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

I was raised in the church, actually and literally right next door to the church and use to climb the fence to go to Sunday School as a child. I took confirmation classes and join at age 12. Had two of the most awesome examples of Christ love for others in my Mother and Grandmother, and later I saw it in my Dad, his was a more quite non public be hide the scenes type of supportive love for others, but didn't really understand that love they had for others and for being the hands and feet of Jesus in the world. Thought I was a "Christian", but boy was I in for a surprise. I now know God had another plan in mind for me. My coming to true faith and salvation came in 1975 at a High School Campus Crusade for Christ meeting. The testimonies and music were absorbing into my mind, the Holy Spirit was moving and was absorbing into my heart. When they gave an alter call it seemed as if my feet were moving on their own. Or as I tell others "my feet moved and I followed". I was blessed to have one of my best friends, who was a believer, there with me and who stood by me that night, prayed with me, cried with me and rejoiced with me as I prayed and accepted Christ into my heart and life. I have to say that I only went to that meeting because of her, she invited me to go and at 17, I saw it as a way to get out of the house on a week night. It was because of her love for me and her following of Christ that I was saved that night. I know that He laid it on her heart to get me there and I praise Him for her obedience. I am blessed to say that friend still prays, cries and rejoices with me to this day, as well as so many others that have come onto my life through Christ. Christ has moved in my life in an awesome powerful way and it all started with a friend's belief. I have told my "moving feet" story to many others over the years and yes it will bring smiles but it also brings that look of "what" which is a lot of times the opening needed, but I believe it is also the moment when a seed is planted.

Describe your ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

My biggest ministry in the name of Jesus Christ comes from my profession of being a Registered Nurse. At age 8 I had a desire to become a nurse, which I later came to realize was God's calling on my heart to help others.

My friend who took me to that Campus Crusade for Christ meeting and I would talk frequently about what God had placed on our hearts, to minister to others. God was calling her to be in Ministry and myself to be in Nursing. We even came up with a plan of "salvation", if I could not "heal" their physical bodies then she would "heal" their spiritual bodies.

I was blessed to have had a year carrier in Nursing, working in ICU, Emergency, and in Family Practice. During my time in Nursing I had multiple opportunities to comfort and pray for and with many patients, families and co-workers, and in those uncertain times hopefully planting seeds.

I believe \God placed me in the exact mission field where I was needed, a place where there is a need to help people not only physically but to be the hands, feet and face of Christ in the world. A place that can produce fear, stress, uncertainty and that can challenge our faith and trust in God at times. A place where believers get angry at God and have trouble understanding His plan. These situations can provide openings to pray with people and to

show them God's love, as well as to help show them that His plan was always been there from the beginning, that He is in control and that He does love and care about us always. Since retiring from Nursing my mission field continues to expand in the caring of others in my church, my family, my neighborhood and my community. God is always opening a door of opportunity to pray with or for someone, to help others known or unknown and in so many places.

Some of my new places and ways to spread the caring and loving from God to others come through being involved in The Walk to Emmaus, Bible study, Mission trips, A jail ministry of supplying Bible to the local Detention Center, Teaching Sunday School, supporting local Missionaries, Vacation Bible School, Women Ministries and other church activities. Being part of the First Annual Conference of the North Carolina Provisional Conference Prayer Team.

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

My understanding of the task of Service in the General Conference comes from the book of Matthew 28:19-20 to "to go and make disciples....", From John Wesley's principle of social holiness, staying grounded in the scriptures, that the Bible (God's Holy Word) is the authority in all matters, that there is only one way to Salvation and that is through Jesus Christ. And from a recent study by John Bevere "The Awe Of God" in which he states "to love those I interact with with by speaking truth and seeking their benefit over mine even if they reject me". To do Kingdom work and to be builders of God's Kingdom. To Know God is the priority above all else.

As a new Methodist Denomination I see our service as one of continued growth in knowing God's word, in making Disciple and doing Kingdom work to expand His Kingdom globally. To spread His message of grace, forgiveness and salvation. To be a witness in the world that shows love, to have boldness, to worship Him and to make Him the priority and to please Him in our words, deeds, actions, devotion and worship.

Serving on the General Conference is an opportunity to strengthen the focus back on God, His Love, His desire for relationships with us and His Holy Word. To show there is only one true God. To be God's Representative is to help to continue to grow, mold and make The Global Methodist Church, not to be just another denomination, but to make a center for worship and salvation, of fellowship, of right discernment and decision making. To strengthen us to stand in the gap for others and to give testimony to the power of God. To help direct our focus away for worldly things that distract us from worshipping Him. To help streamline business needs that have to be done, but to still put God and worship as our main priority in a setting of love and peaceful gathering together.

In setting up legislative regulations to remember to not get away from God and to remember to continue to support the doctrine of local church control verses a political format that takes away from the local church. To remember why we disaffiliated and to not "go back to Egypt" and what we fought so hard to get out of.

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

My gifts are difficult at times for me to say, because it seems like bragging, but I am good at organizing, getting things set up in an orderly and timely manner. Seeing a different way to get things done.

Logistics of making sure things and people get where they need to be. Reviewing resources and identifying alternatives. Reviewing schedules and helping to find where changes could be made if needed. Of course most of my experience in this area have been on a very small scale.

I feel like I have a gift for Hospitality, making sure that others have what they need and sometimes what they made not know they need. Making people comfortable and helping to guide them through a new environment.

I feel one of my best strengths is prayer, praying over others, prayer with others and standing in the gap and praying for others.

I am a nurturer and caregiver by nature and I enjoy doing for and helping others.

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

Do you attend worship when on vacation, out of town, or not otherwise in the church to which you are appointed? 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