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Grateful Hearts

Rev. Ross Reinhiller, Upper Midwest Conference Vice Superintendent

They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor.

– Psalm 112:9

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday (except for Easter). It holds a special place in my heart. Valerie and I started our married life serving the Union Church in Bogota, Colombia. We were far from home, serving a congregation of people who were also far from home. Summer holidays and Christmas found our congregation scattering to their homes in the United States, Canada, and the rest of the world. But Thanksgiving found the expatriate community gathered in a place far from home and our traditions.

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Our Thanksgiving Service was the event that brought our community together. The Ambassador read the President's Thanksgiving Proclamation, and our special guests were the Ambassadors and diplomats of our allies and members of the Colombian government. Our guests were amazed at the reverence our people had for a grateful heart. It was the first time it dawned on me that most countries do not have a holiday of Thanksgiving.

When God delivers people from great trials and tribulations, that people respond in thankfulness. Whether our families are native to our land or immigrants of months or years, decades, or centuries, we acknowledge that we are not the source of our abundance. Since our abundance is not ours, the great gift of Thanksgiving is in sharing that abundance.

As we come into this Thanksgiving Season, let us consider the ways we can share our abundance. We can extend our table, give a gift, and share our hearts. Those who scatter gifts express a thankful heart.

MULTIPLICATION TEAM UPDATE

Giving Thanks As We Work Toward Multiplying

by Rev. Zach Kingery

As we enter this season of Thanksgiving, I cannot help but have a grateful heart for what God is growing across our Conference. I pray that when we see what the Lord is doing that it helps fuel the desire to keep our hand to the plow for the work still ahead. Because there is much work to be done!

Nominate Vision Carriers

We're praying for 1–3 Vision Carriers per district — faithful laity who will help champion the multiplication vision of Every Church Plants. Vision Carriers meet with the Multiplication Team Leader to share the vision within their districts, encourage prayer and discernment in their churches, and help shape our future as a multiplying Conference.

If you know someone in your church who carries a heart to see souls saved, lives transformed, and the Kingdom multiplied, nominate them using the link in this newsletter. Or, if as a layperson you sense that call, please volunteer. Your step of obedience could ignite a spark that spreads far beyond your local congregation. Go to the following link for this form.....

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSceGm6LqD3-Y-gkcrhQOSW2i-z_sSxGirhf1YNEfiOAiQah-w/viewform

Take an Honest Assessment

Every congregation is invited to take part in a Self-Led Church Assessment to help pastors and leaders discern their current health and missional readiness.

Download the PDF using the link below. Pastors, have your leadership team complete it individually, then gather to compare and discuss. Laity, take the assessment and share your response with your pastor and/or leadership group. This honest assessment is intended to help guide prayerful discernment as your church prepares for 2026 vision and direction. [Link](#)

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZcOSCDUM0v81LyZsKx7lt8YeGehhcP9I/view>

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Give Thanks

We have much for which to be thankful!

Many of our New Church Starts are growing, reaching unreached people and raising up new disciples. There are leaders stepping up in local congregations: laity responding in faith to become Certified Lay Ministers; some are starting new ministries that focus on transforming their communities for Christ; and even churches who are equipping disciples to make disciples and be multiplied across a community because they know it is more fruitful to be leveraged in growing the Kingdom of God than it is to be large.

Remember: our congregations are to be outposts for missionaries to be encouraged, equipped, and deployed – not places to hide from the world. We are to operate as rivers, not lakes! We gather to send, not to hold back!

Lord, open our eyes to what You are doing and may our observation compel us into participation, joining You in seeing souls saved, disciples multiplied, and communities transformed in your name.



Women's Ministry in the Upper Midwest

by Becky Heeren, Upper Midwest Conference Coordinator for Global Methodist Women's Ministries

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" - Philippians 4:4 NIV

We are grateful to all of you who support Women's Ministry in your local churches and in our wonderful Upper Midwest Conference!

- Do you know Women's Ministry is active all over the GMC? We want to highlight an upcoming event in the Mid-Texas Conference. ANEW is a day-long Women's Conference full of testimony, teaching, and powerful worship led by an excellent author and speaker, Kelly Minter. Contact Della Conner dellaconner@midtexasgmc.org if you would like to register and host a simulcast in your home or church (\$50 fee).



Join 'Rejoice Women's Ministry' on Facebook or Rejoice.gmc@gmail.com

UPPER MIDWEST ANNOUNCEMENTS



2026 Summer Camp Opportunities

Iowa

Summer Games University,
Grinnell, Iowa

<https://sgu.camp/>

June 29 – July 3, 2026

Students who have finished
6th through 12th grades

North Dakota

Prairie Bible Camp, Lehr, North Dakota

<https://prairiebiblecamp.wixsite.com/pbc4him>

<https://www.facebook.com/prairiebible.camp>

Contact Kara Scherbens-

ke : karascherbenske@gmail.com

South Dakota

Cedar Canyon Youth Camp, Rapid City,
South Dakota

[https://www.northwestdistrict.org/event-
details/cedar-canyon-youth-camp](https://www.northwestdistrict.org/event-details/cedar-canyon-youth-camp)

7-12th grade students

Byron Bible Camp, Huron, South Dakota

<https://byronbiblecamp.com/>

Iowa

Camp Bear Creek in Wyoming, Iowa

<https://bearcreek.camp/> Grades 1 – 12

Minnesota

Red Rock Camp, Painesville, Minnesota

<https://Redrockcamp.org>

Nebraska

Comeca Camp & Retreat Center

Cozad, Nebraska

<https://comeca.camp/>

The Crossing Retreat Center,
Lexington, Nebraska

<https://www.crossingretreat.org/>

Covenant Cedars Bible Camp,
Hordville, Nebraska

<https://www.cedars.org/>

Bethel Bible Camp, Wellfleet, Nebraska

<https://www.bethelbiblecamp.org/>

GLOBAL METHODIST ANNOUNCEMENTS



2026 General Conference

As we look ahead to the 2026 Global Methodist Church General Conference, you won't want to miss the latest updates and resources being shared! The **Beauty of Holiness 2026** website is your go-to destination for news, event details, registration information, and insights to help you prepare for this historic gathering of

Methodists from around the world. Visit www.beautyofholiness2026.org to stay informed, get inspired, and join the movement of spreading scriptural holiness across the globe.

Prayer for General Conference 2026

Please pray the following prayer points for the **2026 General Conference** gathering of the **Global Methodist Church: VOLUNTEERS** who will serve at the General Conference.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

THE GLORY OF GOD to be manifest at the General Conference and in all the work leading up to and during the Conference.

"And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'" - Isaiah 6:3

"WORSHIP THE LORD IN HOLY SPLENDOR; TREMBLE BEFORE HIM, ALL THE EARTH." – Psalm 96:9

Please go to the following address to access the Prayer Guide for General Conference:
https://mcusercontent.com/64124f1d5b1170491dea9f3cf/files/7d191308-696a-5a5f-5715-2e1abb7f2e89/Sept_Oct_General_Conf_Prayer_Guide.pdf



Save the Date: Connectional Conversations December 5th

Mark your calendars for our next **Connectional Conversations**. This series of virtual town halls is designed to keep you informed and engaged with the life and mission of the Global Methodist Church. Our next Connectional Conversations event will focus on **petitions for General Conference 2026**.

Follow the GMC on social media to be the first to know when registration is live.

Link: <https://www.globalmethodist.org/connectional-conversations>

MORE INFORMATION



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Global Methodist Church

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June 19–21, 2026
Upper Midwest Annual Conference
August 30–September 5, 2026

Full Calendar can be viewed at: <https://uppermidwestgmc.churchcenter.com/>

Upper Midwest Prayer Opportunities



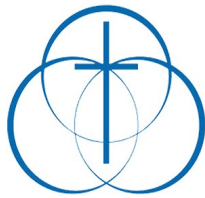
The Upper Midwest Conference Daily Noon Prayer

Can you imagine what would happen in the spiritual realm if we prayed the same prayer together at noon daily?

Scheduled Zoom Prayer Meetings

Please click the button below and let us know that you would like to join and we will send you the link.

Monthly on the 3rd Tuesday



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Lovingly walk alongside laity and clergy as they make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly and witness boldly.

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