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South Georgia  
**2023 Annual Conference**

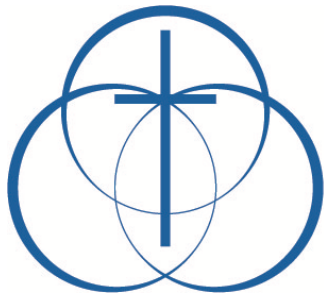


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SOUTH GEORGIA

# Conference Journal

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General Superintendent of the GMC

### **Rev. Jay Hanson**

President Pro Tempore of the SGAGMC

### **Rev. Jimmy Towson**

GMC Organizer of SGAGMC

### **Rev. Rich Wardwell**

Executive Officer of the SGAGMC

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# Welcome to the South Georgia Convening Annual Conference

## Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire

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*“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.” — Acts 2:1-4*

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**Dear Saints,**

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the GMC South Georgia Conference at Epworth By the Sea. On this historic occasion, my prayer is for a fresh wind to blow and a fresh fire to fall again on God’s people. May God not allow us to erect just another institution or build another bureaucracy, but may we experience what happens “when God’s spirit invades the hearts of His people”.



As you read what follows you will quickly see God has already been at work developing the infrastructure in the SGAGMC to support this movement. While the nuts and bolts are necessary and all the details are needed to form the skeletal system which supports the body, we must remember that only the breath of God brings life to the bones.

We come together to celebrate what God is doing. We fix our eyes on Jesus with eager anticipation as He leads us toward a new future. We want to be as prepared as we can to go wherever He leads us, and we want to be responsive to whatever He says to us.

As Methodists, we acknowledge while this is a fresh wind and fresh fire, it is also a continuation of a long line of faith filled followers of Christ. The mountain on which we stand to see the bright future is the shoulders of those who have gone before us. We are indebted to their faithfulness, and we strive to honor them as we take our turn at carrying the light of Christ forward.

May listening to God and doing whatever He says be the standard for all we do and may a heart of prayer be at the center of everything. So, as we begin this Annual Conference together, will you join me in praying this prayer:

*Lord, do with us today whatever you must, so that in the future you may do with us whatever you wish. **Amen.***

Simply Seeking Him,

**Rev. Jay Hanson**  
SGAGMC President Pro-Tempore

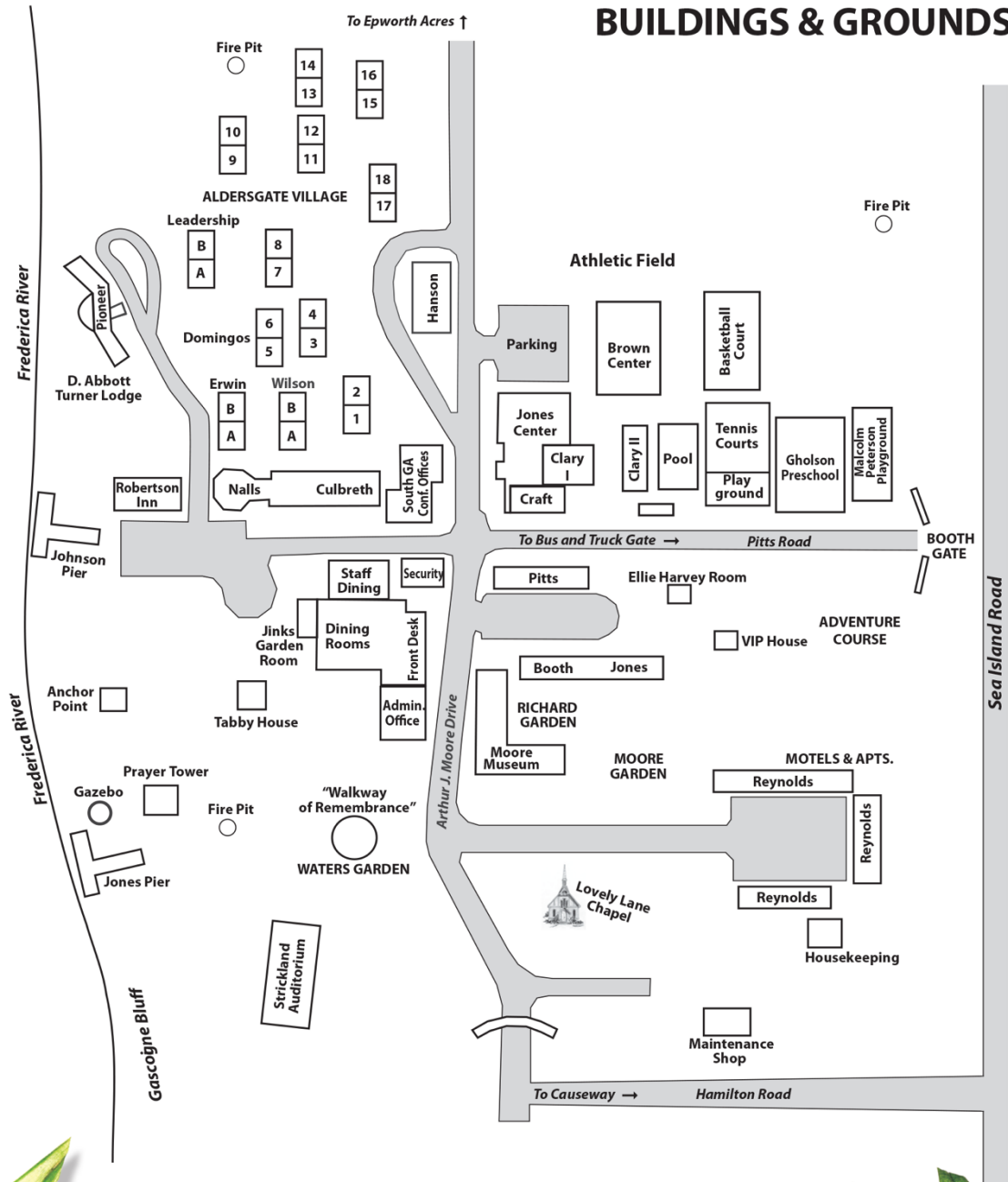


Epworth  
by the Sea

# Site Map



## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



# Conference Agenda

\*Nursery will be provided during this time

<sup>1</sup>Seedbed bookstore located in the Tabby House

<sup>2</sup>Meals can be pre-purchased from Epworth by the Sea at registration or you may bring your own.

## Thursday, July 27 — Clergy & Clergy Families

12 pm	Clergy Check-in	Strickland
12 pm	Prayer Room opens	Brown
1-1:30 pm	*Clergy Welcome & Orientation — <b>IMPORTANT FOR ALL CLERGY</b>	Strickland
1:30-4 pm	*Recreation and Fellowship Retreat for clergy and spouses	Various
1:30-4 pm	*Pastors Kids Recreational Retreat	Brown
5:30 pm	Dinner	
7 pm	Worship with Rev. Dr. Leah Hidde-Gregory, Rev. Jay Hanson, Jeff Barker	Strickland

## Friday, July 28 — Clergy & Clergy Families

7 am	Early morning Recreation Event for Clergy (options available)	
8 am	Breakfast	
9 am	Prayer Room opens	Brown
9-11:30 am	*Clergy & Spouses — Panel Discussions	Strickland
9-11:30 am	*Pastors Kids Recreational Retreat	Brown
12 pm	Lunch & Free time for Clergy (options available)	
3 pm	Clergy Ordination Service Rehearsal	Strickland
4-5 pm	*Clergy Spouses Breakout	Brown
4-5 pm	*Clergy Business Session	Strickland

## Friday, July 28 — All Annual Conference Attendees

1 pm-7 pm	<b>Check in for ALL Annual Conference attendees</b>	Strickland
5:00 pm	North Georgia District Meet & Greet	Strickland
5:30 pm	Dinner	
6:30 pm	Laity Welcome & Orientation with Jeff Barker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election of at-large Laity Delegates</li> </ul>	Strickland
7:30 pm	Night of Worship with Rev. Dr. Carolyn Moore	Strickland
9 pm	Time of Fellowship — Refreshments & Bon Fire	Outside Strickland
9:15 pm	Youth Activity	Outside Strickland

## Saturday, July 29 — All Annual Conference Attendees

6 am	Prayer room opens and remains open until 12:30pm	Brown
6:30 am	Communion Service	Lovely Lane Chapel
7:30 am	Breakfast	
8-9 am	*Business Session	Strickland
9:15 am	*Breakout Sessions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rev. Dr. Carolyn Moore — Be Healed: Methods for Introducing Corporate and Personal Healing Opportunities</li></ul>	Strickland
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rev. Dr. David Watson — The Relationship Between Wesleyan Theology &amp; Mission</li></ul>	Jones
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revs. Allen Cason &amp; Lee Smith — Meetings that Truly Matter: Class &amp; Band Meetings</li></ul>	Brown
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Terri Nave &amp; Krista Nichols — Creating a Culture of Invitation and Hospitality</li></ul>	Brown
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wesley Marshall — Healthy Student Ministry Foundations</li></ul>	Brown
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rev. David Yarborough — The Church's Role in Cultural Discernment</li></ul>	Brown
11 am	Worship Service <i>with Bishop Scott Jones</i>	Strickland
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ordination of Clergy</li><li>• Celebration of Appointments / Pray over Pastors</li></ul>	
12:30 pm	Lunch	
1:30 pm	Business Session #2 ( <i>Only if required</i> )	Strickland

# Worship Service Guides

## WORSHIP FOR CLERGY & FAMILIES

Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm

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**WELCOME & CONNECTIONAL MOMENT**      Campus Ministry      Revs. Jay Hanson & Bob Beckwith

**CENTERING MOMENT**      Rev. Brett Maddocks  
*Pine Forest Church*

**WORSHIP THROUGH SONG**  
*It Is Well with My Soul*  
*Father's House*  
*Raise a Hallelujah*

**MOVEMENT ONE**      “Remember Your Call”      Rev. Jay Hanson  
*South Georgia Conference*

**RESPONSE THROUGH HOLY COMMUNION**  
Celebration of Holy Communion      Revs. Brett Maddocks, Allen Cason, and Jim Morrow  
*Come Thou Fount (O My Restless Heart)*  
*Goodness of God*

**MOVEMENT TWO**      “Acknowledge Your Pain”      Rev. Dr. Leah Hidde-Gregory  
*Mid Texas Conference*

**RESPONSE THROUGH HEALING PRAYER**  
Invitation to Healing Prayer      Rev. Dr. Anthony McPhail  
Prayer Team: Campus Ministry Leaders      *Valdosta First Methodist*  
*Fresh Wind*  
*Firm Foundation*

**MOVEMENT THREE**      “Commit Your Way”      Jeff Barker  
*South Georgia Conference*

**RESPONSE THROUGH COVENANTING TOGETHER**  
Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition      Rev. Kim Dixon  
*I Thank God*      *Pine Forest Church*  
*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**SENDING FORTH**      Rev. Jimmy Towson  
*Park Avenue Church*

## NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:30pm

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### OPENING SONG

*Lion and the Lamb*

### WELCOME AND CENTERING

Rev. Jay Hanson  
*South Georgia Conference*

### CONNECTIONAL MOMENT

Connectional Giving

Rev. Jay Hanson  
*South Georgia Conference*

### OPENING INVOCATION / CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Karen Prevatt

### WORSHIP THROUGH SONG

*King of Kings*

*Rest on Us*

### PSALM 145 READING AND PRAYER

*Great Are You, Lord*

Dr. Tesia Mallory  
*United Theological Seminary*

### OFFERTORY PRAYER AND INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Rev. Jimmy Towson  
*Park Avenue Church*

### OFFERTORY

*I Give Myself Away*

### SERMON

“Rebuild the Altar First”  
Ezra 3:1-6

Rev. Dr. Carolyn Moore  
*Mosaic Church Evans*

### RESPONSE THROUGH PRAYER

*Fresh Wind*

*Same God / Great is Thy Faithfulness*

*Way Maker*

### SENDING FORTH

Rev. Jim Cowart  
*Harvest Church*

# SERVICE OF ORDINATION OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> – 11:00am

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*\*Indicates a posture of praise. Please rise in body or spirit as you are able.*

## ENTRANCE

GATHERING SONG

*Victory in Jesus*

GREETING AND WELCOME

Rev. Jay Hanson  
*South Georgia Conference*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Debbie Hudgins  
*South Georgia Conference*

\*PROCESSIONAL SONG

*Raise A Hallelujah  
How Great Thou Art*

\*OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Richard Chewning  
*North Georgia District*

\*REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND THE COMMON CALLING OF ALL BELIEVERS

Bishop Scott Jones

HYMN RESPONSE

*Spirit of the Living God*

## HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE LESSON(S)

Ephesians 4:1-16

Rev. Scott Tucker  
*Good Shepherd Savannah*

SERMON

“Gifted Leadership”

Bishop Jones

\*THE NICENE CREED

Rev. Whit Martin  
*Asbury Chapel Gainesville*

OFFERING

Offertory Praise

*Build Your Church*

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES AND CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Jason Dickerson  
*Bonaire Church*

GENERAL EXAMINATION

Bishop Jones

EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF DEACONS

Rev. Dickerson & Bishop Jones

EXHORTATION AND EXAMINATION OF ELDERS

Rev. Dickerson & Bishop Jones

ORDINATION OF DEACONS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR MINISTRY

ORDINATION OF ELDERS WITH AUTHORIZATION FOR MINISTRY

RECOGNITION OF ORDERS

\*SONG OF CELEBRATION

*Goodness of God*

CELEBRATION OF APPOINTMENTS

Rev. Jay Hanson

PRAYING OVER PASTORS

Rev. Jay Hanson

#### SENDING FORTH

CLOSING HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*BENEDICTION

Bishop Jones

\*RECESSIONAL

*Build Your Church (Reprise - Bridge/Chorus)*

\*GO IN PEACE



# Guest Bios & Workshop Descriptions

## Bishop Scott Jones

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GMC

**Bio:** Bishop Jones currently serves as one of two active Bishops of the Global Methodist Church. He was most recently Bishop of the Texas Annual Conference, having previously led the Great Plains and Kansas episcopal areas. Prior to his 18 years as bishop, he pastored local churches in the North Texas Annual Conference and was a faculty member at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology (Dallas, Texas).

A prolific author, Jones has written numerous articles and published several books. His most recent titles are *Scripture and the Wesleyan Way: A Bible Study on Real Christianity* (2018), *The Once and Future Wesleyan Movement* (2016), *Ask: Faith Questions in a Skeptical Age* (2014), and *The Wesleyan Way: A Faith that Matters* (2014). Earlier books include *The Evangelistic Love of God and Neighbor: A Theology of Discipleship and Witness* (2003), and *United Methodist Doctrine: The Extreme Center* (2002), all from Abingdon Press.



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## Tesia Mallory

WORSHIP LEADER

**Bio:** Tesia L. Mallory is the Dean of the Chapel and Adjunct Professor of Worship at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. She is published in *The Next Methodism: Theological, Social, and Mission Foundations for Global Methodism* (Seedbed, 2022), *The Faith Once Delivered: A Wesleyan Witness* (John Wesley Institute, 2022), and a contributor to *Our Great Redeemer's Praise: A Hymnal for All God's People* (Seedbed, 2022).

Dr. Mallory is the worship leader for the Wesleyan renewal/evangelistic movement Spirit and Truth ([www.spiritandtruth.life](http://www.spiritandtruth.life)) as well as an elder in the Global Methodist Church. In her spare time, she likes to hang out with her husband Jimmy and two sons Julian and Leland, travel, and play in her Modern-Folk band The Nautical Theme.



## Workshop 1: The Relationship Between Wesleyan Theology and Mission

**Presenter:** Dr. David Watson

**Workshop Description:** Everything is theological. If a new Methodist movement is to thrive, our core beliefs must be front and center. They must shape all the important decisions we make as a church. We've tried becoming more like the world around us. It hasn't worked. We need a particularly Christian way of thinking, acting, and understanding ourselves. In addition, we Methodists represent a specific kind of Christianity. To be a Methodist in any historical sense is to emphasize certain beliefs and practices, such as sanctification, the inner witness of the Holy Spirit, and the means of grace. Methodists have always been mission-oriented people, but we cannot properly understand our mission without a clear sense of what we believe and who we are as a people of Go



**Presenter Bio:** David F. Watson is Academic Dean and Professor of New Testament at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He has authored or edited a number of publications, including *Key United Methodist Beliefs* (with William J. Abraham), *Wesley, Wesleyans, and Reading Bible as Scripture* (edited with Joel B. Green) and has written articles for a variety of publications, ranging from the *Journal of Biblical Literature* to *Weavings* to *Good News*. His most recent book is *Scripture and the Life of God: Why the Bible Matters Today More than Ever* (Seedbed, 2017). He serves as Lead Editor of *Firebrand* and blogs at [www.davidfwatson.me](http://www.davidfwatson.me), and he is one of the hosts of "The Firebrand Podcast." David, his wife, Harriet, and their children attend Stillwater Church in Dayton, Ohio.

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## Workshop 2: Meetings that Truly Matter: Class and Band Meetings

**Presenters:** Food 4 Thought

**Workshop Description:** In this session, you will hear from a group of pastors who have been together for 10+ years on how to create and sustain band and class meetings in your local church. They will share from their own experience of being together as well strategies learned implementing these groups in their churches.

**Presenter Bio:** Food 4 Thought is a band of seven brothers who have been practicing ministry, praying, grieving, laughing, having fun, challenging each other, and growing in the faith together for over a decade. They are more than a group of friends that occasionally gather together. They are brothers who love Jesus completely and who love each other like family because they are a family. Food 4 Thought is: Grant Abernathy, Allen Cason, Jason Dillard, Brett Maddocks, Lee Smith, Dan Underwood

## Workshop 3: Be Healed: Methods for Introducing Corporate and Personal Healing Opportunities

**Presenter:** Rev. Dr. Carolyn Moore

**Workshop Description:** At the end of a long season of contending, we all need time to heal. And by "we" I don't just mean clergy and lay leaders. We *all* need healing--our churches, local leaders, communities, staff teams. Where do we begin with the work of healing? And how can we introduce that work to our people in a way that opens them most completely to the gentle yet powerful hand of God? This workshop will introduce very practical steps for organizing community-wide prayer and worship services. We will also spend time walking through our own need for healing and release.



**Presenter Bio:** Carolyn Moore has practiced as an ordained pastor since 1998, and is the founding and lead pastor of Mosaic Church in Evans, Georgia. She is the author of several Bible studies (*Supernatural*, *Encounter The Father*, *Encounter Jesus*, and *Encounter the Spirit*), and two books (*When Women Lead*, and *The 19: Questions to Kindle a Wesleyan Spirit*). As a founding member of the Wesleyan Covenant Association (serving as both Chair and Vice-chair), she has been deeply involved with the formation of the Global Methodist Church. Carolyn and her son-in-law co-host a podcast called *The Art of Holiness*, bringing conversations about supernatural ministry, practical holiness and intergenerational encouragement into the church. She is happily married to Steve Moore, a retired high school history teacher and together they have one daughter and a ridiculously cute granddaughter.

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## Workshop 4: Creating a Culture of Invitation and Hospitality

**Presenters:** Teri Nave and Krista Nicholls

**Workshop Description:** Reaching and connecting with people, especially unchurched families and friends, is the post-COVID challenge we are all trying to figure out. Many things are different and require new thinking. Yet, some things remain the same--like the Great Commission--and we need to double down on them.



In "Creating a Culture of Invitation and Hospitality," Krista Nicholls and Teri Nave will lead a conversation about how to reach, attract, and (hopefully) keep unchurched families and friends in this new environment we are all discovering.

**Presenter Bio:** Krista Nicholls, Guest Services and Special Projects Coordinator at Harvest Church of Warner Robins, has been creating a culture of hospitality





at Harvest for years. Her out-of-the-box creativity, mastery of social media and love of people combine to help draw people to the Harvest campus.

Teri Nave, Chief Financial Officer at Harvest Church of Warner Robins, has been helping Harvest reach out to unchurched people for almost two decades. Understanding the behind-the-scenes work and helping to instill the Harvest DNA into all aspects of our communication, she is an expert at creating content for opportunities to reach the lost and help them grow into fully developed disciples of Christ.

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## Workshop 5: Healthy Student Ministry Foundations

**Presenter/Leader:** Wesley Marshall

**Workshop Description:** There are so many ideas to what a healthy student ministry looks like. But many times churches are not sure how to start a healthy student ministry or to keep one going. What does it take to launch a sustainable student ministry? What part does everyone play? Everyone has a responsibility. This class is for Student Pastors, Leaders, Parents and Students.

**Presenter Bio:** Wesley Marshall has served in full time student ministry for over 20 years in south Georgia. He currently serves as Student Pastor at Park Avenue Church in Valdosta. He is currently seeking a Masters in Christian Leadership from Asbury Seminary. Wesley and his wife Christy have 4 children.



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## Workshop 6: The Church's Role in Cultural Discernment

**Presenter:** Rev. David Yarborough

**Workshop Description:** What is the role of church leaders in helping their people navigate the ever shifting views and values of our present cultural moment? As pastoral and theological leaders, we are not always equipped and up to date on all of the latest cultural trends- AI, LGBTQ+, Censorship, Mental Health, Technology and Social Media, and more. How can we help to lead our people to grow in cultural discernment through a biblical and kingdom lens without becoming overly political or polarizing? Join the Rev. David Yarborough for a breakout on equipping God's people to be thought leaders in today's culture, and making space in our churches to "create conversations that lead to wisdom."



**Presenter Bio:** David Yarborough is a full-time local pastor at Church on the Hill in Dalton, GA and also

serves in a fractional role with THINQ Media as a part of the church partnerships team. David is a graduate from UGA, and also earned his MDIV from Asbury Theological Seminary. David served as the Sr. Pastor of St. Simons Community Church (now Community Church) from 1998- 2021. David is married to his wife Amber and they have three amazing children (Eli, Jonathan, and Hannah) and one beloved daughter in-law (Emma).

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## Workshop 7: Breakout for Clergy Spouses (Friday 4pm)

**Presenter:** Jennifer Cowart

**Workshop Description:** It's been a challenging season of ministry. But, new things are coming to life including new friendships and opportunities! Come laugh, learn, and leave with a new friend or two in this interactive workshop. Plus, there will be prizes – who doesn't love prizes!

**Presenter Bio:** Jennifer Cowart is Executive and Teaching pastor of Harvest Church. With degrees in Christian education, counseling, and business, she has been integral to the development of the Emerging and Discipleship Ministries at Harvest. Jen is a gifted Bible teacher and speaker and the author of three women's Bible studies, *Pursued* (Spring 2021), *Fierce*, and *Messy People* as well as several studies co-authored with her husband, Jim, including *The One* and *Living the Five*. She and Jim love doing life with their kids, Aly, Josh, and Andrew.



# South Georgia Annual Conference Business Session Agenda

*Only those with badges marked as Delegates may participate in voting. All are welcome to attend.*

**Call to Order & Prayer**  
**Episcopal Address**

Bishop Scott Jones  
Bishop Scott Jones

**Introduction to the President Pro Tempore / Address**

Rev. Jay Hanson

**Report of the Connectional Leadership Team**

Rev. Jay Hanson

- Introduction to Members of the Leadership Team
- Formation of the Annual Conference
- Conference Standing Rules
- Initial Nominations & Leadership Report
- Financial Report
- Connectional Giving Percentage
- Budget Introduction
- 2023 & 2024 Budgets

*\*Discussion and vote of Acclamation of the work of the Connectional Leadership Team*

**Report of the Board of Ministry**

Rev. Jason Dickerson

- Acclamation for the Candidates approved for Ordination

**Cabinet Report**

Rev. Jimmy Towson

- Acclamation for all new GMC Clergy
- Introduction of Connectional Community Structure
- Introduction of Area Presiding Elders
- Appointive Process

**Laity Report**

Jeff Barker

- Acclamation for all GMC Churches & Laity

**Setting of Appointments for 2023**

Bishop Scott Jones

**Benediction**

Bishop Scott Jones

# Conference Standing Rules

*John Wesley understood Christian Conferencing as one of the five instituted means of grace. As those who pursue God's call to love Him and to love our neighbor, we join to peacefully work together for the common good of all to fulfill the mission of the church. Within the South Georgia Conference, standing rules are established not only for our conferencing together but to guide the daily life of the Annual Conference — to order how to best go about God's mission in an effective and caring manner, that we may make a bold witness for Christ to the world.*

## SECTION I: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CONFERENCE

1. The South Georgia Provisional Annual Conference of the Global Methodist Church (hereafter referred to as the "Conference") is established and operates under the authority of ¶610 of the *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church* (2022). It likewise functions as a non-profit corporation recognized by the State of Georgia and as a part of the global denomination governed by the *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline of the Global Methodist Church* (2022).
2. The Conference is subject to the provisions of and operates under the Bylaws of the South Georgia Provisional Annual Conference of the GMC, Inc.
3. The structures and organization of the Conference shall be determined in alignment with those of the denomination as a whole. Any discrepancy between the structure and procedures of the Conference and the *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline*, or any successor thereto, shall be resolved in favor of the denominational provisions outlined in that book.
4. The boundaries of the Conference shall be established by the Connectional Council of the Conference in conjunction with the Transitional Leadership Council of the Global Methodist Church. Initially, the Conference shall roughly be composed of congregations within the entirety of the state of Georgia, plus churches in other parts of the region who wish to affiliate with the Conference on a transitional or permanent basis.

## SECTION II: MEMBERSHIP

1. The voting membership of an annual conference shall be composed of active deacons, elders, and senior clergy who meet the qualifications of the *TBD&D* or *BD&D*, as well as at least an equal number of lay members elected by each charge or by the district or annual conference. Each charge shall be entitled to as many lay members as it has appointed clergy.
2. The annual conference may add as lay members of the annual conference those who are serving in conference leadership positions.
3. The annual conference shall determine the method of electing additional lay members to equalize the number of clergy members. Only laity shall vote in the election of equaling laity. Such members may be elected by a charge conference, district conference, or the annual conference, but they must be elected and not appointed.
4. If not otherwise a voting member of the annual conference, the Conference Legal Counsel and Conference Executive Officer shall be seated in the annual conference and shall be given the privilege of the floor without vote.

### SECTION III: PROCEDURES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1. The Conference shall meet at such a time and place as determined by the presiding Bishop and/or the President Pro Tempore. Following a convening conference, the Conference shall meet on at least an annual basis for a time of worship, education, inspiration, and conducting necessary Conference business.
2. Membership of the Conference shall consist of an equal number of active clergy and laity, representing each pastoral charge within the Conference. In addition to ordained deacons and elders under appointment, active clergy shall include transitional licensed local pastors, and senior clergy as per the provisions outlined in 3.3 below.
3. Following the provisions of ¶416, clergy who have taken senior status shall retain their right to both voice and vote within the Conference if they fulfill either of the following conditions: (a) they are within seven years of the effective date of their aligning with the Global Methodist Church or the end of their last appointment, or (b) they are under appointment by the Conference for at least one-quarter time. Senior clergy not qualifying under the preceding retain voice, but not vote, at the annual conference, and they will not be counted for balancing purposes between clergy and lay delegates.
4. Conference sessions shall generally be conducted using the *Modern Rules of Order*, though, whenever possible, the Conference shall attempt to conduct its business by consensus vote. The Conference may also choose to limit debate and speeches in favor or in opposition by a motion approved by simple majority vote. The President Pro Tempore, Bishop or their designee shall preside at all meetings of the Annual Conference.
5. These Conference guidelines may be suspended by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and voting.
6. A special session of the annual conference may be held at such time and in such place as shall have been determined by the annual conference after consultation with the bishop, or by the bishop with the concurrence of three-fourths of the presiding elders. A special session of the annual conference shall have only such powers as are stated in the call, unless the annual conference by a two-thirds vote shall determine that other business may be transacted.
7. Between meetings of the Annual Conference, the Connectional Council and the Connectional Council Executive Committee shall be authorized to conduct the day-to-day business of the Annual Conference and any material decisions made by the Council shall be ratified by the Annual Conference at its next Annual Conference business session.

### SECTION IV: FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

1. The Finance, Administration, Pension and Benefits Committee shall annually prepare and recommend a Conference budget for the next calendar year. Such budget shall set levels for Conference Connectional Funding from each member church for the ensuing budget year. The Budget prepared must be a “balanced” budget.
2. Individual congregations shall calculate and submit to the Conference their share of the Connectional Funding, using approved Conference forms, for both the Conference and the denomination as a whole as per ¶349.3 by January 15 of each calendar year based on the prior



year's local church operating income. The congregation's share shall be limited as provided for in the *Transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline* or its successor.

## SECTION V: CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

*Committees established as defined by the Global Methodist Church Book of Doctrine & Discipline:*

### 1. Board of Ministry (§612.1)

a. *Committee Responsibilities:* The Board of Ministry shall be responsible for overseeing the recruiting and credentialing of clergy for the furtherance of the mission of the Global Methodist Church. (§§406-410, 415) The Board shall also be responsible for overseeing all clergy changes in conference relations. (§§414-416)

b. *Team Requirements*

- i. The Board shall be initially composed of a minimum of 3 members, consisting of no more than 1/3 laity. Terms shall be 6 years. Board members must be members of the GMC and Conference.
- ii. Beginning in 2023, the following composition will be utilized to establish the Committee:

2023	3 members
2025	3 + 3 = 6 members
2027	3 + 3 + 3 = 9 members
2029+	3 + 3 + 3 - 3 (2023) = 9 members

- iii. Members shall be nominated by the Bishop or President Pro Tempore and elected by the Annual Conference. The Board shall include elders, deacons, and laity. No more than one-third of the Board may be laity. Annual Conferences shall set the number of members of the Board. Members shall serve for six years and may succeed themselves once. Notwithstanding other provisions of the *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline*, deacons and laity on the Board of Ministry may vote on the ordination and conference relations of all clergy candidates.
- iv. If a member of the Board of Ministry cannot serve for any reason, the Bishop or President Pro Tempore, in consultation with the Cabinet, shall appoint an interim member to serve the remainder of the unused term. The annual conference shall confirm the interim appointment at its next meeting.
- v. The Board of Ministry shall elect from its members a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and any other officers it deems necessary. Election shall be by simple majority and shall be for a term of years to be determined by the annual conference.
- vi. The Board of Ministry may establish subcommittees and teams to assist it in its work.
- vii. The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the records and proceedings of the Board and submitting those to the Conference as prescribed.

## 2. **Episcopacy Committee (¶612.2)**

- a. *Committee Responsibilities:* The Committee on Episcopacy shall be responsible to support the Bishop or president Pro Tempore in the oversight of the spiritual and temporal affairs of the Global Methodist Church, with special reference to the area where the Bishop or President Pro Tempore has residential responsibility.
- b. *Committee Requirements*
  - i. The Committee shall be composed, initially, of 6 members, consisting of equal number of clergy and laity. Terms shall be 6 years. Committee members must be members of the GMC and the Conference.
  - ii. Members shall be nominated by the Conference Leadership Committee and elected by the annual conference. The committee shall include equal numbers of clergy and laity. The Conference shall set the number of members of the committee with a maximum of 12 persons serving at any one time and no less than six. Members shall serve six years and may not succeed themselves. No member of the Conference staff or member of the Bishop's or President Pro Tempore's family shall serve on the committee. The Bishop or President Pro Tempore shall serve on the committee with voice but not vote.
  - iii. If a member of the committee cannot serve for any reason, the Conference Leadership Committee, in consultation with the cabinet, shall appoint an interim member to serve the remainder of the unused term. The Conference shall confirm the interim appointment at its next meeting.
  - iv. The Episcopacy Committee shall elect from its members a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and any other officers it deems necessary. Election shall be by simple majority and shall be for a term of years to be determined by the Committee.
  - v. The committee shall meet only with the knowledge of the Bishop or President Pro Tempore. The Bishop or President Pro Tempore shall be present at each meeting of the committee, except where he or she voluntarily excuses himself or herself.
  - vi. The committee shall be available to the Bishop or President Pro Tempore for counsel including advising the Bishop concerning conditions within the episcopal area as they affect relationships between the Bishop and the people of the Conference.
  - vii. Keeping in mind the roles, responsibilities, and duties laid in ¶¶502-504 of the *TBoDD*, the Committee shall engage in an annual evaluation of the Bishop in consultation with the Transitional Leadership Council.
  - viii. The committee Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the records and proceedings of the committee and submitting those to the Conference as prescribed

## 3. **Finance, Administration, Pension & Benefits Committee (¶612.3)**

- a. *Committee Responsibilities:* The Finance, Administration, Pensions, and Benefits Committee shall be responsible to develop, maintain, and administer a comprehensive and coordinated plan of fiscal and administrative policies, budgets, procedures, pension plans, benefits plans, and management services for the Conference.

b. *Committee Requirements*

- i. The Committee shall be composed, initially, of 6-12 members, consisting of equal number of clergy and laity. Terms shall be 6 years.
- ii. Members shall be nominated by the Conference Leadership Committee and elected by the Conference. The Committee shall include equal numbers of clergy and laity. The Conference shall set the number of members of the committee. Members shall serve six years and may succeed themselves once. The Bishop or President Pro Tempore, one Presiding Elder chosen by the Bishop, and the Conference Treasurer shall serve on the committee with voice but not vote.
- iii. If a member of the Committee cannot serve for any reason, the Leadership Committee shall appoint an interim member to serve the remainder of the unused term. The Conference shall confirm the interim appointment at its next meeting.
- iv. The committee shall elect from its members a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and any other officers it deems necessary. Election shall be by simple majority and shall be for a term of years to be determined by the Committee.
- v. The committee shall coordinate its work with the Transitional Leadership Council or its designee of the Global Methodist Church.
- vi. The committee Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the records and proceedings of the committee and transmitting those to the Conference as prescribed.

4. **Leadership Committee (§612.4)**

- a. *Committee Responsibilities:* The Leadership Committee shall be responsible for nominating clergy and laity to serve on Conference committees and boards.
- b. *Committee Requirements*
  - i. The Committee shall be composed, initially, of 6 members, consisting of equal number of clergy and laity.
  - ii. Members shall be nominated by the Bishop or President Pro Tempore and elected by the Conference. The committee shall include equal numbers of clergy and laity. The Conference shall set the number of members of the committee. Members shall serve six years and may not succeed themselves. The Bishop or President Pro Tempore and Presiding Elders shall also serve on the committee with voice and vote in addition to the clergy and laity elected by the Conference.
  - iii. If a member of the committee cannot serve for any reason, the Bishop or President Pro Tempore shall appoint an interim member to serve the remainder of the unused term. The Conference shall confirm the interim appointment at its next meeting.
  - iv. The Bishop or President Pro Tempore shall serve as the Chair of the committee. The committee shall elect from its members a Vice-Chair, Secretary, and any other officers it deems necessary. Election shall be by simple majority and shall be for a term of years to be determined by the Committee.

- v. The committee secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the records and proceedings of the committee and transmitting those to the Conference as prescribed.

**5. Committee on Investigation (¶612.5)**

- a. *Committee Responsibilities:* The committee on investigation shall be responsible for considering judicial complaints against clergy as set out in Part Eight Judicial Administration of the *Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline* and specifically ¶809.2.
- b. *Committee Requirements*
  - i. There shall be seven members, four ordained clergy and three laity, and seven alternate members, four ordained clergy and three laity. None of the members or alternates shall be members of the Board of Ministry or the cabinet – or their immediate family members. Members shall serve three years and may succeed themselves once.
  - ii. The Bishop or President Pro Tempore shall nominate persons for the committee, in consultation with the Board of Ministry (for the clergy members). Nominations shall reflect the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of the conference. The Conference shall elect the committee, with the power to elect additional members or alternates during the term of office as needed. Committee members must be in good standing and must be of good character.
  - iii. The committee on investigation shall elect a Chair and Secretary and organize at the Conference following its election.
  - iv. Should a member of the committee on investigation have been a party to any of the proceedings in the case that comes before the committee, he or she shall be disqualified from sitting on the committee during its consideration of that case, and an alternate member shall take his or her place.
  - v. Four clergy and three laity (or their alternates) seated as members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
  - vi. If the Conference has not yet elected a committee on investigation, the Bishop or President Pro Tempore shall appoint the members of the committee in consultation with the cabinet.
  - vii. The committee secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the records and proceedings of the committee and transmitting those to the Conference as prescribed.

**6. Administrative Review Committee (¶612.6)**

- a. *Committee Responsibilities:* The administrative review committee (¶ 805.2) shall be responsible for ensuring that the disciplinary procedures for resolving a substantiated administrative complaint are properly followed as required by *Judicial Practices and Procedures* 5.2 and fair process (¶804).
- b. *Committee Requirements*

- i. The Committee shall be composed of 3 clergy members and two clergy alternates. None of the members or alternates shall be on Board of Ministry or Committee on Investigations.
- ii. Members shall serve three years and may succeed themselves once.
- iii. The Bishop or President Pro Tempore shall nominate the members of the committee and the clergy session of the Conference shall elect them. Committee members must be in good standing and must be of good character.
- iv. The administrative review committee shall elect a Chair and Secretary and organize at the Conference following its election.
- v. Should a member of the Administrative Review Committee have been a party to any of the proceedings in the matter that comes before the committee, he or she shall be disqualified from sitting on the committee during its consideration of that case, and an alternate member shall take his or her place.
- vi. Three clergy (or their alternates) seated as members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.
- vii. If the Conference has not yet elected an Administrative Review Committee, the Bishop or President Pro Tempore shall appoint the members of the committee in consultation with the cabinet.
- viii. The committee secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the records and proceedings of the committee and transmitting those to the Conference as prescribed.

**Teams established by the South Georgia Annual Conference:**

**1. Connectional Council (Article 5.1 of the By-laws)**

- a. *Team Responsibilities:* The Connectional Council meets for the purpose of communication and coordination of ministry among the boards and committees to implement the priorities established by the annual conference. The Connectional Council shall establish records and/or journals of all business of the Council, committees, teams, and the Conference.
- b. *Membership:* Established in accordance with the by-laws.
- c. *Team Requirements:*
  - i. The Council shall be composed of 14-24 members, consisting of equal number of clergy and laity. Terms shall be 6 years.
  - ii. Conference Legal counsel and Conference Executive Officer may participate in meetings with voice but no vote and are not counted in membership total.
  - iii. The Bishop or President Pro Tempore shall Chair the Council. The committee shall elect from its members a Vice-Chair, Secretary, and any other officers it deems necessary. Election shall be by simple majority and shall be for a term of years to be determined by the Council.
  - iv. The committee Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the records and proceedings of the committee and transmitting those to the Conference as prescribed.

## 2. **Connectional Council Executive Team**

- a. *Team Responsibilities:* This team works with the Bishop or President Pro Tempore and the Presiding Elders to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Conference. The Executive Team will operate the Conference in the interim of Connectional Council meetings and at the direction of the Bishop or President Pro Tempore. All actions taken by the Executive Team shall be ratified by the Connectional Council.
- b. *Membership:* Elected by the Connectional Council.
- c. *Team Requirements:*
  - i. Team shall be composed of 6-8 members, consisting of equal number of clergy and laity. Terms shall be 6 years.
  - ii. Beginning with the 2023 Convening Annual Conference, a team of 6 members will be elected with the following composition to establish the Committee: 2 members (one clergy, one laity) with term expiration in 2025, 2 members (one clergy, one laity) with term expiration in 2027, and 2 members (one clergy, one laity) with term expiration in 2029.
  - iii. The Bishop or President Pro Tempore shall Chair the Executive Team with voice and vote but is not counted in membership total.
  - iv. Conference Legal counsel and Conference Executive Officer may participate in meetings with voice but no vote and are not counted in membership total.
  - v. The committee shall be chaired by the Bishop or President Pro Tempore and shall elect from its members a Secretary, and any other officers it deems necessary. Election shall be by simple majority and shall be for a term of years to be determined by the Connectional Council.
  - vi. The committee Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the records and proceedings of the committee and transmitting those to the Conference as prescribed.

## 3. **Prayer Ministry Team**

- a. *Team Responsibilities:* To Shepherd the Annual Conference in keeping everything which is done grounded in and led by prayer. Helping every aspect of ministry within the Conference to arrive from listening to God and then doing whatever He says.
- b. *Team Requirements:*
  - i. Team shall be composed of 6-12 members, consisting of 2/3 laity and all persons who have demonstrated a life of faithfulness and prayerfulness.
  - ii. The committee shall elect from its members a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and any other officers it deems necessary. Election shall be by simple majority and shall be for a term of years to be determined by the Committee.
  - iii. The committee Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the records and proceedings of the committee and transmitting those to the Conference as prescribed.

## 4. **Discipleship Ministries Team**

- a. *Team Responsibility:* Support Local churches in making disciples who make disciples.
- b. *Team Requirements:*
  - i. Team shall be composed of 6-12 members, consisting of 2/3 laity. Terms shall be 6 years.
  - ii. The committee shall elect from its members a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and any other officers it deems necessary. Election shall be by simple majority and shall be for a term of years to be determined by the Committee.
  - iii. The committee Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the records and proceedings of the committee and transmitting those to the Conference as prescribed.

#### 5. Leadership Development Team

- a. *Team Responsibility:* This team exists to help local churches and clergy equip and empower laity for ministry.
- b. *Team Requirements:*
  - i. Team shall be composed of 6-12 members, consisting of equal number of clergy and laity.
  - ii. The committee shall elect from its members a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and any other officers it deems necessary. Election shall be by simple majority and shall be for a term of years to be determined by the Committee.
  - iii. The committee secretary shall be responsible for maintaining the records and proceedings of the committee and transmitting those to the Conference as prescribed.

## SECTION VI: RECORDS

The annual conference shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and shall also keep minutes of all annual conference, board, and committee meetings. The annual conference shall gather such district / area and congregational statistics as necessary to fulfill its purposes or are required by the *Transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline* of the Global Methodist Church.

## SECTION VII: DISTRICTS

The annual conference shall establish the number and boundaries of districts / areas, upon recommendation from the bishop, cabinet, and conference leadership. The districts / areas, their churches, and their clergy shall receive supervision and leadership from the presiding elder assigned by the Bishop or President *Pro Tempore*.

## SECTION VIII: TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

These rules govern the Annual Conference while provisional, but once established as a standing Annual Conference by the Global Methodist Church General Conference, these Standing Rules will become the Standing Rules of said conference and shall be revised as needed to address such change in status. These rules are further subject to the By Laws of the Conference and the *Transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline* of the Global Methodist Church.

# Nominations & Leadership Report

## Prayer Ministry Team

6-12 Members — 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Laity

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Bob Shuman (Laity, Chair) | Karen Prevatt (Clergy) |
| Steve Rumford (Laity)     | Kim Dixon (Clergy)     |
| Brooks Hanson (Laity)     | TBD (Clergy)           |
| Mark Kevan (Laity)        |                        |
| Debron Braziel (Laity)    |                        |
| Beth Tyler (Laity)        |                        |
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## Discipleship Ministries Team

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Paige Madden (Laity)    | Mark Danzey (Clergy, Chair) |
| Jennifer Cowart (Laity) | Allen Cason (Clergy)        |
| Bryan Way (Laity)       | TBD (Clergy)                |
| TBD (Laity)             | TBD (Clergy)                |
| TBD (Laity)             | TBD (Clergy)                |
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## Leadership Development Team

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Jay Hanson (Clergy, Chair) | TBD (Laity) |
| Jake Webster (Clergy)      | TBD (Laity) |
| Anthony McPhail (Clergy)   | TBD (Laity) |
| Clay Loadman (Clergy)      | TBD (Laity) |
| TBD (Clergy)               | TBD (Laity) |
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## Board of Ministry (¶612.1)

- Class of 2023: Jason Dickerson (Clergy, Chair)  
Scott Tucker (Clergy)  
Debbie Hudgins (Laity)

**Note:** NGA will maintain a District BoM who will vet and process their clergy and then make recommendations to the Conference BoM who will make final approval.

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## Episcopacy Committee (¶612.2)

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jim Cowart (Clergy, Chair) | Betsy Moran (Laity)      |
| Joel Dent (Clergy)         | Meredyth Dempsey (Laity) |
| TBD (Clergy)               | TBD (Laity)              |
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## Finance, Administration, Pension & Benefits Committee (§612.3)

Jimmy Towson (Clergy)	Floyd White (Laity)
David Donnan (Clergy)	Jeff Barker (Laity)
Brett Maddocks (Clergy)	Debbie Hudgins (Laity, Chair)
TBD (Clergy)	TBD (Laity)
TBD (Clergy)	TBD (Laity)

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## Leadership Committee (§612.4)

Jay Hanson (Chair)	Debbie Hudgins (Laity)
Jim Cowart (Clergy)	Jeff Barker (Laity)
Jimmy Towson (Clergy)	Bob Shuman (Laity)

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## Committee on Investigation

	Jimmy Towson (Clergy, Chair)	Tom Nash (Laity)
	Robbie Paulk (Clergy)	Brad Folsom (Laity)
	Karen Prevatt (Clergy)	TBD (Laity)
	TBD (Clergy)	
<i>Alternates:</i>	Jamie Bone (Clergy)	Terry Hiers (Laity)
	Bill Baker (Clergy)	TBD (Laity)
	TBD (Clergy)	TBD (Laity)
	TBD (Clergy)	

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## Administrative Review Committee

	Carrie Myers	David Thompson
	TBD	
<i>Alternates:</i>	Larry Strickland	TBD

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## Annual Conference Planning Task Force

Worship:	Brett Maddocks, Anthony McPhail, Baxter Hurley
Fellowship Recreation:	Allen Cason, Jason Dillard, Lee Smith
Best Practices:	Jim Cowart, Jim Morrow, Scott Tucker
Logistics:	Haynes Martin, Robby Paulk, Michelle Martin, Debbie Towson
Business:	Rich Wardwell, Jimmy Towson, David Thompson, Jason Dickerson
Publicity:	Rich Wardwell, Jimmy Towson, David Donnan

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## Connectional Council

Pres Pro Temp	Jay Hanson
One Presiding Elder	TBD
Annual Conference Secretary	TBD
Annual Conference Lay Leader	Jeff Barker

Annual Conference EO*	Rich Wardwell
At large members	TBD

*One Clergy & One Laity from each committee (assuming committee is composed of each):*

BoM	Jason Dickerson	Debbie Hudgins
Episcopacy	Jim Cowart	Betsy Moran
FAPB	Jimmy Towson	TBD
COI	TBD	TBD
Adm Review	David Thompson	TBD
Prayer	Bob Shuman	TBD
Discipleship	Mark Danzey	Paige Madden
Leadership Dev	TBD	TBD

### Connectional Council Executive Team

Jay Hanson (Pres Pro Temp)	Jeff Barker (Lay Leader)
Jim Cowart (Clergy)	Debbie Hudgins (Laity)
Jimmy Towson (Clergy)	Bob Shuman (Laity)
Richard Chewning (Clergy)	TBD (Laity)
Rich Wardwell (EO)*	Brad Folsom (Legal Counsel)*

*\*Voice but no vote.*

# Finance, Administration, Pension & Benefits Report

## Connectional Giving Budget — Our Shared Ministry

Jesus Christ is the head of The Church, and the local congregation is the center from which His ministry emerges. The primary role of the Annual Conference is to strengthen and multiply the ministry of the local church by recruiting and equipping lay and clergy leadership, connecting clergy and congregations through the appointive process, and overseeing the connectional structures which help ensure the healthy growth of the GMC in Georgia. The budgets being proposed strive to accomplish this objective while keeping most of the resources at the disposal of the local church.

To provide maximum transparency and flexibility with the unpredictable nature of our way forward we are presenting a budget which reveals **three** levels of investment. The “Fixed” items reveal a very low fixed cost required to cover basic needs with minimal income. The “Planned” items reveal our ministry plan based on conservative estimates of income. The “Hope” items reveal how we will invest ministry funds if the generosity of our congregations comes in as we hope they will. The budget we are asking the Annual Conference to approve is the line items under “hope”.

If giving exceeds this level, we will place the funds in reserves to be invested in ministries to be determined by the next session of our Annual Conference.

The following expense categories currently included in the offered budgets:

- **Clergy Leadership Development:** Equipping clergy for effective ministry, including internal and external events.
- **Laity Leadership Development:** Equipping laity for effective ministry, including internal and external training.
- **Annual Conference (Event):** Expenses related to hosting the yearly Annual Conference.
- **Campus Ministry:** Investing in existing and new College Campus ministries across Georgia with local churches.
- **Global Partners:** Partnering in ministry with a GMC Annual Conference in another country.
- **Evangelism:** Supporting connectional efforts for evangelism across the state in Georgia.
- **Administration:** Supporting the day-to-day of the conference, including Information Technology and cloud services, office materials, mailings, subscriptions.
- **Presiding Elder Expense:** Reimbursement of expenses by Presiding Elders.
- **GMC Organizer Expense:** Reimbursement of expenses by the GMC Organizer.
- **General Conference:** Expenditures related to the sending of delegates and necessary staff to General Conference.

**SGAGMC Staff** will be available to help local congregations while also handling the significant administrative aspects of the conference, from the required record keeping, Annual Conference planning and implementation, communications, day-to-day accounting and administrative services, Connectional Giving administration, and any other needs of the Annual Conference and the President Pro Tempore.

## RESOLUTION: Setting of Connectional Giving for the Annual Conference

*The GMC has established guidelines for setting the Connectional Giving percentage as follows:*

1. Congregations are asked to give not more than 1.5% of their operating income to support the global ministries of the GMC. The percentage is currently set by the Transitional Leadership Council at 1%.
2. Congregations are asked to give not more than 5% of their annual operating income to support the mission and ministries of the Annual Conference to which they belong. Each Annual Conference is to approve the percentage for their annual Conference.
3. Congregations may request in writing a one-year waiver from all connectional giving if they feel they need some time to become economically stable before giving.

Based on these guidelines, the Conference Leadership is requesting the Annual Conference to set our conference connectional giving percentage at 0% for this annual conference year. While there will obviously be financial needs this year our desire is to inspire rather than require giving and the hope is that given the opportunity to give congregations will be even more generous than if they had been obligated to give.

In addition, we are requesting the Annual conference to authorize the NGA District leadership team to establish a district connectional giving percentage for the NGA district which when added to the Conference Connectional giving percentage does not exceed 5%. Congregations in the NGA District would be asked to give the percent determined directly to the NGA District to support the missions and ministry needs of the NGA District.

2023 Budget (June 1 – December 31, 2023)

<b>INCOME</b>			
	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Expected</b>	<b>Hope</b>
<b>Connectional Giving Projections</b>			
25% / 50% / 75% of churches give avg \$1K/mo	\$187,500	\$375,000	\$562,500
<i>*Approximately 125 churches</i>			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$187,500</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>	<b>\$562,500</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Mission &amp; Ministry</b>	<b>Fixed</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Hope</b>
Annual Conference	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Clergy Leadership Development	\$0	\$20,000	\$40,000
Laity Leadership Development	\$0	\$20,000	\$40,000
College Campus Ministries	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$45,000
Global Mission Partnership	\$0	\$20,000	\$30,000
Admin	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Seminary Education	\$0	\$15,000	\$25,000
GMC Org & Presiding Elder Exp	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
Misc	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
Evangelism	\$0	\$5,000	\$15,000
<b>Total Mission &amp; Ministry</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>	<b>\$270,000</b>
<b>Staff</b>	<b>Fixed</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Hope</b>
Executive Officer Salary			
Salary	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
Housing	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500
Expense Reimbursement	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
Health Premium	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500
Pension	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500
President Pro Tem Salary			
Salary	\$0	\$12,000	\$12,000
Expense Reimbursement	\$11,800	\$11,800	\$11,800
Pension	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,200
Accounting Services	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>\$61,800</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$131,800</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>
<b>NET (LOSS) OR SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$55,700</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$212,500</b>

2024 Budget (January 1 – December 31, 2024)

<b>INCOME</b>			
	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Expected</b>	<b>Hope</b>
<b>Connectional Giving Projections</b>			
25% / 50% / 75% of churches give avg \$1K/mo	\$375,000	\$750,000	\$1,125,000
<i>*Approximately 125 churches</i>			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>	<b>\$1,125,000</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Mission &amp; Ministry</b>	<b>Fixed</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Hope</b>
Annual Conference	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Clergy Leadership Development		\$40,000	\$70,000
Laity Leadership Development		\$40,000	\$70,000
College Campus Ministries	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$70,000
Global Mission Partnership		\$20,000	\$35,000
Evangelism		\$20,000	\$35,000
Admin	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$40,000
Seminary Education		\$20,000	\$30,000
GMC Org & Presiding Elder Exp		\$30,000	\$35,000
Misc		\$10,000	\$15,000
General Conference		\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Total Mission &amp; Ministry</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>	<b>\$320,000</b>	<b>\$480,000</b>
<b>Staff</b>	<b>Fixed</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Hope</b>
Executive Officer			
Salary	\$44,000	\$44,000	\$44,000
Housing	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Expense Reimbursement	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Health Premium	\$0	\$0	\$0
Pension	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
President Pro Tem Salary			
Salary	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Housing	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Expense Reimbursement	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$22,000
Pension	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Accounting Services	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
Administrative Support	\$0	\$0	\$40,000
<b>Total Staff</b>	<b>\$220,000</b>	<b>\$230,000</b>	<b>\$270,000</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$310,000</b>	<b>\$550,000</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>
<b>NET (LOSS) OR SURPLUS</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$375,000</b>

# Financial Reports — Balance Sheet

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**South Georgia Provisional Annual Conference**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**June 2023**

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**Accounts**

<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
10000 - General Checking Account	\$57,374.60	
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>		<b>\$57,374.60</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$57,374.60</b>
<b>Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Fund Principal</b>		
30001 - F P - General Fund	\$5,974.78	
Excess Cash Received	\$51,399.82	
<b>Total Fund Principal and Excess Cash Received</b>		<b>\$57,374.60</b>
<b>Total Liabilities, Fund Principal, &amp; Restricted Funds</b>		<b>\$57,374.60</b>

## Financial Reports — Sources & Use of Funds (June)

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<b>Accounts</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
10000 - General Checking Account	\$55,376.37	
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>		<b>\$55,376.37</b>
<b>Total Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$55,376.37</b>
<b>Sources of Funds</b>		
40010 - Connectional Giving	\$12,517.40	
44000 - Other Income	\$680.00	
<b>Total Withholdings</b>		<b>\$93.02</b>
<b>Total Sources of Funds</b>		<b>\$13,290.42</b>
<b>Uses of Funds</b>		
<b>Total Administration</b>		<b>\$3,954.49</b>
<b>Total Special Events</b>		<b>\$753.69</b>
<b>Total Leadership Development</b>		<b>\$66.46</b>
<b>Total Tech</b>		<b>\$449.85</b>
<b>Total Staff</b>		<b>\$5,974.68</b>
<b>Total Withholdings</b>		<b>\$93.02</b>
<b>Total Uses of Funds</b>		<b>\$11,292.19</b>
<b>Balances On Hand</b>		
<b>Bank Accounts</b>		
10000 - General Checking Account	\$57,374.60	
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>		<b>\$57,374.60</b>
<b>Total Balances on Hand</b>		<b>\$57,374.60</b>



# Board of Ministry Report

## Appointment List

CONNECTIONAL COMMUNITY	CHURCH	LEAD PASTOR	ASSOCIATE PASTOR(S)
<b>Columbus Area</b> <i>Area PE — Jim Cowart</i>	Living Grace Methodist Church	Buddy Cooper	-
	Pierce Chapel Methodist Church	Jerry Akin	-
	Wynnton Methodist Church	Jason Wade	William Walley
<b>Americus Area</b> <i>Area PE — Jim Cowart</i>	Americus First Methodist Church	Daryl Brown	-
	Butler Methodist Church	Brian Litch	-
	Concord Church	Jason Owens	-
	Concord Methodist Church	Brian Litch	-
	Corinth Methodist Church	Anthony Bankhead	-
	Ellaville Methodist Church	Anthony Bankhead	-
	Howard Church	Joshua Gene Craig	-
	Lee Street Methodist Church	Dennis Stalvey	-
	Montezuma Methodist Church	Jonathan Beckum	-
	Pinehurst Methodist Church	<b>TBA*</b>	-
	Plains Methodist Church	R. T. Beverly	-
	Preston Methodist Church	R. T. Beverly	-
	Richland Methodist Church	<b>TBA*</b>	-
<b>Valdosta Area</b> <i>Area PE — Jimmy Towson</i>	Lake Park Community Church	<b>TBD</b>	-
	Lakeland Methodist Church	Larry Hauser	-
	New Harvest Methodist Church	Benjamin Hasty	-
	Park Avenue Church	Jimmy Towson	Jamie Bone
	South Georgia Annual Conference	Rich Wardwell	-
	Statenville Methodist Church	James Davis	-
	Valdosta First Methodist Church	Anthony McPhail	Matthew Mullis
	Wright's Chapel Church	James Davis	-
<b>Albany Area</b> <i>Area PE — Jim Cowart</i>	First Methodist Church of Albany	Jim Morrow	Anna Miller, Laurel Griffith
	Georgetown Methodist Church	<b>TBA*</b>	-
	Kimball Church	<b>TBA*</b>	-
	Leesburg Methodist Church	Lee Smith	-
	Porterfield Methodist Church	Josh Duckworth	Clarence Vernon Knight, Jr.
	Shellman Methodist Church	Paul Buckhiester	-
	Trinity Methodist	Paul Buckhiester	-
	Union Methodist Church	<b>TBA*</b>	-
<b>Donalsonville Area</b> <i>Area PE — Jimmy Towson</i>	Warwick Church	Steven R. Purnell	-
	Arlington Methodist Church	<b>TBD</b>	-
	Attapulgus Methodist Church	<b>TBA*</b>	-
	Blakely First Methodist Church	Tucker Lewis Sr.	-
	Centerville Methodist Church	Lori JoAnne Lewis	-
	Climax Methodist Church	<b>TBA*</b>	-
	Colquitt Methodist Church	Ken Sharpe	-
	Friendship Methodist Church	Nathan Lehman	-
	Hilton Methodist Church	Lori JoAnne Lewis	-
	Hopewell Methodist Church	<b>TBA*</b>	-
<b>Tifton Area</b> <i>Area PE — Jimmy Towson</i>	Westview Methodist Church	Lori JoAnne Lewis	-
	Antioch Church	Jake Webster	-
	Douglas First Methodist Church	<b>TBD</b>	-
	Irwinville Methodist Church	Jay Roberson	-
	Nashville Methodist Church	Mark Addington	-
	Ocilla Methodist Church	Jay Roberson	-
Sparks Methodist Church	John Harrington	-	

<b>Macon Area</b> <i>Area PE — Jim Cowart</i>	Andrew Church	Carl Barnhardt	-
	Clinton Methodist Church	Jason Dillard	-
	Crossroads Church of Perry	Grant Abernathy	-
	Forest Hills Church	Baxter Hurley	Carolyn Hurley, Jeremy Wilson, Tammy Humphries
	Fort Valley Methodist Church	Herb Flanders	-
	Gordon Church at 128 Main	Frank Morris	-
	Gray Methodist Church	Jason Dillard	-
	Harvest Church	Jim Cowart	-
	Lizella Methodist Church	Kevin Clotfelter	-
<b>Dublin Area</b> <i>Area PE — David Thompson</i>	Alamo Methodist Church	Amy Carter	-
	Buckhorn Methodist Church	<b>TBD</b>	-
	Cedar Grove Methodist Church	Jerry A. Roe	-
	Cochran First Methodist Church	Bill Woodson	-
	Dublin First Methodist Church	David Thompson	Jennifer Thompson
	Glenwood Methodist Church	Dr. Lee Pettis	-
	Grace Church	Bill Baker	-
	Landsburg Methodist Church	Dr. Lee Pettis	-
	Longstreet Historic Methodist Church	Bill Woodson	-
	Lothair Church	<b>TBA*</b>	-
	McRae Methodist Church	Jimbo Dominey	-
	Pine Forest Methodist Church	Brett Maddocks	Kim Dixon
Soperton Methodist Church	Dr. Lee Pettis	-	
<b>Savannah Area</b> <i>Area PE — Scott Tucker</i>	Good Shepherd Savannah	Scott Tucker	Samuel Paul
	Grace Church of Savannah	Mike Miller	-
	Midway Methodist Church	Charles Henry Perry	-
	Mt. Olivet Church	John Ryan	-
	Port Wentworth Methodist Church	Gary Boyles	-
	Savannah Korean American Methodist Church	Jin-Won Park	-
	Skidaway Island Methodist Church	Hale Bishop	Rob Grotheer, Michelle Johnson
	Trinity Chapel Methodist Church	Sue Ann Jackson	-
	White Bluff Methodist Church	Barry Giddens	-
	Wilmington Island Methodist Church	Doug Walker	-
<b>Effingham Area</b> <i>Area PE — Scott Tucker</i>	Alpha Methodist Church	Tommy Braswell	-
	Bethesda Church	Paul D. Broussard	-
	Clyo Community Church	Nicholas Pumfrey	-
	Guyton Methodist Church	Larry Stricklin	-
	Marlow Methodist Church	Tom Whatley	-
	Meldrim Church	Tom Whatley	-
	Newington Methodist Church	Karen Zeigler	-
	Rincon Global Methodist Church	J. Michael Finn	Ralph Long
	Silver Hill Church	Nicholas Pumfrey	-
	Springfield Oaks Church	Ken Morgan	Harold Jenkins
Trinity Pooler Church	Tom Dent	-	

<b>Brunswick Area</b> <i>Area PE — Roy White</i>	Bethel Methodist Church	<b>TBA*</b>	-
	College Place Methodist Church	Scott Dozier Stanfill	-
	Emanuel Church	Roger Canuel	-
	Folkston Methodist Church	Robby Paulk	-
	Kingsland First Methodist Church	Haynes Martin	-
	Nahunta Methodist Church	David Farrior	-
	Prospect Methodist Church	<b>TBA*</b>	-
	Providence Methodist Church	<b>TBA*</b>	-
	St. Marys Methodist Church	Roy White	-
	The Chapel	Jay Hanson	-
	Trader's Hill Methodist Church	<b>TBA*</b>	-
	Woodbine Methodist Church	Janice Conner	-
<b>Swainsboro Area</b> <i>Area PE — David Thompson</i>	Bartow Methodist Church	<b>TBA*</b>	-
	Calvary Swainsboro	Tom Tidwell	-
	First Methodist Church of Swainsboro	David Unkles	-
	Green's Cut Methodist Church	Jerry Dennis Sharpe	-
	Louisville Methodist Church	Dan Underwood	-
	Metter Methodist Church	Allen Cason	-
	Midville Methodist Church	Randy F Carnley	-
	Millen Methodist Church	John Pierce Drake	-
	Twin City Methodist Church	Randall Smith	-
	Union Grove Methodist Church	Randy F Carnley	-
	Wadley First Methodist Church	Chad Ryan Watkins	-
	Waynesboro First Methodist Church	Mitchell Keith Cox	-
<b>Baxley Area</b> <i>Area PE — Roy White</i>	Glennville Methodist Church	David Donnan	-
	Hazlehurst First Methodist Church	Steve Riddle	-
	Hebardville Methodist Church	<b>TBA*</b>	-
	Hopewell Church	Stephen Posey	-
	Ludowici Methodist Church	Walt Pelton	-
	Odum Methodist Church	Don Cunningham	-
	Philadelphia Methodist Church	Steve Riddle	-
	Screven Methodist Church	Don Cunningham	-
	Trinity Methodist Church	Isaac Salgado	-
<b>North Georgia Area</b> <i>Area PE — Richard Chewning</i>	Asbury Chapel	Whitney Roark Martin	-
	Barrow County Global Methodist Church	Dave Hinson	-
	Bethlehem Methodist Church	John Moore, Jr	-
	Faith Methodist Church	Scott Brown	-
	First Methodist Church of Manchester	<b>TBD</b>	-
	GracePoint Rome	Steven Allred	-
	Sawnee Ridge	<b>TBD</b>	-
	Trinity Church of McCaysville	Byron Ahrens	-
	Trinity on the Hill	Jon Scott Hearn	-
	Woodlawn Methodist	John Moore, Jr	-

**\*TBA — Awaiting Pastor GMC Application Completion.**

## Ordination List

On July 29<sup>th</sup> at 11am in the Strickland Auditorium of Epworth by the Sea in St. Simons, Georgia, our first service of ordination will take place with Bishop Scott Jones presiding. The following candidates have been approved by the South Georgia Board of Ministry and the Transitional Leadership Council of the Global Methodist Church for ordination.

*\*From the North Georgia District*

### To Be Ordained Deacon

1. Amy Carter
2. Samuel W. Cruce\*
3. Larry Hauser
4. Carolyn Hurley
5. Michelle Johnson
6. Michael Knowles
7. Ralph Long
8. Mike Miller
9. Stanley Posey
10. Doug Tolson
11. Tom Whatley

### To Be Ordained Elder

1. Byron Ahrens\*
2. Steven Allred\*
3. Bill Baker
4. Nathan Ballew\*
5. R. T. Beverly
6. Rus Black
7. Jamie Bone
8. Gary Boyles
9. Paul Buckhiester
10. Roger Canuel
11. Randy F Carnley
12. Kevin Clotfelter
13. Janice Conner
14. Mark Brantley Danzey
15. Kim Dixon
16. David Donnan
17. John Pierce Drake

18. Ann Lane Garvin\*
19. Michael C. Green
20. John Harrington
21. Tammy Humphries
22. Sue Ann Jackson
23. William David Lee\*
24. Lori JoAnne Lewis
25. Brian Litch
26. Clay Loadman
27. Mark Lovell\*
28. Hubert Guy Mathis
29. Anna Miller
30. Russell Nuss\*
31. Jason Owens
32. Robin Parr\*
33. Robby Paulk
34. Andrew Lathem Postell\*
35. Steven R. Purnell
36. Steve Riddle
37. John Ryan
38. Jerry Dennis Sharpe
39. Victor Blane Spence\*
40. Charles Edward Stutsman\*
41. Jennifer Thompson
42. Tom Tidwell
43. Jason Wade
44. Rich Wardwell
45. Jean Watson
46. Joy Wilson
47. Karen Zeigler

# Cabinet Report

## Roles & Responsibilities for Connectional Community Presiding Elders

In addition to serving in a local ministry setting, Connectional Community Presiding Elders are pastors to the pastors. They get to know the pastors and congregations in their Connectional Community (CC) and work to serve them in every way they can.

Serving as a Presiding Elder is not a step up on the organization chart or a position with greater authority. It is a calling to serve sacrificially, to go the extra mile to lift others up. People who accept the call to serve in this capacity place a high value on our connectional system and honestly believe we can do more effective ministry when we co-operate rather than compete.

While extensive ministry experience is not necessarily required in this role, a demonstration of the gifts of servant leadership and a knowledge of the clergy and congregations in the community is needed. Persons serving in this capacity should have the respect of those in their community, a heart of prayer, a spirit of humility, and a call to grow the Kingdom through multiplication.

### Specific Expectations:

1. Know and stay in contact with the clergy and congregations in the connectional community.
2. Gather the clergy as regularly as need to form true and impactful community.
3. Work with the Area PE to hold Charge/Church conferences for the congregations in your CC.
4. Work with the Area PE in their area to ensure their congregations get the coaching and equipping they need to do effective ministry.
5. Work with the Area PE to meet the pastoral needs of the congregations in their connectional community, which includes but is not limited to serving on the appointment team.

### Commitment:

1. Clergy serving in this capacity are called to serve for a one-year term and may serve unlimited consecutive terms, but rotating the responsibility is encouraged.
2. This is a volunteer role, but each CCPE has a \$1,000 reimbursable expense account to help offset some of the expenses.
3. The time requirement for each Connectional Community may differ and the time required each month may vary but this is envisioned to be a 10-12 hours per month time commitment.

## Roles & Responsibilities for Area Presiding Elders

In addition to serving in a local ministry, Area Presiding Elders are the leaders of the leaders. Each APE will have an area which includes 2-5 Connectional Communities. Each of the connectional Communities will have a Presiding Elder. The role of the APE is to intentionally invest and equip their CCPE. These CCPE each have 7-15 pastors in whom they are investing. So, the APE will have 20-35 congregations in their area. The CCPE will have most of the direct contact with the clergy and congregations in their area. The APE's role is to support and coach the CCPE.

The APE will also serve churches by assisting the President Pro Tem in the deployment of clergy through the appointment system.

Ministry experience is required in this role as is a track record of servant leadership and a knowledge of the clergy and congregations in the conference.

### Specific Expectations:

1. Cultivate real relationships with their CCPE and have contact with them in some form weekly.
2. Ensure the CCPE in their area have the skills and resources they need to help the pastors in their connectional community.
3. Inspire and equip the congregations in their area to make disciples of Jesus who: worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.
4. Help people in your area feel connected and have fun.
5. Work with the PPT to meet the pastoral needs of the congregations in their area, which includes but is not limited to serving on the appointment team and completing the necessary documentation for appointments in their area.

### Commitment:

1. Clergy serving in this capacity are called to serve for a one-year term and may serve unlimited consecutive terms, but rotating the responsibility is encouraged.
2. This is a volunteer role, but each APE has a \$1,000 reimbursable expense account to help offset some of the expenses.
3. The time requirement for each Area may differ and the time required each month may vary but this is envisioned to be a 6-10 hours per month time commitment.

## Appointed Area Presiding Elders

### Rev. Richard Chewning

**NORTH GEORGIA AREA**

Richard Chewning grew up in Tucker, Ga., where he graduated from Tucker High School. He graduated from Mercer University in Atlanta with a degree in Marketing and Management. After graduation, he worked for ten years in computer sales. In January of 1990 he entered Candler School of Theology at Emory University and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree in December of 1992. He was ordained an Elder in the North Georgia Conference in 1995.

As a member of North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church he served Providence United Methodist in Lavonia, Hopewell United Methodist in Milledgeville, First United Methodist Church of Greensboro, and served as district superintendent of the former Gainesville District of the North Georgia Conference from June of 2011 until his retirement in June of 2018. In February of 2023, he became an Elder in the Global Methodist Church.

Richard is married to the former Susan Mobley of Winder, Ga. They have two boys Jonathan and Matthew.



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### Rev. Jim Cowart

**ALBANY, AMERICUS, COLUMBUS & MACON CONNECTIONAL COMMUNITIES**

Jim Cowart is the lead pastor of Harvest Church that he founded in 2001 with an emphasis on reaching un-churched people. Jim is a student of leadership, teaching, and evangelism. He loves to laugh and teach the bible in fun and creative ways. Under his leadership Harvest has seen over 4,000 first time professions of faith. Jim is also an avid horseman, reader and has written several bible studies and books like “Start This, Stop That”, “The One”, (with his wife Jennifer) and “Leading from Horseback”.



## David Thompson

DUBLIN & SWAINSBORO CONNECTIONAL COMMUNITIES

David Thompson was born in Augusta, Ga. He graduated from Carnegie Mellon University in 1988 with a degree in Chemistry and worked as a research chemist. He later graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary in 1994 with his Master of Divinity degree. He was ordained an Elder in the South Georgia Conference of the UMC in 1996.

He is married to the Rev. Jennifer Thompson and they have three children—Lydia, Ben, and Luke. They have served in ministry together as a clergy couple for the last thirty-two years. They spent 7 years working with TMS Global (formerly the Mission Society) throughout Latin America, living in both Costa Rica and Peru. They have also served together in churches in Kentucky, Americus, Colquitt, and Cordele. David also served as the District Superintendent of the Coastal District of the UMC from 2018 till 2023.



He is an ordained Elder in the Global Methodist Church and both he and Jennifer are excited to be serving the Dublin First Methodist Church.

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## Rev. Jimmy Towson

DONALSONVILLE, TIFTON & VALDOSTA CONNECTIONAL COMMUNITIES

Rev. Jimmy Towson was born in Dublin, Georgia, a lifelong Methodist. After graduating from UGA, he obtained his law degree from Mercer and practiced law for 20 years as a trial attorney, having received the AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating. He entered ministry in 2001 and obtained his M.Div. from Emory University. As an Ordained Elder in UMC, he served numerous churches in middle and south Georgia as senior pastor. Currently, he is an ordained elder in the Global Methodist Church, serving as the Senior Pastor at Park Avenue Church in Valdosta.

Jimmy & his wife, Debbie (also from Dublin) have been married 43 years. They have one son, Jim who is the Executive Pastor at St. Simons Community Church. Jim & his wife, Gina have 3 daughters- Eleanor, Josie & Margot. Jimmy and Debbie love serving Christ together and believe that God called them both into ministry.





## Rev. Scott Tucker

**EFFINGHAM & SAVANNAH CONNECTIONAL COMMUNITIES**

In April 2023, Scott Tucker became the lead pastor at newly planted Good Shepherd Savannah. Before that he was a missionary in Central Asia; a pastor in Butler, Columbus, and Cuthbert; and a teacher & campus chaplain at Andrew College.

Scott is a native of Lee County and a graduate of the University of Georgia and Asbury Theological Seminary. He and his wife Patty are called to ministry together, and they find joy in opening the door for others to discover their true calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. They have four children, Joseph, Ben, Amy, and Matt.



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## Rev. Roy White




**BAXLEY & BRUNSWICK CONNECTIONAL COMMUNITIES**

Roy was born in Kinston, North Carolina and moved to Waynesboro, Georgia when he was 9. A sense of call came when he was in his late twenties and at 33, Roy began his undergraduate at Augusta State University. He completed his M.Div. at Erskine Theological Seminary in 2000 and served 33 years as an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and served 5 appointments before retiring in 2023 and joining the Global Methodist Church.

Roy is the pastor of St. Marys Methodist Church in St. Marys, Georgia. He and his wife Kim have been married for 35 years. The Whites have one daughter and one granddaughter. Roy and Kim are truly a ministry team with Kim playing a prominent supportive role as a wife and Kim shares her faith through the gift of hospitality and the ministry of music. The Whites recently began their sixth year at St. Marys Methodist.




# Conference Exhibitors




<p><b>Asbury Theological Seminary</b></p>	 <p><b>ASBURY</b> <i>theological</i> SEMINARY THE WHOLE BIBLE FOR THE WHOLE WORLD</p>
<p>Asbury Theological Seminary was founded in 1923 by H.C. Morrison with a class of three students and an audacious seal that said, "The Whole Bible for the Whole World." One hundred years later, Asbury is still teaching the unchanging truth of orthodox Christianity and equipping women and men to advance the Kingdom in a wide range of spheres. With nearly 1800 students, representing more than 80 denominations and 50 countries, they offer residential, online, and hybrid degree options, and are recognized by the Global Methodist Church for their continued work toward equipping students in pursuit of ordination.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.asburyseminary.edu">www.asburyseminary.edu</a></p>	
<p><b>Bitner Henry Insurance Group</b></p>	 <p><b>BITNER HENRY</b> INSURANCE GROUP</p>
<p>Bitner Henry Insurance is one of the largest independent insurance agencies specializing in insuring churches and ministries in the US. We serve over 7,000 customers who are churches and ministries, nonprofits, social services, and education organizations. We are committed to providing the highest level of service to our customers across nine states, including Georgia. Our agents live in the communities they serve, and our licensed team of insurance professionals provide prompt and courteous service. It is a great joy and privilege to provide insurance solutions and risk management for those who are making a difference in the lives of others.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://bitnerhenry.com">bitnerhenry.com</a></p>	
<p><b>ChurchInsure</b></p>	 <p><b>ChurchInsure</b> A Division of Anchor Insurance Agencies</p>
<p>We are an independent, insurance specialist that understands the unique insurance needs of ministries. Serving as agent to churches and conference offices of the Global Methodist Church throughout the Southeast, Northeast, and Midwest, we are dedicated to helping you protect the people you serve and your bottom line... Better.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.insurance.church">www.insurance.church</a></p>	




<p><b>Commission on Higher Education + College Ministries</b></p>	
<p>We long to see every college student in Georgia encounter Christ in ways that transform their lives and the lives of those around them. As we saw unfold at Asbury University, God is moving on college campuses in powerful ways. If you don't believe it, I urge you to connect with one of our 27 ministries across the state and experience firsthand what God is doing through our shared mission on campus. As we look forward, we recognize that we need partners now more than ever!</p> <p>In reality, we need each other! Something powerful happens when we join our college students' passion, energy, and creativity with established leaders and churches. That something is called- revival!</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://umcommission.org">umcommission.org</a></p>	
<p><b>Covenant Care Adoptions</b></p>	
<p>Covenant Care Services started in 1989 as a state-licensed, non-profit Christian adoption and counseling agency. We have over 30 years of experience serving women in all different circumstances. We provide counseling to women facing unexpected pregnancies and place children for adoption in two-parent, Christian homes. Our counselors are located throughout Georgia and meet with women across the state. With our experience we have learned how to best come alongside pregnant women to provide guidance and support. We have placed over 640 children over the last 34 years. Covenant Care serves women, children and families for a lifetime.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.covenantcareadoptions.com">www.covenantcareadoptions.com</a></p>	
<p><b>Educational Opportunities Tours</b></p>	
<p>Educational Opportunities Tours is a Christian travel ministry that has been delivering Christian journeys of a lifetime for almost 50 years. Travelers have joined EO around the world on Holy Land pilgrimages, Bible land expeditions – by land and sea, Church heritage tours, retreat cruises, and cultural explorations. EO's travel experts and on-site hospitality staff serve each guest by handling all travel details and ensuring safety and health throughout each journey; curated itineraries, educational resources, and guest speakers create unique experiences that change individual lives, ministry, and the Church.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.eo.travel">www.eo.travel</a></p>	

<p>Faith Connection FCU</p>	
<p>Faith Connection FCU, formerly United Methodist Connectional FCU, is a faith-based federal credit union that has served the Methodist community in the Southeast since 1960. We are member owned and offer deposit accounts (savings, checking, certificates, money markets, IRA's) and loan products (home, auto, credit card, and signature), along with other financial tools and resources. Deposits are federally insured up to \$250,000. Eligibility is open to any clergy or laity member of the GMC, and staff members of GMC churches and agencies. Once a member, direct family members can also join. We'd love to talk to your church members and let them know how we can help them save money!</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.faithfcu.com">www.faithfcu.com</a></p>	
<p>Live 2540</p>	
<p>LIVE2540 was founded in 2008 when Daryl Roberts of Cartersville, Georgia, went to Liberia on a mission trip. There, he met 67 children living in horrific conditions on a little hill in Bong County. Because of a civil war that shattered the country, thousands of children were orphaned and abandoned in Liberia. It was on that hill that heaven and earth drew close, God gave Him clarity, and altered the path of his life forever.</p> <p>The work that began with these 67 children has expanded into millions of meals, scholarships, medical care, discipleship, and a pediatric clinic located just miles away from the village of Balama where it all began. Today, we are an approved missionary partner with the GMC in Western Africa. We invite you to partner with us in this effort as we work together across the globe to serve and grow the Kingdom of God.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.live2540.org">www.live2540.org</a></p>	
<p>Living Water Ministries</p>	
<p>Living Water Ministries promotes spiritual formation and intentional Christian growth for the good of others. We share the call of Jesus Christ to make disciples and to forever be followers of Him. We make ourselves available for creating environments that incorporate classic spiritual disciplines for a redemptive purpose. We hope to facilitate leadership development and transformational life change for all believers. Teaching, coaching, and mentoring is available for small group and personal retreat, disciple formation seasons, seminar, and revival settings.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.livingwaterministriesofperry.org">www.livingwaterministriesofperry.org</a></p>	

<p><b>Magnolia Manor</b></p>	
<p>Magnolia Manor is a senior living community built on a mission to serve through love and support for a lifetime. In 1963, the organization opened its first campus in Americus, GA, and has since grown to a total of nine locations across South Georgia. Magnolia Manor takes a holistic approach to senior care which includes programs that cater to physical, mental, and spiritual health. As a result, thousands of older adults have made Magnolia Manor their forever home.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.magnoliamanor.com">www.magnoliamanor.com</a></p>	
<p><b>MAP International</b></p>	
<p>Established in 1954, MAP International has evolved into one of the leading charitable organizations dedicated to improving the health and well-being of vulnerable populations around the world. MAP International is a Christian non-profit organization dedicated to answering the urgent call for health, healing, and hope in our world. Through our extensive network of valued global partnerships, we supply essential medicine and health supplies to people in over 80 countries, supporting the operation of clinics, hospitals, and other vital healthcare facilities. Our response to need is not limited to international communities but also includes vulnerable and underserved populations in the US. Since 2017, MAP has been utilizing its expertise and life-changing demonstrated success in transforming lives here in our own communities, working to provide medicines and health supplies to people who simply do not have the ability to pay for them themselves through our Domestic Medicines Program. In FY22, MAP provided \$745,372,921 in medicine and supplies including: antibiotics, cancer and mental health treatments, prenatal vitamins, oral rehydration salts, chronic disease medication and disaster relief supplies. MAP is committed to being there in times of dire need, wherever it may be.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.map.org">www.map.org</a></p>	
<p><b>Mission on the Move</b></p>	
<p><i>Called by God to go and serve vulnerable children believing the love of Christ brings hope, transforms lives, &amp; strengthens communities.</i> MOM is a 501-c3 non-profit serving orphaned and vulnerable children in Tapachula, Mexico, and Santa Elena, Honduras. Our programs are governed by our 4 Pillars of Ministry: Family Preservation, Christian Discipleship, Education and Nutrition. We currently serve 125 children through our 6 full-time, family-style children’s homes and our after-school program that provides a nutritious meal, tutoring, bible teaching, life skills and recreation. We also have a new program for children with special needs. Our Ministry Partners engage with MOM through their love, prayer, short-term mission trips to our ministry sites, and financial giving through child sponsorship, supporting a missionary, and supporting our programs.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.missiononthemove.org">www.missiononthemove.org</a></p>	

<p><b>Morningstar Children &amp; Family Services</b></p>	
<p>Morningstar Children’s Home, the residential care program of Morningstar Children and Family Services, specializes in caring for Georgia’s foster children, ages 12-21, who have come into care due to abuse, neglect, and abandonment. Accepting children from across the state, our 55-bed campus is the only residential program in Georgia which solely serves developmentally delayed youth, many with autism and complex care needs.</p> <p>Our mission is to help create brighter futures for each as we provide home, therapeutic counseling, life skill training, and workforce coaching. Additionally, our team works to assure each child continues educational studies toward a high school diploma, coordinates needed medical services, and provides a host of ongoing recreation opportunities and special holiday activities, all to create good mental and physical health, as well as positive childhood memories.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.morningstarcfs.org">www.morningstarcfs.org</a></p>	
<p><b>Painter’s Metal Works</b></p>	
<p>My husband is currently serving in the USAF and I work at a local hospital. We decided one day to start a business on the side, something that will be fun for us and that will fit into our schedule as a family of four. Painter's Metal Works started in Delaware of January 2018 and since we’ve moved to Georgia in 2021. We have been working hard to fill middle Georgia’s metal art needs! Our business is all about metal. We make any customized metal art to include signs, decorations, logos, fire pits and more! Our faith-based and custom metal art is the root of our business, and we love nothing more than seeing the joy a completed piece of work gives our customers!</p> <p>Prices vary depending on size, finish, and shipping. We are very flexible and enjoy working with our customers to get the perfect product to fit their needs!</p> <p>For more information: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057181940730">www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057181940730</a></p>	
<p><b>Seedbed</b></p>	
<p>Launched in 2012, Seedbed’s mission is to gather, connect, and resource the people of God to sow for a great awakening. Seedbed is a resourcing center and a growing community of believers who are tired of passive Christianity, and hungry to experience deep transformation in our hearts, homes, churches, and cities. You can join us daily for the Wake-Up Call, in September for the New Room Conference, and through our many Bible studies, and courses!</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.seedbed.com">www.seedbed.com</a></p>	

<p><b>The Methodist Home</b></p>	
<p>The mission of The Methodist Home is to be a model agency that restores childhoods, strengthens families and cultivates a people-building organization. We provide a continuum of care, including our Lighthouse for Families counseling services and HOPE Foster Care &amp; Adoption. Services include: residential care, foster care, in-home intervention, wraparound services, childcare, independent living, transitional living, higher education support, home evaluations and on-campus education. Our goal for the last 150 years has remained the same- to care for the individuals whom God has entrusted to us!</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.themethodisthome.org">www.themethodisthome.org</a></p>	
<p><b>TMS Global</b></p>	
<p>TMS Global exists to mobilize and deploy the body of Christ globally to join Jesus in his mission. Founded in 1984 with a passion to see global missions engaged with integrity and in the humble way of Jesus, TMS Global sends people around the world to spread the love and message of Jesus. Since 1984, TMS Global has mobilized, trained, and served hundreds of cross-cultural witnesses and congregations. Currently, more than 140 workers serve in 39 countries around the world. Thousands of people have been introduced to Jesus and disciplined in their faith. Churches in the US and abroad have embraced God’s plan for their congregations and reached out to their communities, nation, and the world with the hope of Christ. As an approved mission partner of the Global Methodist Church, together, we are joining Jesus in His mission.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.tms-global.org">www.tms-global.org</a></p>	
<p><b>Travel with Friends</b></p>	
<p>Travel with Friends provides the absolute best experience in Christian travel. Our mission is to introduce you to a new and profound fellowship with God. Stand where Christ spoke and walked to deepen your understanding and appreciation for the gospel. Travel with Friends offers reliable, trustworthy, and customizable Christian tours to Biblical locations and flexible tour packages to incredible destinations all over the world. Travel with Friends has been known for its spectacular service and flexibility for over 20 years. Changing lives is our #1 goal. We want to make this as easy as possible for you. In order to accomplish that, we make sure to have staffing in the U.S., Israel and Europe full time. Our knowledgeable agents can handle every aspect of your trip from airline tickets, lodging, and ground transportation, to activities, tours and more.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.travelwithfriends.com">www.travelwithfriends.com</a></p>	

<p>United Theological Seminary</p>	 <p><b>united</b> Theological Seminary</p>
<p>For more than 150 years, United has been preparing faithful, fruitful Christian leaders who make disciples of Jesus Christ. United welcomes all who are following God’s call on their lives, with students representing more than 40 denominations and 20 countries. On-campus, online and hybrid learning options make it possible to complete your theological studies, from master’s and doctoral degrees to the Certificate in Theology and Ministry, an approved alternative pathway toward the educational requirements for ordained ministry in the Global Methodist Church. United is approved as a Recommended Educational Institution of the GM Church.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.united.edu">www.united.edu</a></p>	
<p>Unto the Least of His</p>	 <p><b>Unto the Least of His</b> Then the king will reply to them, "I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me." Matthew 25:40</p>
<p>Celebrating 20 Years of Transforming Ministry. Unto the Least of His ministry helps support those that are overlooked and forgotten, the least. Just as Jesus offered a cup of water to the thirsty, we are extending our hands to the overlooked and marginalized people of the world. We are training and equipping leaders and churches to become more actively involved in Christian missions.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://totheleast.com">totheleast.com</a></p>	
<p>Wesley Biblical Seminary</p>	 <p><b>WESLEY</b> BIBLICAL SEMINARY</p>
<p>Wesley Biblical Seminary develops trusted leaders for faithful churches. For 50 years WBS has combined an uncompromising commitment to the full truth and authority of Scripture with a deep commitment to Wesleyan theology. As a seminary endorsed by the GMC, we offer BA, MA, MDiv, and DMin programs. More than 200 GMC pastors are part of our approved GMC course of study program. All programs are available fully online in real-time video. Serve where you are while developing life-changing relationships with professors and other students. Special scholarships are available to GMC pastors!</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://wbs.edu">wbs.edu</a></p>	



<p><b>Wesley Glenn Ministries, Inc.</b></p>	
<p>Wesley Glen Ministries provides comfortable, secure homes with round-the-clock care, nutritious meals, safe and reliable transportation, and support for daily living for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Wesley Glen offers 10 group homes located throughout Macon, Georgia and one in St. Marys, Georgia for a total of 11 homes, with a capacity to serve 44 individuals.</p> <p>Wesley Glen offers diverse programming throughout the week which allows every individual the opportunity to develop skills and greater confidence to live happy, fulfilled lives as contributing members of society. We are dedicated to improving the quality of life for those we serve. The ministry ensures they have the opportunity to learn and grow together.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://wesleyglenministries.com">wesleyglenministries.com</a></p>	
<p><b>Wilson Insurance</b></p>	
<p>Wilson Insurance &amp; Financial Planning was founded in 1982 by James Wilson, Jr.. Our agency specializes in insurance for churches. Insurance has changed considerably in recent years so having an agent that understands the coverages for a church is very important. We assess each church's needs individually to provide them with coverage at affordable rates. Not all insurance companies provide the necessary coverage for churches. Since we are an independent agency, this allows us to shop your insurance for you with companies that understand the needs of your church.</p> <p>For more information: <a href="http://www.wilson-ins.com">www.wilson-ins.com</a></p>	