

The mission of the Global Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe. This is the work of each charge in our conference. It is the purpose of the Upper Midwest Conference to shepherd, connect, and equip the local church.

The Charge Conference shall be the connecting link between the local church, the Annual Conference, and the General Church, and shall have general oversight of the church council's overall ministry of the local church. (§438-439 Book of Doctrines and Discipline or BDAD)

The work of the Charge Conference is administrative ministry that sets a foundation for the other ministry of the local church. These forms ask for information that is required by our BDAD. Most of this information is not for the conference, but to help the local church to keep good records and maintain an appropriate status as an organization. The forms are our attempt to assist each local church with having vital information gathered and reviewed annually.

The Charge Conference is an opportunity for the Presiding Elder to connect with district churches and so we can be accountable to the Book of Doctrines and Discipline. Further, the Charge Conference will have opportunities to review what God has done and look forward to what God is calling us to in the future. Each Charge is encouraged to have a Visioning Summit each year to pray and reflect where the Holy Spirit might be calling them into the future.

We request that all Charge Conferences be completed no later than December 1, 2025, unless approved by your Presiding Elder. Your Presiding Elder will be in contact with you regarding scheduling the Charge Conference.

Please fill in all information that has changed or needs to be updated. If something is not filled in, we will assume the information is the same as before. Submit the Charge Conference packet within one week following your Charge Conference, to your Presiding Elder and to Shanna Pinkerton (Upper Midwest Administrator). Shanna Pinkerton can be reached by email at shannap@uppermidwestgmc.org or by mail at Upper Midwest Annual Conference, 2825 Springfield Jamestown Rd, Springfield, OH 45502.

Should you have any questions regarding how to complete this form, please contact your presiding elder for assistance.

Note: The business of the charge conference shall be prepared by the local church council. The Charge conference shall be advertised to the full membership by bulletin or email for a minimum of 10 days.