

## **Eston C. Brinkley**

Wilmington District-Pine Valley GMC

Ethnicity-Caucasian

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

As a lifelong Methodist My journey started early. Sunday School, MYF, Boy Scouts informed me, and cute girls kept me going before my profession of Faith at the age of eleven. I took seriously my profession of Faith as a covenant between me and God. Although, we were a small rural Church I served on most committee's and taught Sunday School. Jesus became real and personable as my Faith matured. The Pastor and the DS visited my parents regarding financial support if I should consider going to seminary.

### **Describe your ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.**

Although, I never felt qualified when He called I can testify that He equips for His purpose. While serving on most Church committees, teaching Sunday School for our local Church I served as District Director of Lay Speakers later know as Lay Servant Ministries for 20 years, Delegate to Annual Conference for over 40 years and Lay Director for Emmaus. My passion has been Evangelism and served on the Conference Committee for Evangelism as Vice Chair. I served on the (BOM), Conference Board Of Ministry and the Conference Extension Committee for 8 years each after which 12 years for the (DCOM), District Committee Of Ministry. I was elected to Jurisdictional Conference for the Southeastern Jurisdiction in 2012 and General Conference for 2016 and 2019. I currently serve the NC Global Methodist Church as Vice Chair of the Leadership Nominations Team.

I am an introvert by nature more comfortable following than leading. It was only by the power of the Holy Spirit that has sustained me through these ministries one day at the time.

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

I didn't depend on my qualifications as I served Jurisdictional and General Conference in the past nor will I depend on them for the Global Methodist Church General Conference. I will pray to prepare by reading each resolution and Agenda Item for His purpose led by the Holy Spirit. The work of the General Church has eternal implications as the vehicle by which Clergy and Laity relate to a fallen world offering Hope, Healing and Heaven for the salvation of the lost.

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

Clergy friends say my gift is Decrement. I would say Encourager. I find joy teaching and lifting up others. My passion is Evangelism. It is through evangelism I find enlightenment, enjoyment, encouragement, and enablement. Although, my degrees are in Math and Chemistry with a NC Teaching Certificate the teaching has been the most useful.

### **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**