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Ethnicity- Caucasian

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

I did not grow up in church. Any church exposure I had in my adolescence years came through staying with a friend on the weekends. In fact, I did not have a church “home” till I was in my thirties. I guess you could say I always “flirted” with the idea of a relationship with God in my pre-teen years. I was saved and baptized all in the same week at the end of VBS, strongly led by the teachers. There was no profound “transformation.” It ended up having a reverse effect, I ended up not attending again till my 30’s. I never had a true foundation established in faith, but what I did know, every time I entered the doors of a church sanctuary, I would get this feeling down in the pit of my stomach that would compel me to submit to Him in prayer. He continued to “woo” me into a relationship with Him, no matter how many times I may have abandoned Him. Unfortunately, I was always too weak and once I stepped back into the real world, those real-world problems would step back into the forefront, devil included, and I would desert God again. I never fully committed, submitted, or allowed myself to transform anew.

In 2020 I attended a funeral for a close friend at my husband’s childhood church. It was tragic and devastating but the moment I stepped out of the car into the parking lot I felt a tremendous amount of peace. I got that pit in my stomach, but then a calmness overtook me. I truly felt the presence of God, in the middle of despair. In conversation later that night my husband and I both felt like we needed to attend this church for a service. We immediately fell in love with this small white country church on the hill worshipping outside because the world was shut down. We not only attended this church, but we also got involved. Two years ago, I went on a 72-hour retreat sponsored by a friend from church called the “Walk to Emmaus.” It opened my eyes to see that even though new in faith, I was just scratching the surface of a true relationship with God the way He calls us to be with Him. This retreat helped instill tools and discipline to truly divulge in that intimate relationship with Him through daily practice of devotion, prayer, reading the bible and TRANSFORMATION. LIVE LIKE CHRIST.

Describe your ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

In the Spring 2023 I travelled with my husband to a GMC Missions conference where we were set on fire listening to David Platt preach on our calling to spread the Good News to all the nations, especially the unreached. Since then, we have shared a desire to be hands and feet in this great commission. With my husband’s work background, we would like to hopefully travel to an unreached area and establish a church at the center of their village. We want to connect with them through prayer and teach them how to spread the good news through evangelism.

It is important to us to have a better understanding of the bible and develop a stronger foundation on His word. So, we are doing this together. We want to inspire our church and local churches in our community to work together to truly nurture these new faith-based communities. We want to reach the unreached.

Luke 10:2 The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few, therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

Service in the General Conference is a special task. Explain your understanding of this task.
Fasting and in prayer, and allowing the Holy Spirit to lead in all decision making.
Being available for any meetings prior to the conference to better prepare.

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

With a human resource background in medical and hospitality, I am able to remove my emotions to fully evaluate a problem/decision. I have a heart to serve the Lord, and teach the unreached people of our Father, just as we are called to.

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