

<b>Facts</b>	<b>Mount Pisgah as an Independent Church</b>	<b>Global Methodist Church (GMC)</b>
<b>Mission Statement *</b>	To make disciples of Jesus Christ here, there, and everywhere.	To make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.
<b>Vision *</b>	A Vital Church, Transforming Lives, Expanding God's Kingdom	To join God in a journey of bringing new life, reconciliation, and the presence of Christ to all people, and to helping each person reflect the character of Christ.
<b>Core Confessions/Values *</b>	We hold these things sacred and indisputable and consider them the heart and soul of who we are as a church body. (1) A People Focused on the Good News, (2) A Place to Call Home, (3) A Partner for Spiritual Growth, (4) A Platform that Launches us to Serve	The Global Methodist Church professes the Christian faith, established on the confession of Jesus as Messiah, the Son of God, and resurrected Lord of heaven and earth.
<b>Key Ministry Commitments *</b>	Growth through focusing on our local Community; Developing Multicultural and Multiethnic Relationships; Long-Term focus on Discipleship; Fostering Global Missional Partnerships; Fulfilling the Great Commission	Local Church as the Missional Center; Global, Multicultural, and Multiethnic; Long-Term; Enduring Global Missional Partnerships; Fulfilling the Great Commission
<b>Methodist Distinctives</b>	Our church has a history of conservative values shaped out of Methodist traditions: particular emphasis on the universal work of grace, the new birth, and the fullness of salvation. Now, as an independent church, we continue to hold onto and preserve the conservative doctrine and theology.	The Global Methodist Church is for all people who wish to join in a "methodical," practical, and warm-hearted pursuit of loving God and serving others as Jesus' disciples in the world.
<b>Accountable Discipleship *</b>	Emphasis on Connect Classes geared to meet people where they are with a focus on growing into Discipleship groups and fostering spiritual maturity; The goal of these Discipleship Groups is to grow in spiritual maturity through regularly meeting, accountability and then duplication through members starting additional groups after a period of time together.	From its inception, the Methodist movement embraced the importance and power of small groups where people gave themselves over to accountable discipleship. The Global Methodist Church is strongly committed to recapturing this method for growing faithful disciples.
<b>Missional Priorities*</b>		
<b>Biblical Teaching *</b>	We believe the Bible to be the infallible, authoritative basis for our understanding of doctrine and truth; following the Wesleyan theology of viewing all things through the lenses of Scripture, Reason, Experience, and Tradition with Scripture as Primary.	We share with all people the whole counsel of God grounded in Scripture, and we advance the presence and fulfillment of the Kingdom of God in every part of the world and at all levels of societies and cultures.
<b>Transitional Discipleship *</b>	We believe in the unity of believers through the sharing of common life in Christ Jesus and in the importance of making disciples here, there, and everywhere.	We are intentional about making, developing, nurturing, and deploying disciples of Jesus Christ through small groups where each person is invited, challenged, supported, and held accountable in living lives that reflect the character and mission of Christ.
<b>Multiplication *</b>	We are a vital community of believers who take The Great Commission seriously. God will bless our church and those whom we serve because of our steadfast commitment to this fundamental calling from our Lord and Savior.	We are committed to seeing the life of Jesus reproduced in each person who chooses to follow him. Disciples are called to make disciples, who in turn make more disciples. And churches plant churches, that in turn plant new ones. Every disciple and every church is challenged to multiply disciples in God's kingdom!
<b>Ministry to All People *</b>	We value all people as people of sacred worth with equality across race, gender, and cultural differences. All people are welcome at Mount Pisgah. We believe that all human life is precious as created in God's image. We believe this extends to every stage of human life from conception through natural death. We are therefore called to defend, protect, and cherish all human life.	We are a movement called to serve others so they may know the grace and love of Jesus in their lives. We see the hurts that break the heart of God. Our hearts are broken too. We desire to be poured out so that others can experience the presence and power of God in their lives.
<b>Global Partners *</b>	We are not only a local church but also a global church recognizing and deploying the gifts and contributions of each part of the church, working as partners in the Gospel with equal voice and leadership. We intentionally connect churches from different regions of the world who	We are a global church recognizing and deploying the gifts and contributions of each part of the church, working as partners in the Gospel with equal voice and leadership. We intentionally connect churches from different regions of the world who develop mutually

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<b>Doctrine *</b>	Statement of Faith & Foundation of the Apostles Creed	<p>Wesleyan/Apostles Creed and Nicene Creed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wesleyan Theology: Prevenient Grace of God before salvation, justifying grace, authority of the holy scripture, covenant discipleship. Grace is available to all people, and we all come to faith through one source, Jesus Christ.</li> <li>• The Global Methodist Church believes people have a deep desire to know the truth, and to devote themselves to it wholeheartedly. GMC believes Jesus is the Truth, and he calls us to be his disciples.</li> </ul>
<b>Structure *</b>	<p>Currently, the decision-making body of the church is the Church Council, which is comprised of elected members through the Nominations Committee. The members are primarily lay members who serve as the current chair of a program ministry and rotate every one to three years depending on the program area. The staff member responsible for the particular program ministry is also a member of Church Council. The Executive Committee is also a part of the Church Council and acts as an advisory board, with no decision-making authority, to the Church Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This structure ensures that the pastoral staff and the staff at large strictly adheres to our mission, vision and conservative theology defined by our By Laws.</li> <li>• The local church has the freedom and the sole responsibility to chart a course forward. To be a vibrant and growing church requires strong lay leadership, active and involved membership, and a true commitment to serving our local community.</li> <li>• Connectional support will be fostered through relational ministry with other like-minded churches and can be formalized through alliances with an Association.</li> <li>• A process for ordaining pastors and deciding who has the ability to administer sacraments needs to be established as well as a plan for providing theological and ministerial oversight and accountability.</li> </ul>	<p>There are currently two bishops serving 3800 (3400 in the US / 400 outside the US) churches who act more as spiritual leaders vs. organizational leaders. They provide guidance and education to the local churches and pastors pertaining to how their individual churches can best function vs. making overall denominational decisions and expecting each local church to adhere to them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book of Doctrine and Discipline: Seventy pages, including sacramental guidelines, process for ordination, standards to ensure sound theology. <a href="https://globalmethodist.org/what-we-believe/">https://globalmethodist.org/what-we-believe/</a></li> <li>• The basic organization plan for the local church may be designed by each congregation.</li> <li>• From apostolic times, certain ordained persons have been set apart and entrusted with the task of defending the Apostolic faith and overseeing and leading the church in its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ and to spread scriptural holiness around the world. The role of a bishop is a sacred trust held for a defined period of time; <i>it is not a lifelong office.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Trust clause</b>	All assets and property are owned by the local church. There is no Trust Clause.	The Global Methodist Church is a connection of the <i>willing</i> not the <i>constrained</i> . Instead, local Global Methodist congregations own all of their property and assets in perpetuity. If churches join and later determine they are not a good fit, they are allowed to leave with no fee following a 90-day discernment period.
<b>Connectional Funding</b>	As an Independent Church, there are no denominational financial responsibilities. The church maintains its financial flexibility.	<p>Each local church of the Global Methodist Church contributes financially to the ministry of the Church beyond the local church through connectional funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The local church pays up to 5% of its operating income for annual conference connectional funding. The amount set can be less than the ceiling. The Transitional Leadership Council has set annual conference connectional funding at 1% of operational income during this initial period. Once annual conferences are formed, they will each set their own respective percentages.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ North Ga. GMC has set the connectional funding for the provisional annual conference at 1% for a total of 2% when added to the General Conference funding.</li> <li>● Once a provisional annual conference is formed in an area, the provisional annual conference will determine the percentage of operating income that is to be paid as annual conference connectional funding. However, the percentage cannot exceed the 5% ceiling unless 2/3 of the provisional annual conference delegates vote to raise the ceiling.</li> </ul>
<b>Appointment System</b>	As an independent church, there is no appointment system. The local church has the sole responsibility, control, and ability to establish the process for selecting and hiring new pastors. Currently, we have pastors ordained by the GMC serving the church.	<p>The appointment system is a collaborative approach among the conference, the individual pastors, and the local churches. A slate of available pastors is presented to the local church for their input and choice of who to interview. Although it is a collaborative approach, the conference and Bishop will need to approve any assignment to the local church.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pastors who transfer to GMC must abide by the Book of Doctrines and Disciplines regardless of church affiliation. Those not serving in a GMC affiliated church will be designated as "inactive elders" but retain their credentials. Currently, there is no timeline or requirement for a local church to be GMC nor for a GMC pastor to serve a non-GMC church.</li> </ul>
<b>History and Size</b>	Pastors of independent churches have experienced growth in giving, members, and involvement in the community. The 2020 US Religious Census reveals since 1978 all denominational church attendance has declined while non-denominational attendance has grown dramatically. <a href="https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2022/august/nondenominational-growth-mainline-protestant-decline-survey.html">https://www.christianitytoday.com/news/2022/august/nondenominational-growth-mainline-protestant-decline-survey.html</a>	Birthed from the Wesleyan Covenant Association (WCA) and officially launched as a new denomination on May 1, 2022. There are currently 3800 (3400 in the US / 400 outside the US) churches.
<b>Diversity *</b>	All are welcome here - whatever their age, color, culture, ethnicity, or nationality – are warmly welcomed to join with others <i>to make disciples of Jesus Christ</i> .	By virtue of its very name, the Global Methodist Church is a diverse church where all God's people – whatever their color, culture, ethnicity, or nationality – are warmly welcomed to join with others <i>to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly</i> .
<b>Joining The Global Methodist Church</b>	N/A	<p>New beginnings are rarely easy. We know some local churches will face obstacles to joining the Global Methodist Church. For others, the transition will be fairly simple. Whatever the case, the Global Methodist Church will do all in its power to assist local churches that want to join!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Many people will become a member of the Global Methodist Church when their local church becomes a member congregation. However, we know many people will not immediately have a congregation to join. We believe steadfast faithfulness, prayer, patience, and sacrificial giving will lead to new local churches that will flourish and grow. We should never forget that every local congregation in Christian history started where two or three were gathered in His name.</li> </ul>

\*The local expression of the church in these areas is currently part of Mount Pisgah and will remain whether independent or joining GMC.