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The Global Methodist Church of South Carolina



2024 AFFILIATION
DECISION GUIDE

God

is reviving Methodism in South Carolina,
and we invite you to join this Holy Spirit
movement.

The Global Methodist Church of South Carolina is an emerging denomination committed to historic Christianity in the Wesleyan tradition. Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

— Romans 15:13



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The Global Methodist Church of South Carolina is truly a Methodist movement. There is renewed excitement for Jesus Christ among our laity, new churches are being established, and men and women are standing up to answer a call to ministry. Methodism has always been at its best when it's been a Spirit-inspired movement of the people. I am humbled and excited to be a part of what God is doing in the Global Methodist Church of South Carolina.

— Bishop Scott J. Jones | General Superintendent | Global Methodist Church

WHY AFFILIATE?

The Global Methodist Church offers a lean organizational structure, giving more autonomy and authority to local congregations while maintaining strong connectional ties for its member clergy and congregations — and ties that are rooted in the original Wesleyan standards of the Christian faith.

- **Theology** | A refreshed, fully aligned expression of traditional Wesleyan Christianity
- **No Trust Clause** | 100% local church ownership of property and assets
- **Cost Savings** | Connectional giving is currently 4% of previous year's operating income.
- **Church Planting** | 25% of the GMC of SC budget is allocated to fund new church starts.



Vision

To be part of a Holy Spirit inspired movement where the church makes new disciples, establishes new congregations, and witnesses to the saving power of the Triune God. The Methodist movement has historically been committed to biblical Christianity, but we like to emphasize a few of our core commitments:

- **Lordship of Jesus Christ** | We are unapologetically committed to a biblical and creedal understanding of Christ as fully God and fully man. Salvation is found in Christ alone.
- **Holy Scripture** | The Bible is the inspired word of God and contains all that is necessary for salvation. It is our final authority for faith and life.
- **Intentional Discipleship** | Jesus tells us to be *“holy as your Father in heaven is holy.”* We seek to reclaim the early Methodist tradition of accountable and relational discipleship in the local church.
- **Leadership Development** | Every person has a spiritual gift and a calling to serve Christ and His church. We seek to equip every person to know and use their gifts to the glory of God and the good of the community.
- **Multiplication** | Jesus commands us to make disciples of all nations. An obedient church is one that seeks to multiply its witness by making new Christians and creating new churches. The creation of new churches is a high priority across South Carolina.

Leadership

The Global Methodist Church of South Carolina

has a shared structure of accountable leadership. As a member body of the Global Methodist Church, we are governed by the *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Disciplines*; we send lay and clergy delegates to General Conference and participate in denominational decision-making.

- **Bishop** | South Carolina's episcopal leader is Bishop Scott Jones.
- **Presiding Elders** | Clergy who are currently serving local congregations within the GMC of SC
- **Lead Team** | Shapes the ministry vision of the GMC of SC. All committees and in-state leadership bodies report to the Lead Team.



Learn More

gmcofsc.org/our-team

COMMITTEES

- **Lead Team** | Stewards the ministry vision in South Carolina. All committees report to the Lead Team.
 - **Committee on Ministry** | Vets, approves, and works in support of clergy
 - **Committee on Annual Gathering** | Plans and implements Annual Gathering
 - **Finance and Administration Committee** | Stewards financial resources, sets policy, and manages business matters
 - **Church Multiplication and Revitalization Committee** | Provides support for new church starts and assists existing congregations in seeking renewal
 - **Ministry Leadership Team** | Consists of Children's Collective, Youth Collective, Young Adult Collective, Missions Collective, and Lay Speaker Collective. These collectives provide:
 - 1) Networking opportunities for local church leaders
 - 2) Wesleyan best practices
 - 3) State-wide ministries such as youth retreats and mission opportunities for local churches
 - **Ambassadors** | Coordinate information for those considering aligning with the GMC of SC

MISSIONS

Before Jesus Christ ascended into heaven, he gave his disciples a mission to, “*go and make disciples of all nations*” (Matt 28:19). To be obedient to Jesus means to be obedient to his command “Go!” As Global Methodists, we live this command by partnering with God to heal the wounds found in our communities while sharing the good news that Jesus Christ is Lord. Through our Missions Collective, we will encourage every congregation to remember Jesus’ Great Commission to go beyond their walls and share the good news of Jesus Christ.

DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus told his followers, “*Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me*” (Luke 9:23). The life of a disciple is learning to live and love like Jesus by denying ourselves and taking up our cross. God’s grace works to mature every believer by rescuing them from their old, sinful life and reorienting them toward a new, fruitful life in Jesus Christ (2 Cor 5:17). Historically, Methodists have gathered in small covenant groups to 1) examine their relationship with God, 2) encourage one another toward God’s will and 3) care for the poor. The GMC of SC encourages every church to work toward intentionally discipling one another to see believers mature in their faith.



Joining the Global Methodist Church has brought new life into our church. We are still “the same” in that we are in line with 2000 years of orthodox Christian teaching and doctrinally we are very much Methodists, but there is a new spirit of hope, renewal, excitement, and unity at Point Hope. We have less administrative meetings and more Bible Studies, Class Meetings, and Connection Groups.

— Rev. Elizabeth Sullivan | Point Hope Church | Mt. Pleasant, SC

Children

AND YOUTH MINISTRIES



Our Children's and Youth Ministries Collective will work to partner with local churches as well as host events to help further the discipleship of the next generation. The church was created to be a multi-generational movement of disciples. Scripture tells us, "Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it" (Proverbs 22:6). Our calling as churches is to direct our children and students by baptizing into the Church and teaching them God's truth so that they will pursue their calling in God's kingdom.

Our Young Adult Collective aims to foster connections across the state for young adults in various walks of life. In this season of life, it is important to have community and encouragement for how God will use us. As scripture says, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." (1 Tim 4:12). Our goal as the GMC of SC is to remind young adults that they can be an example for churches and believers everywhere as God works through them to make disciples of Jesus Christ.

HOW DO CHURCHES JOIN THE GMC?

The first step is for the church to put the following motion before their congregation that must be adopted by a simple majority. This statement along with minutes from the meeting will need to be submitted with the church application:

"I move that _____ Church become a member congregation of the Global Methodist Church, that it affirms and endorses the doctrinal standards (Part One), Social Witness (Part Two), and church governance of the Global Methodist Church as set forth in its Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline, and agrees to be accountable to such standards, witness, and governance. Our leadership and trustees are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this motion."

The second step is to complete applications on our website: gmcofsc.org/join



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I'm in the process of forming a Young Adult Connection here in South Carolina. If you're looking for people who will serve as your spiritual extended family, let me be the first to say, "welcome home!"

— Rev. Bryce Holdman | Mt. Horeb Church | Lexington, SC



PASTORS

Clergy will need to first fill out an online application. Once the application is complete a member of the Committee on Ministry will reach out to set up an interview. All licensed and ordained clergy applying to the GMC of SC, including United Methodist Elders as well as other denominations will meet with the Committee on Ministry for final approval.

Visit: gmcofsc.org/join

CHURCH PLANTING

GMC of SC established a committee on Church Planting and Multiplication that will assist newly forming churches as well as identify areas of the state where we believe God is calling us to plant a GMC church.

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We are deeply grateful for the steadfast support of the GMC of South Carolina in our new church plant. The unwavering commitment to worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly, has been instrumental in our growth and success. The GMC's generosity and encouragement has touched the hearts of our congregation, inspiring us to continue our mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ. We are honored to have the Global Methodist Church as brothers-in-Christ in spreading the message through prayer, service, and outreach.

— Josh Enloe and Amery Brooks | Lay Leaders
Cornerstone Methodist Church | Powdersville, SC



CONNECTIONAL GIVING

Connectional giving is based on the previous year's (January 1 to December 31) operating income. This includes what is given to the church in tithes and offerings, investment income and building use fees, rental income or other unrestricted operating income.

It is the responsibility of each church to calculate the connectional giving number and ensure both General and State levels receive the appropriate funding. The church will send 1% of the total directly to the General Church and 3% to the GMC of SC. Connectional Giving may be paid monthly, quarterly, or yearly.

LEARN MORE

- **Catechism** | globalmethodist.org/catechism
- **Core Beliefs and Governance** | globalmethodist.org/what-we-believe
- **Prayer Network** | globalmethodist.org/prayer
- **Testimonials** | www.gmcofsc.org/articles

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