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Ethnicity- Caucasian

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

I am often envious of the Christians who have an exact time they felt the Holy Spirit come over them and they accepted Jesus Christ. For me however, it seems to have been not just one moment, but many years which have brought me to a life of accepting Jesus Christ as my savior. I was raised in the Methodist Church and learned much about the Bible and it's stories of God and Jesus Christ in my early years. Unfortunately as often happens, in my earlier adult life I was not a regular church attendee. I still considered myself a Christian during this time and remembered the Bible teachings from my youth. I met and married my wife, Kathy, who had also been raised in the Methodist Church. Her mother was an absolute devout Christian. She lived a life that in every aspect honored Jesus Christ. Kathy and I attended church occasionally with her and we were living our Christian life through her. I saw through her what it was to like to have the love of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit in your heart. She was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and she spent her last years needing much care. During this time Kathy and I both came closer to God and upon her death realized that it was up to us to find real salvation in Jesus Christ. We searched and found a Methodist Church and became members involved with growing our life with Jesus Christ.

Describe your ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

My church ministries include being in administrative roles such as staff parish chair, member of the worship committee, and lay reader coordinator. My church volunteer duties include being an usher, participating in church maintenance/clean up activities, and various mission fund raising events.

My outreach ministries include attending Hinton Rural Life Center missions, missions to help local community members with housing maintenance needs, our "drive thru prayer" ministry that offered the local community prayer on their way home from work, our "coffee house" ministry that provided fellowship for mentally challenged adults in our community, and our Habitat For Humanity build events.

My growth ministries include attending Bible studies on an ongoing basis and attending our weekly small group sessions.

The United Methodist Church seemed to be headed in a direction that I was not in agreement and our church was keeping this information from our members. I researched the history of the UMC and the events taking place within the governing bodies of the church. I felt led to provide this information to our members in order for them to make their own decisions about the future of the UMC. I gave two presentations to small groups and then decided to present it to the entire church membership. The church leadership and pastors denied the use of any church resources to provide the information including use of classroom facilities and communication means. I was able to make the presentation off site which was attended by over 100 members of the church.

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

As the Global Methodist Church is being formed, it is essential that the foundation is built on a biblical basis. The Convening General Conference will put this foundation in place. The General Conference delegates have a tremendous responsibility to confirm this foundation

that will guide the GMC for the future and stand firm on its adherence to the word of God. The delegates must withstand any attempts to stray from the fundamentals of the reason the GMC was formed.

As a delegate and legislative committee member, I am committed to prayerfully consider any petitions brought before my committee and the plenary session. I will also work diligently while in committee meetings or plenary sessions to consider the petitions in a timely manner. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a delegate to do the work of the church and continue the work that has already been done to build the GMC.

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

I believe the Bible is the word of God and I have a strong conviction that it cannot be adapted/interpreted to today's culture. I was passionate about this belief when I started the ministry to inform members of my former church about the direction the UMC was headed. The pastors/leaders opposed me, but I was able to persevere and reach most of our members.

My career background is in Information Technology with an emphasis on Financial and Payroll Applications. I was employed for 49 years by UNC-Chapel Hill and the UNC System Office. Before my retirement, I managed a staff of 36 computer application developers. Strong organizational, process analysis, and personal skills were required to achieve positive results for the University.

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