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Ethnicity- Caucasian

Share your testimony of coming to faith and salvation in Jesus Christ.

My journey to Christ began with my maternal grandmother when I was about 7 years old. When I married, my husband lead me to church. He was from a devout Christian family. I went on my "Walk to Emmaus" in 2000 and baptism in Perdido Bay (Pensacola,FL) in 2003 by Pastor Robert Bailey, a dynamic Pastor and friend. This was a time of very powerful insight for me. He and his wife, Judy exemplified how to be a driving force for the Lord in their service and their time they gave at Warrington UMC in Pensacola. Our church truly blossomed and I gained a greater perception what it was to be a Christian in seeing the congregation grow spiritually reaching outside of the church. In 2011, my husband and I became part-timers in Franklin, NC. We found a quaint little country church, were given a big hug as we walked in and I truly felt the Presence of The Lord in that place! My husband passed in 2015, and God brought me back to little Hickory Knoll Methodist Church permanently. Due to cancer we lost our Pastor Paul Sears but 6 months later, we were blessed with Pastor Stephanie Thompson on July 16, 2016. She has lead our church to greatness. Under her leadership, I have been guided to serve the Lord as Leadership Team chair, Worship chair, choir, Missions chair, and I am in charge of our monthly "Faith Raising Breakfast", where many people are involved. I am so blessed to be part of HKMC, with a loving congregation of 70 and we gave over \$19000 in Missions in 2023 . Our precious Savior has been so very Good to us and for us!

Describe your ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

My strength in the Lord is reaching out to others in need through our many mission projects. I am deeply involved in the administrative responsibilities of the church, including being on the finance committee, PPRC, helping others in the church with their financial needs and those not in our church.

Service in the General Conference is a special task. Explain your understanding of this task.

I believe it is serving the Lord by bringing Jesus to others by worshiping, voting responsibly during the meetings, and seeking God's will and encouraging others as He would. And sharing the knowledge I gained with my church and district. I would represent the integrity of the Global Methodist Church and the Lord's holiness and greatness.

What gifts/strengths/passions/talents do you bring to the building up and organizing of the Global Methodist Church?

I feel I have energy, love of gifting, time (I am retired) and I have organizational skills and enjoy working with others.

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Do you agree to fast and pray for your role and the delegation to the General Conference? Yes

Do you attend worship at your church at least 3 out of 4 Sunday's a month? Yes

Are you a part of a small group, Sunday School class or band? Yes

Are you involved in Christian missions at least once a month? Yes

Do you pray regularly for your church, pastor, and members? Yes

Do you give a full tithe to the church of your membership? Yes

Do you uphold and agree with the Doctrinal Standards of the GMC as stated in Part 1 of the Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline? Yes

Do you uphold and agree with the Social Witness of the GMC as stated in Part 2 of the Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline? Yes

If elected will you agree to represent Jesus Christ and uphold the integrity of the GMC NC PAC? Yes

Do you have a current U.S. Passport? Yes

In order to serve, will you be available to travel to Costa Rica from September 19-27, 2024 and attend online meetings ahead of the conference? Yes

Are you willing and able to bear some of the cost for attendance to serve in this capacity? Yes

I once again affirm that I satisfy the requirements to be a delegate to the Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church. Yes

I consent for my answers to be published on the NCPAC website. Yes