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Ethnicity- Caucasian

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

I was saved at the tender age of 5. I attended a private, Christian school that offered kindergarten – 4 and kindergarten – 5. I distinctly remember seating on the floor, cross-legged, during Bible time. My teacher, Mrs. Morgan, read the daily Bible story and gave us time to pray at the end. I prayed for Christ to come into my heart and save me. I remember the rush of warmth, peace, and excitement that flooded me. I was raised in a Southern Baptist Church and at the age of 12, I went forward during an altar call to publicly state that I had accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior and to be baptized. I have strived to live for Christ ever since.

Describe your ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

My ministry is two-fold – secular and church-based. My vocation is that of education administrator at a large community college. The mission that I live out in my vocation is to help eliminate poverty. I believe that education leads to living wage jobs that will allow citizens access to social mobility. My church-based ministries are varied and include organizing and developing the curriculum for an annual women's conference, livestreaming our worship service for the home-bound, and serving as the S/PRC chair. I also serve on the NC Conference Laity team as co-chair of women's ministry.

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

Service in the General Conference is about making my heart and spirit pure so that I am able to help discern the movement of the Holy Spirit in the way to help form the Global Methodist Church. It is about doing the personal work before the Conference to ensure I am on the solid ground of the Scripture to help ensure the Conference is built upon the solid foundation of Scripture. It is about soliciting prayers from my home congregation and others in the Global Methodist so that the General Conference is covered in prayer before and during the Conference. Ultimately, it is about being God's servant as He moves the Global Methodist Church out of transition into a new denomination working for His glory.

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

My top Clifton-Strengths are learner, administration, and responsibility. I love to learn new things and be involved in new things. I bring the experience of beginning several different initiatives at my job. I understand the importance of setting up policies and procedures to allow those initiatives to thrive. However, I am not a lover of administrivia. Policies, procedures, and guidance need to be for the purpose of allowing the local church to thrive and we should always be careful that those policies and procedures are not a hindrance to the local church. I wholeheartedly agree with the Global Methodist Church's paradigm of the local church being the most important entity and the conferences (state and general) supporting the local church. I see the policies and procedures as one of the ways to support the local church, always discerning whether the policy and procedure is a help or a hinderance. I am also trained in communication styles and leadership models. This training

allows me to understand and share the different communication styles, change management, goal setting, and team formation.

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? No

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