



GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH UPPER MIDWEST CONFERENCE

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



Easter People

by Rev. James Parks, Upper Midwest President Pro Tem

I was reading Matthew's account of Easter morning in Matthew 28:1-8. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb that Jesus was laid in 3 days earlier. With an earthquake and an appearance like lightning, an angel rolled the stone away from the tomb. This angel also had instructions for Mary and Mary. He said for them to check where Jesus had been laid. They will find that he is not there, for he has risen. Then, they were to go and tell the disciples.

I appreciate the angel encouraging the women to take the time they needed at the tomb. They need to see the empty tomb. They needed time to take in what was happening. After that time, it was time to go and tell. The empty tomb was not just for them, but for the disciples and for the whole world.

I hope every Global Methodist Church had a wonderful Easter where you spent time remembering the empty tomb of Jesus. We must remember the resurrection because it is the event that changed everything. It is proof that we can trust Jesus when he tells us to love God and love others.

However, we cannot just stay at the tomb. We must go and tell a hurting world about the love of God that came through Jesus. We must tell the world about the grace of God that offers forgiveness and new life. This is to happen through each of our local churches.

Our Upper Midwest Conference is being built with the idea that the local churches will lead us in sharing the transforming Good News of Jesus Christ. You don't need to wait for your presiding elder to tell you what to do. You should not wait for the conference to

tell you what to do. Follow the instructions of this angel in your local setting. Go and tell others that He has risen indeed! And because He has risen, new life has come.

May God bless you as you go and tell others the Good News of Jesus.

In CHRIST,
Rev. James E. Parks



CHRIST IS RISEN, RISEN INDEED!

by Rev. Ross Reinhiller, Upper Midwest Vie President Pro Tem

Why do you look for the living among the dead?" Luke 24:5

Why indeed... Angels proclaim Him, women adore Him, disciples investigate Him. All of them are confronted in actions and words with that simple question: why do you look for the living among the dead? Has emptiness ever been so profound.

Time passes and the miraculous becomes common place, the historic is shrouded in quaint traditions. Today we spend more time looking for the right colored Peep for our Easter baskets because we are more concerned about an empty basket rather than an empty tomb.

We are resurrection people; the empty tomb is what we proclaim. In world that would bury Jesus under colored eggs and Easter grass, we not only proclaim it, we shout it! Empty tombs, empty grave clothes, rolled away stones are what it's all about! So, proclaim, adore, investigate, why look for the living among the dead!

Christ is risen, risen indeed!



CERTIFIED LAY MINISTRY

by Jodi Cataldo, CLM/Lay Ministry School Director

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” – 1 Peter 2:9

Laities have long been the stronghold of Methodism and essential to the Wesleyan movement. John Wesley recognized early the gifts of the laity and called them out raising up new leaders as exhorters, class leaders, and lay preachers. The Global Methodist Church also recognizes the importance of such a lay led movement and has made certified lay ministry a priority in its foundational stages of ministry. Therefore, we have a vital leadership path for lay people as a Certified Lay Minister.

Beginning on June 1, we will be holding a virtual lay ministry school which will fulfill all the educational requirements for certification. Our 2024 school will be held via ZOOM and a link will be provided prior to each class session. Classes will be one Saturday a month for six months from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. CDT.

The following are the courses offered in the school and the dates they are offered:

- **June 1:** Understanding the Call/Spiritual Gifts—Cheri Fadley
- **July 13:** Global Methodist History, Polity, and Doctrine—Wes Gabel
- **August 10:** Congregational Care & Ethics—Chad Lierman
- **September 14:** Basic Bible Training—Chet Cataldo
- **October 12:** Mission & Evangelism—Ross Reinhiller
- **November 2:** Conflict Resolution—Sara Van’t Hull
- **November 9:** Preaching (Advanced Course)—Kyle Reinhiller

Registration is open from April 1-May 17, 2024

Registration is free and the only cost to the students will be books.

[**Registration Form**](#)

Registration forms should be returned to:

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A link for the registration form can also be found on the [Certified Lay Ministry page of the Upper Midwest Website.](#)

UPPER MIDWEST ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Conference Delegation Application



We are accepting self-nominations to be a delegate to our September Convening General Conference in San Jose, Costa Rica. We are accepting nominations through the month of April. On May 1st, the application process will be closed.

To be considered, you will need to fill out the Delegate Nomination Form. Please click the button below to submit your application.

The Upper Midwest Conference will be electing 12 clergy and 12 laity. This will give us our 6 or 7 delegates, plus 2 alternates, and 3 or 4 reserves. The alternates should plan to attend the General Conference. The reserves will not travel unless someone is not able to serve as a delegate.

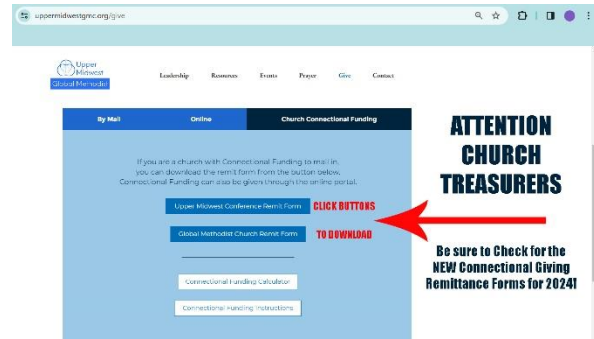
[Delegate Nomination Form](#)

The form can also be found on our [Website](#).

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Upper Midwest Annual Conference Coming Soon!

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Registration NOW OPEN!

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June 13–15, 2024

Sioux City, Iowa Convention Center

Conference Schedule

Opening Session: Thursday, June 13th at 6:00 PM
Full Schedule for the conference will be available soon!

Cost:

\$90 per person
\$45 Livestream Only



We are Excited to Announce!

Carolyn Moore will be sharing with us on Friday of Annual Conference. She will share about being filled by the Holy Spirit and entire sanctification (being filled to the uttermost!).

Carolyn Moore has served for twenty-five years as a pastor and is ordained in the Global Methodist Church. For five years, she served as an associate pastor where she launched a contemporary service as an outreach for a church in a historic Vaudeville Theater. In 2003, she was appointed to Evans, Georgia, to plant a new church, where she has served as founding and lead pastor for 20 years.

Carolyn was born and raised in Augusta, Georgia, and graduated from the University of Georgia (B.A.– Religion, 1985) and Asbury Theological Seminary (Masters of Divinity, 1998; and Doctor of Ministry, 2018). Her doctoral degree focused on church planting with an emphasis on how women lead spiritually.

In addition to serving as a pastor, Carolyn hosts a podcast and blogs on issues related to holiness, supernatural ministry, and Wesleyan theology at ArtOfHoliness.com. She is the author of four Bible

studies (Encounter Jesus, Encounter the Spirit, Encounter the Father and Supernatural, published by Seedbed) and two books (The 19, published by Abingdon; and When Women Lead, published by Zondervan). She has served on various boards and commissions promoting missions, outreach, and the Global Methodist Church.

Carolyn has been joyfully married since 1985 to Steve Moore, a retired public school teacher and avid student of U.S. History. They have one daughter who is married with two children.

Hotel Information

King and Queen Room blocks are on hold at these Hotels:

The Courtyard Marriott Downtown/Convention Center

Stoney Creek Hotel (down the street from the Convention Center)

King and Queen Room block prices \$109 per night at both Hotels until May 13th.

Click below to make your reservation at the Hotel of your choice.

For Stoney Creek Hotel be sure to enter group code: **UpperMidwestGlob**

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We Want to Know! So We Are Taking A Survey.

What topics would you like to focus on at our Annual Conference?

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church center

What Is the Church Center App?

Church Center App is a [website](#) and mobile app that you can use to explore, engage, and stay connected with the Upper Midwest Conference.

How do I get the Church Center App?

Use the Google Play (Android) and App Store (iPhone) BUTTONS BELOW to connect directly to the download pages. You will need to access these from the device you are downloading to. Once you have downloaded the app, scan the QR code with your camera and follow the link to easily setup the app.

What Can I do in the Church Center App?

Here a few things you can do in the Church Center App:

- You can access information about your groups.
- View the Conference Calendar.
- Register for Conference Events. Like our Annual Conference in June 2024!
- Access the Conference Directory and add your information to the Directory.

How Do I Access the Directory?

Send us a request [here](#) and we will send you an email with instructions on how to access the directory.

How Do I Add My Information to the Directory?

After you request access to the Directory and receive your email instructions and log into the Church Center App you will see a banner prompting you to share your information in the Directory. Click on the banner and follow the instructions (this is where you decide what information you want to share). Just a note: You must be logged into the Church Center App and already have access to the Directory to include your information in the Directory.

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Important Dates to Remember

June 13-15, 2024

The Upper Midwest Annual Conference

September 20-26, 2024

Global Methodist Church Convening
General Conference

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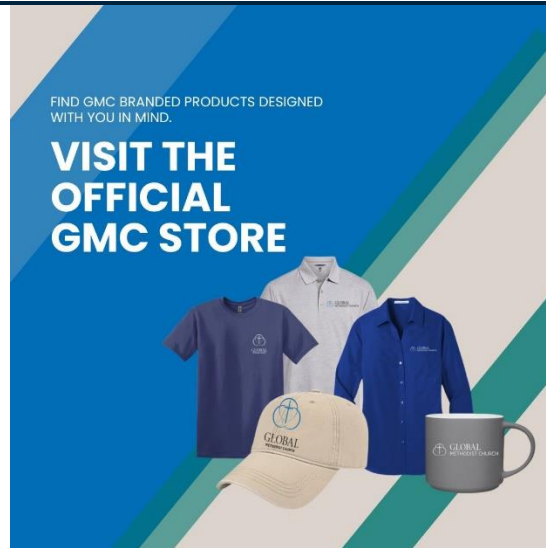
Mark Your Calendar!
September 20-26, 2024
San Jose, Costa Rica

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