

# Upper Midwest GMC Newsletter #1

## February 1, 2023

**In an effort to get timely information** about the Global Methodist Church out to everyone, we are starting a newsletter for the Upper Midwest GMC. We will send this out periodically to those who have joined the GMC or are planning to.

### **1-A New Hope Conference**

has been planned for The Dakotas-Minnesota Global Methodist Churches on February 24-25, 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.

A block of rooms has been reserved at:

**AmericInn** (Medical Center), 4325 23rd Ave. S, Fargo, ND. Phone: (701) 235-4699  
Rooms will be available until February 10.

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

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

### **Church 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, others

**Youth and Camping**-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

**2-Have you heard about the TCAT?** No, it's not a four-dimensional tessering cat from a Madeleine L'Engle book. It's actually a group of people who are gathering together to help organize an Upper Midwest Conference of the Global Methodist Church!

GMC Organizers (The Transitional Leadership Council) are working with pastors and laypeople to form Transitional Conference Advisory Teams (TCATs) in various regions. The TCAT will have a variety of responsibilities as Transitional Districts and Transitional Conferences are formed. The TCAT will work with the TLC to "when an area has a critical mass of local churches and leaders to form a provisional annual conference, set-up transitional boards and committees, and create websites and leverage social media platforms to make people aware of the potential formation of a provisional annual conference in their area." ("Global Methodists, Methodically Organizing for a Faithful Future" by Walter Fenton, [globalmethodist.org](http://globalmethodist.org))

The Dakotas-Minnesota TCAT is working on establishing an Upper Midwest Transitional Conference. They are assisting people and churches as they navigate disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church and affiliation with the Global Methodist Church.

The TCAT is providing a Global Methodist Saturday Visit on Zoom. Each Saturday, they are hosting a time of Global Methodist updates as well as a time of question and answer. The Saturday visits are at 10 am central time. The link comes by means of email. If you know people who would like to join the zoom visit, please share the link or contact Val Reinhiller at [info@uppermidwestgmc.org](mailto:info@uppermidwestgmc.org).

Members of this team from the Dakotas-Minnesota area are:

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

**3-On November 19, 2022, 18 churches disaffiliated** from the Dakotas Conference at a special session of the Dakotas Annual Conference. Churches that disaffiliated are:

Lehr - GMC  
Watertown Cornerstone - GMC  
Fargo Calvary - GMC  
Arlington - GMC  
Belle Fourche - GMC  
Williston Faith - GMC  
Ashley Emmanuel - disaffiliating as of June 30, 2023  
Aberdeen First - GMC  
Presho - GMC  
Kennebec - GMC  
Reliance - GMC  
Bowman - GMC  
Elk Point - GMC  
Stickney - in process to be GMC  
Eureka - GMC  
Hitchcock - GMC  
Milbank Central – In process to be GMC  
Selby - GMC

Three churches have disaffiliated from the Minnesota Conference but are not GMC as of yet.



Check out:

The Upper Midwest GMC

[uppermidwestgmc.org](http://uppermidwestgmc.org)

Dakotas Minnesota GMC Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/767228608030705>

GMC Clergy only Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gmcclergy>

Friends of the GMC Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/globalmethodistchurch>

The Global Methodist Church

<https://globalmethodist.org>