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Ethnicity- Caucasian

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

I was saved at age 13 during a summer youth retreat, but I drifted away from God during my late teens and led a sinful life filled with drugs and alcohol; many of my friends died in this lifestyle and it was a wake-up call for me. I attended college where I met my future wife, who was spiritually well grounded and led me back to my roots and the church. In our early 20s we married and I rediscovered my passion for Christ and my desire to live a more Christ centered life. Throughout the rest of my life, I have shared the Good News of Jesus with my family and with others for the purpose of sharing the gospel and making disciples. I have served as a deacon, lay leader, lay speaker, teacher, mentor and various other leadership positions. My focus has been and remains the revival of the church, sharing the gospel, showing compassion of the poor and needy and sowing the seeds of unity in the Body of Christ.

Describe your ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

My ministry has been that of a servant to our congregation and to the body of Christ. I have served in various positions of leadership and have led by example, provided guidance and direction during periods of uncertainty (COVID and Disaffiliation process). My focus has been providing Unity in the Body of Christ, meeting the challenges of this world with the Truth of Jesus's Love, Grace and Redemption while rejecting those who seek to diminish the teachings of God's Holy Word. We should never settle for anything less than what God told us to do.

I am excited to promote the teachings and theology of the GMC which aligns with my understanding of God's Word.

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

Service refers to the various tasks and responsibilities undertaken by selected individuals or groups comprised of clergy and laity. The General Conference is typically the highest legislative body in the GMC and is responsible for setting policies, doctrines, and making decisions on behalf of the entire denomination.

Delegates at the General Conference consider and vote on proposed legislation, which can include changes to church laws, doctrines, and social principles. This is a critical service as it shapes the direction and policies of the entire denomination. The GC for the GMC will be responsible for electing leaders, nominating members to various boards, and assigning other leaders within the church. This service to the GMC involves discernment and decision-making to ensure effective leadership for the denomination.

GC for the GMC may also involve participating in theological discussions and debates on matters of doctrine. Delegates will engage in conversations that help shape the theological stance of the church and the future doctrine of the denomination.

The GC for the GMC will have global representation and will have delegates come from various regions and backgrounds, providing a diverse representation of the Global Methodist Church and its community. The delegates to the GC will involve considering the perspectives and needs of the entire denomination. Lastly, I see the delegates will discuss and plan initiatives related to the church's mission and outreach efforts. This will

involve allocating resources, setting priorities, and strategizing for effective ministry around the world.

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

Most of my adult life has been spent in positions of leadership. I spent 30+ years in the US Army in positions of increasing responsibility culminating in the rank of Colonel. I have been deployed on missions and assignments around the globe, but extensively in Eastern Europe, Southern Africa and the Middle East for combat operations. During my service I maintained my focus on spreading the Gospel of Jesus with others who did not have the same perspective of God that I held. I continued to serve the church as I served my country. After I retired, I increased my responsibility and availability to serve Christ and His body of believers by serving as Trustee Chair, Deacon, Lay Leader, Lay Speaker, Teacher, Mentor and on local missions to help those in need. While awaiting appointment of GMC pastors I have served as a temporary preacher to two separate churches. During the disaffiliation process from the UMC to GMC I served as the local leader and “point man” for the process, developing transitional teams and developing informational sessions, listening and discernment periods and one-on-one sessions for the congregation at Plains Methodist church leading to a 96% vote for disaffiliation.

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