b>  | <b>Harlem</b>                                   | <b>15</b> |
| <b>Shane Lovvorn</b>   |                        | <b>Clergy</b> | <b>Shiloh Methodist Church &amp; Campground</b> | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>Lee Stevenson</b>   |                        | <b>Clergy</b> | <b>Macland Community Church</b>                 | <b>6</b>  |
| <b>Chris Branscomb</b> |                        | <b>Clergy</b> | <b>Five Springs</b>                             | <b>1</b>  |
| Dean Osuch             |                        | Clergy        | Canton First                                    | 4         |
| Bethany Ross           |                        | Laity         | Sam Jones                                       | 3         |
| <b>Gay Lynn Toth</b>   |                        | <b>Laity</b>  |                                                 | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>John Halley</b>     | <b>Cabinet Rep</b>     | <b>Clergy</b> | <b>Thomaston First</b>                          | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>Steve Wood</b>      |                        | <b>Clergy</b> | <b>Church on the Hill</b>                       | <b>10</b> |
| <b>Kristi Zemaitas</b> |                        | <b>Laity</b>  | <b>Hartwell</b>                                 | <b>17</b> |
| <b>Matt Laskey</b>     |                        | <b>Clergy</b> | <b>Varnell Church</b>                           | <b>1</b>  |
| TBD                    |                        | Laity         |                                                 |           |

## Kingdom Advancement Team

The Kingdom Advancement Team inspire and support local churches to be more effective in fulfilling their mission of glorifying God and making disciples by equipping congregations, fostering missional partnerships between churches and planting new churches.

| Name                      | Role                       | Status                | Church                               | District  |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Chair:</b> Andy Rogers |                            |                       |                                      |           |
| Kenny Ott                 | Church Revitalization      | Clergy                | Canton First                         | 4         |
| Chuck Savage              | Administration and Finance | Clergy                | Sardis                               | 6         |
| Andy Rogers               | Church Mergers             | Clergy                | The Way Woodstock                    | 4         |
| <b>Steve Schofield</b>    | <b>Multiplication</b>      | <b>Clergy</b>         | <b>Dahlonge</b>                      | <b>20</b> |
| Steve Dodson              | Cabinet Rep                | Clergy                | Thomson                              | 16        |
| Scott Brown               | Leadership Development     | Clergy                | Faith Methodist                      | 3         |
| Nathan Ballew             | Church Planting            | Clergy                | Milledgeville First                  | 14        |
| Sam Gindlesberger         | Intergenerational          | Clergy                | Due West                             | 6         |
| <b>Lewis Jackson</b>      | <b>At Large</b>            | <b>Laity</b>          | <b>Covenant GMC of Newnan</b>        | <b>8</b>  |
| Greg Foster               | At Large                   | Laity                 | Gwinnett Global MC                   | 10        |
| Trudy Gill                | At Large                   | Laity                 | Trinity, Griffin                     | 9         |
| <b>Joshua Williams</b>    | <b>At Large</b>            | <b>Laity</b>          | <b>Thomson</b>                       | <b>15</b> |
| Bethany Laskey            | At Large                   | Laity                 | Varnell Church                       | 1         |
| Tina Kirkland             |                            | Conference Lay Leader | Hillside                             | 4         |
| Scott Eason               |                            | District Lay Leader   | Shiloh Methodist Church & Campground | 8         |
| Christopher Farr          |                            | Laity                 | Blue Ridge                           | 2         |
| <b>Sarah Parham</b>       |                            | <b>Clergy</b>         | <b>TMS Global</b>                    | <b>10</b> |
| <b>David Gray</b>         |                            | <b>Laity</b>          | <b>Hillside</b>                      | <b>4</b>  |

## Prayer & Intercession Committee Report

As Global Methodists, we affirm that prayer is central to the fulfillment of God's purposes. The ultimate completion of the Great Commission will require a powerful outpouring of God's presence and power. We believe the Church has been called to partner with God in the vital work of prayer. Through prayer, we join millions of intercessors around the world whom God is raising up in this generation to see His glory revealed among the nations.

It is a privilege for the Prayer & Intercession Team to serve the North Georgia Conference by praying faithfully for its churches and pastors. The Prayer Team meets online each month to intercede for the needs of regional conferences, missions, and ministries of the Global Methodist Church, as well as for specific prayer requests from local churches and individual members. In addition, the team assists with planning and supporting prayer ministry for Conference events.

The Prayer Team continues to expand the North Georgia Conference Christian Counseling Database by identifying and recommending counselors whose beliefs align with Methodist doctrine and a traditional understanding of Scripture. The full list of recommended counselors is available on the Conference website under "Resources."

On September 27, 2025, the Prayer Team hosted the first North Georgia Conference Prayer Conference at Hillside Methodist Church. The keynote speaker, Dr. Stephen Seamands, Professor Emeritus at Asbury Theological Seminary, offered insightful teaching on "The Weapons of Our Warfare: Intercessory Prayer, Fasting, and Praise," drawn from the Scriptures in II Chronicles.

Please mark your calendar for the Second Annual Prayer Conference, scheduled for October 24, 2026, at Blue Ridge Methodist Church. This event will include opportunities for individual, small-group, and corporate prayer, along with teaching, praise and worship, and practical equipping for prayer ministry within the local church. Registration will open soon.

The Prayer Team encourages each local congregation to prayerfully select a prayer point person to help ensure that prayer remains a priority in the life of the church. Basic qualifications for a prayer point person include: (1) faith in the Lord Jesus Christ demonstrated through a life of loving obedience; (2) a consistent personal prayer life that inspires others to grow spiritually; and (3) leadership that models prayer and mobilizes others to pray for Kingdom purposes. The Prayer Team stands ready to provide resources and support to local churches as they develop and strengthen their prayer ministries.

Isaiah 56:7 "these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

Prayer & Intercession Committee members are Jane Kilgo, Cindy Robbins, Cindy Spence, Tina Kirkland, Sarah Foster, Bethany Ross, Evelyn Wells, Rev. Sandra Macht, Rev. Joy Griffin, Rev. Tom Atkins, Rev. Steve Schofield, Rev. John Moore, Rev. Herschel Collins, and Julie Little (Chair).

Respectfully Submitted, Julie Little and the Prayer & Intercession Team

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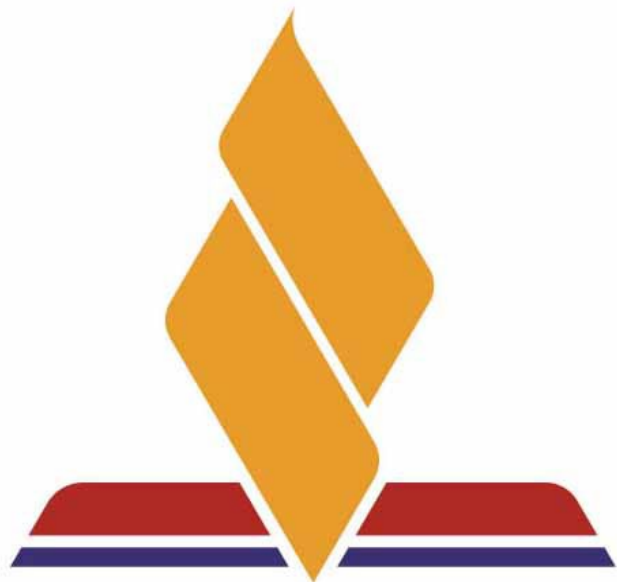
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## Future Annual Conference

### 2027 Annual Conference

Currently the dates for the 2027 North Georgia Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church will be June 3 - 5, 2027 at Due West Methodist Church. ***Note: This date may change when our bishop is assigned at General Conference in September.***