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

I cannot remember a time that I did not believe in God or in Jesus or that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of God or that He died on the cross to save me from my sins. I cannot point to a Damascus Road experience to explain how I came to know Jesus as my personal Savior. I lived a good, clean life and attended Church from the earliest age.

However, it was at the age of 12 that in a Revival that I felt the Holy Spirit speaking to my heart. I went forward to the altar and prayed the "Sinners Prayer", confessing to be a sinner and asked Jesus to come into my heart and life.

But it was not until I took the Walk to Emmaus at age 40 that I actually understood what commitment to Christ meant. During that experience, I was laid bare before the Lord and the Holy Spirit revealed to me that I needed a personal commitment to Christ. It was not enough to live a good life and attend church. I needed to give myself over completely to His will and to be willing to do whatever He called me to do. It was during this experience that I began to learn how to listen to Him for direction in my life. I made a new commitment to my Lord during that weekend and have continued to strive to listen, obey, and follow His leading in my life to this day.

Describe your ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

I have a wide range of involvement in ministry and mission. I once served as a Certified Lay Speaker in the United Methodist Church. But now, as a Global Methodist, I feel lead to share my faith whenever and wherever the Holy Spirit leads me, whether one on one, in small groups, or in Worship. I previously served on a Mission Team to Nicaragua until it became too dangerous to travel there. I currently serve on a Mission Team to Red Bird in Kentucky and serve as Treasurer. I serve on our local Church Mission Team where we try to meet the needs of hurting people such as helping with groceries, utilities, clothing, rent, etc. I participate through my church in a monthly mobile food distribution serving as many as 200 families per month. I work through my Church with our County Health and Human Services Department to sponsor a child or children at Christmas and through our Church's Women's group to support a local Children's Hospital and Hope Lodge which provides housing for persons taking cancer treatments at the local hospital. I continue to seek ways to be in mission and ministry for my Lord.

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

Serving as a Delegate to General Conference would be a way to help develop the Global Methodist Church all around the world. It would be a way to help make sure that the Good News of Jesus Christ reaches the entire world. Much work is still to be done in this new organization and the General Conference will be a platform to help determine and develop next steps for Global Methodist Congregations. It will also provide an opportunity to hear and share with our brothers and sisters what we see as the mission of the Global Methodist Organization.

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

I believe prayer is the most important strength one can possess and I try very hard to give close attention to my prayer life. I have a passion for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with any who will listen. I feel very blessing in my life and am moved to try to share blessings with others. I consider myself to have a talent for administration and organization.

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