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

I grew up in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church in Mt. Gilead, North Carolina. It was clear to me as a youth being raised by Christian parents that coming to faith in Jesus Christ was important in our earthly journey. I committed my life to Christ at age 12 during the week of our local church second week in August revival. My coming to salvation followed Romans 10:9 "because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him for the dead, you will be saved." I shared these very words with the preacher during one night of the revival to commit my life to Christ and be saved. The following Sunday I was baptized by total immersion in a pond down Highway 109 below Mt. Gilead. As I grew older and learned more about the Christian faith, I learned that we are saved by grace, as the apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God..."

Describe your ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

I currently serve on the Global Methodist Church Transitional Commission on the Convening General Conference to be held in San Jose, Costa Rica. This Transitional Commission formed late April of 2023, and has been meeting every other week since its formation. We are comprised of 22 members from across the United States, several African nations, and Slovakia in Eastern Europe. We are tasked with planning the GMC Convening General Conference. I chair the Sponsorship and Exhibit Space Committee, which help raise funds to support the Convening General Conference.

My ministry includes serving on the Global Methodist Church Recommended Educational Institutions Task Force. We have been meeting as needed since October of 2022. Our Task Force has approved and recommended a total of eight seminaries and divinity schools to the Global Methodist Church Transitional Leadership Council (TLC). All eight have been approved by the TLC.

I serve on the North Carolina Provisional Annual Conference (NCPAC) of the Global Methodist Church Board of Directors/Episcopacy Committee. I was invited to join this Committee in April of 2023. My ministry in the NCPAC also includes serving on the Nominating Committee.

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

I have been a lay delegate in the North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to six General Conferences. This includes 2000 in Cleveland, Ohio; 2004 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; 2008 in Fort Worth, Texas; 2012 in Tampa, Florida; 2016 in Portland, Oregon; and a special call session in St. Louis, Missouri in 2019. I understand the work of a General Conference, its time, commitment, dedication, preparation, and prayer. In all six General Conferences I held to the traditional evangelical authoritative view of Scripture. Prior to and since my first General Conference in 2000, the United Methodist Church became increasingly progressive. Our traditionalist friends in the United States along with the delegates from Africa, Eastern Europe and the Philippines were able to vote to uphold the Book of Discipline and its traditional views on the social issues that have been dividing the Church. I have served on several different legislative committees, which has

broadened my view of the work of the Church. And I have been disciplined during plenary sessions to follow petitions as they were brought to the floor for the body to deliberate and vote.

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

Please revisit Question 9 regarding my gifts, strengths, passions and talents as a leader in my current roles with the Global Methodist Church and the NCPAC. In addition, I am currently serving a second term with the United Methodist Retirement Homes, Inc. Board of Trustees after previously serving eight years. In this current term I serve on the Executive Committee and Chair the Finance Committee. In my first term I served as Chairman of the Board. My ministry in the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church included six General Conferences; Five Southeastern Jurisdictional Conferences where we elected our bishops; Conference President of the North Carolina Conference United Methodist Men; Vice President of the Council on Finance and Administration. Past Member: Board of Directors of the General Commission on United Methodist Men; Lay Director for the Cape Fear Walk to Emmaus (1991 & 1997); Member of the Board of Directors for the Cape Fear and subsequently the Heart of Carolina Walk to Emmaus; District Governor of Rotary District 7710 comprising 10 counties in Piedmont Eastern North Carolina; Member of Executive Committee of Rise Against Hunger.

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