

## LEADERSHIP BISHOPS

**From apostolic times, ordained people have been set apart and entrusted with the task of defending the Apostolic faith. They have overseen and led the church in its mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ, and to spread scriptural holiness across the world.** Therefore, the Global Methodist Church is led, equipped, and supervised by an episcopacy modeled after that of the early centuries of Christianity and stemming from the historic line of Methodist bishops.

We share John Wesley's conviction that bishops and elders are part of the same New Testament order. Therefore, bishops in the Global Methodist Church represent a specialized ministry rather than a separate order, and are consecrated rather than ordained to their office. The role of bishop is a sacred trust held for a defined period of time; it is not a lifelong office.

## OUR MISSION

To make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.

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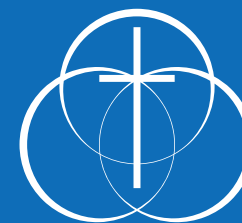
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METHODIST CHURCH

OUR ORGANIZATIONAL  
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## OUR CONNECTION

**The Global Methodist Church is a connection of the willing not the constrained.** In short, there is no “trust clause” as there is in some other denominations stating that a local church merely holds property and assets in trust for a general church. Instead, local Global Methodist congregations own all of their property and assets in perpetuity. And as long as a local church wants to be part of connection dedicated to *making disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly* it is welcome in the Global Methodist Church!

The Global Methodist Church encourages congregations to be innovative and agile as they work to fulfill the church’s mission at the grassroots level. As such, the general church is structured so it serves and resources local churches. The whole church focuses on creative ways to share the timeless message of the Gospel for the world we all live in today.



## OUR VISION

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.

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