## **Gaye Varnam Fulford**

Wilmington District- Dixon Chapel Methodist Church Ethnicity- Caucasion

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

I was raised in a Christian home. At the age of 9 I gave my heart to Jesus. I have been active in my home church of Dixon Chapel as long as I can remember. Now that doesn't mean I haven't had low places in my life where I felt lost. I surely have. I love Jesus Christ and through all the highs and lows, it has been my faith that has carried me. During our disaffiliation process, I was so broken and I was fearful that we would lose our church. I love my church, but I love Jesus more and we were prepared to leave. I went to our little church on a Sunday night and had an encounter with God. When I walked in that church I felt like a small wet kitten, but when I left I felt like a roaring lion. I was no longer fearful and I promised God that night that whatever He asked of me, I would say yes. I want to serve.

Describe your ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

Servant first and foremost. My ministry over the years has mostly been with music, kids and special programming. I especially love it when all three of these come together. Witnessing about Jesus Christ every chance I get.

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

As I am new to service on a conference level, I am still learning about what it means. But for me to serve on a conference level allows me to learn and grow as a Christian and to be a part of moving this amazing ministry of Jesus Christ forward. While I am learning, I am willing and thankful for any and all opportunities to serve in the spreading of the love of Jesus Christ.

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

Musician, Vocalist, Kids/children's ministry, writing and directing special programs, (Christmas, Easter, July 4th, etc). Presenting monologues in character. Public speaking, not preaching, but I am very comfortable speaking in front of crowds. Event planning. I love people and love telling them about Jesus.

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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