

## **Phyllis Bean**

New Bern District- Core Creek Methodist  
Ethnicity- Caucasian

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

I had been brought up Catholic but dropped out of church around 1964 as I felt like a hypocrite because I was a sinner and did not understand a lot about God's forgiveness. Approximately 40 years later I attended a Methodist church close to where I live and started attending regularly. At that time my husband's health had deteriorated due to diabetes and an infection in his foot that would not heal. I was pretty much focused on that and didn't realize how much it had consumed me. I was at church one Sunday and was feeling quite defeated when the Pastor made the statement that "Jesus loves you right where you are." That brought me to tears and I realized I needed to give it all up to Him. What a weight off my shoulders. That was the beginning of a new life in Christ for me. I have dedicated my life in service to God through the church since. I am so glad that God spoke to me through the Methodist church because I have learned since then that I think in a Wesleyan way and understand God in a Wesleyan way.

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

I have been involved in several ministries at our church and have realized that servanthood seems to be the area where I fit best. I try to be a good listener and grasp the meaning of topics before I offer input.

When working with people who don't know me, I work at trying identify with them and establish a repour of communication. I especially like doing things that benefit others and seek to be involved with such ministries, including visiting those in Nursing homes, serving meals to the homeless, working with our youth ministries, bible studies, participating in a prayer ministry group and volunteer at our office with clerical duties. I have served as Treasurer of our church for over 10 years. I have also attended a number of Annual Conferences of the The United Methodist Church as a delegate and have served as Lay Leader in our local church.

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

Since this is the first General Conference of our denominational formation, the task is important because the decisions made at this General Conference will help form the ways in which our denomination operates. The decisions made here will be precedent setting and will have an effect on our denomination for a long time. Therefore, we will need to be very conscientious about all our decisions and recommendations, seeking guidance from God through prayer and fasting and endeavoring to be in alignment with God's will in all our decisions.

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

I have been active for many years, serving in several capacities in the local church. I have been directly involved in the church operation, and have seen both challenges and growth, changes and needed change. As a former business owner, I have been in a position to make decisions that affect peoples lives. While this is never easy, I approach such decisions in prayer and contemplation.

I love people, especially God's people. I try to see all people as being made in the image of God. I'm called to serve and encourage people and I am experienced enough in church work to be able to express that love in the form of good decision making. My love of people causes me to truly believe that accepting all people in a loving way is foundational in encouraging them to be an active part of God's church family and causes them to be involved in such a way that they are integral to the whole.

**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? 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**