

## **Herb Ormond**

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Ethnicity- Caucasian

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

I was fortunate to be raised in a home where Jesus was openly embraced and the Gospel clearly presented. I had plenty of “head knowledge” about Christianity. Most of my teenage years were spent vacillating between the world and Jesus. Some might say I was “building my testimony.” My freshman year in college was a long, drawn out process of surrendering my heart to Jesus. The Lord brought several men into my life who were slightly older than me. These guys challenged me, were patient with me, encouraged me, spoke truth to me, and loved me into the Kingdom. By the end of that first summer, I fully committed my life to Jesus. The transformation in my life was a bit surprising to many of my college friends and it took, in some cases, years for people to believe I could actually be changed by Jesus. The Lord was faithful to provide mentors and leaders to guide me along the way. I have been blessed to walk closely with Jesus for over 40 years. He truly has changed my life!

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

I have served in various ministry roles in the past 40+ years. Early on I was on staff at a Methodist church in Raleigh NC as the youth minister and assistant pastor. My amazing pastor trained me well, giving me many opportunities to learn and serve. (I was also blessed to marry his daughter 38 years ago!) One particular area of ministry for me has been teaching. I have led Small Group Bible studies, started and taught two large adult Sunday school classes, and led training sessions on discipleship and how to lead small groups. Additionally, I am passionate about praying with hurting people and help lead that ministry in our local church. Another ministry area has been providing Christian leadership in a variety of settings. I have served on most every leadership team at our church, including chairing SPRC and others. I have led the Board of several ministries, both local and statewide. I have served on national and state leadership teams of the Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) as we sought to birth the GMC. I was on the WCA’s 16-member “Next Steps Working Group” charged with the initial drafting of what would become the GMC’s Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline. I was a lay delegate to most of the WCA Global Legislative Assembly gatherings. For many years I was on the Steering Team of the Evangelical Fellowship of the NC Annual Conference. As this morphed into the NC chapter of the WCA, I served as vice-president.

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

As this is THE Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church, I believe the role of every delegate is to fully participate in the prayerful shaping, confirming, and launching of the official GMC. This requires much prayer, study, humility, and (occasionally) boldness. My involvement with the Wesleyan Covenant Association has helped me understand the great undertaking of this initial General Conference. In 2018-2019 I was honored to serve as one of three lay members of the WCA’s “Next Steps Working Group”. This 16-member team was tasked with writing the initial draft of what has become the GMC’s Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline. That work was highly insightful – as to substance and content as well as the process (with its variety of opinions). It is the process of removing “Transitional” from the title that is the task before this General Conference.

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

So as to not be completely redundant with my previous answers, I will simply say that my past 40+ years of working within and leading a variety of ministries and organizations have provided me with experiences and insights that may prove helpful in this stage of the GMC's development. In particular, my experiences, roles, and relationships within the national and statewide Wesleyan Covenant Association could be useful in this season as we seek to move the GMC forward.

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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**