

# Upper Midwest GMC Newsletter #2

## April 1, 2023

Welcome to the second issue of the Upper Midwest GMC Newsletter!

1-We invite all of you to join us at the New Hope Conference in April!

The new dates for the New Hope Conference of the Dakotas- Minnesota Global Methodist Churches are **April 21-22, 2023**, at **Fargo Calvary Church**. We are excited about worshipping together and learning together! The conference is free and open to all laity and clergy.



Figure 1: 2022 New Day Conference in Sioux Falls

**Our Keynote Speaker, Bishop Mark Webb**, will be with us. He will be assisting us as we continue to become part of the GMC. Along with Bishop Webb, **Rev. Henry Jenkins** and **Rev. Phil Schmidt** will be speaking. We will offer a variety of workshops and will have fellowship times. The greatest part will be praying, singing, and worshipping together.

**New Hope Conference Event Theme and Verse:** For Such a Time As This | Esther 4:14

**Event Address:**

Fargo Calvary Church  
4575 45th St S  
Fargo, ND 58104

**Here is a sampling of workshops for the New Hope Conference:**

**Ethnic Churches** - Jonathan Lee

**Process for Churches: Disaffiliation** - Wes Johnson, Thom Bowsher, Jeff Pospisil

**Mission Opportunities** - Sierre Leone, Out in Faith, Rural Ministry, and others

**Youth and Camping at Red Rock & Prairie Bible** - Jacob Hanson, Dallas Rostad

**Path to Ordained Ministry** - Valerie Reinhiller

**Seedbed/Resources**

**Connecting Time** - unstructured fellowship time both Friday and Saturday

More information and registration will be available on our website: [uppermidwestgmc.org](http://uppermidwestgmc.org). Please mark your calendars and spread the word.

## 2-Annual Conference, June 2023

We are asking all retirees, lay and clergy representatives who have a vote at the next Annual Conference to please make arrangements to **BE THERE** this year to represent the traditional vote. There are **important pieces of legislation** being voted on – disaffiliations, resolutions and general items of importance –that **need your voice and vote**. Several of the churches, clergy, and retirees left the denomination following the last conferences and will not be present this year. Therefore, **your participation is crucial**.

**Two resolutions** will involve **(1) the clarification of health benefits** to retirees and continuation of the HRA to qualified retired clergy after retirement regardless of affiliation and **(2) a special annual conference** in September to allow all the churches who desire disaffiliation to do so before the end of the year. And, of course, those **churches who are being voted for disaffiliation will need your support**.

If these items pass, for some of you, this will be the last Annual Conference you will most likely attend in person with your colleagues. We want to continue our holy conferencing at our GMC Convening Annual Conference to come soon and would like to extend an invitation to all to attend the **GMC New Hope Conference** (details above) in Fargo, April 21-22, for a taste of what that might be like.

## 3-Camps Available in the Upper Midwest GMC:

**Red Rock** in Paynesville, MN

They have a multi-generational camp available.

Check out their link: <https://redrockcamp.org/>

**Prairie Bible Camp** near Lehr, ND

**Address:** 7840 50th Ave SE, Lehr, ND 58460

**Phone:** (701) 378-2540

Check out camp pics at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/ndsulibraries-grhc/albums/72157695248533062/>

## 4-Team Members of the Dakotas-Minnesota Area GMC:

Derek Baum / Val Reinhillier / Jeff Pospisil / Gwen Mader / Dale Fadley / Derek Runge  
Joleen Pietrzak / Thom Bowsher / Jonathan Lee / Phil Schmidt

## 5-Churches and clergy can now apply online to become part of the GMC!

Go to the GMC website (<https://globalmethodist.org>).

Scroll down and click on the link: Clergy and Church Applications.

Pick “Clergy” or “Church” and enter your information.

## **6-Disaffiliating Churches:**

These are the churches that have been approved for disaffiliation by the Dakotas Annual Conference:

1. Ashley
2. Williston Faith
3. Stickney
4. Aberdeen First
5. Watertown Cornerstone
6. Fargo Calvary
7. Bowman
8. Lehr
9. Hitchcock
10. Eureka
11. Belle Fourche
12. Milbank Central
13. Elk Point United
14. Selby
15. Presho
16. Kennebec
17. Reliance
18. Arlington

These are the churches that have passed the Charge Conference vote and plan to be approved at Annual Conference this year:

1. Big Stone City
2. Bristol-Butler
3. Clear Lake
4. Gary
5. Dickey
6. Marion
7. Hazen
8. Medina
9. Mellette Northwestern
10. Milbank Parkview
11. Tappen
12. Tuttle
13. Webster
14. Winner
15. Geddes
16. Huron First
17. Mobridge
18. Oakes
19. Hecla
20. Kellerton

There will be additional church voting in the near future.

**Please pray** that things will go smoothly and positively for all these churches at Annual Conference!



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Dakotas Minnesota GMC Facebook  
GMC Clergy only Facebook  
Friends of the GMC Facebook  
The Global Methodist Church

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