## Ten Reasons for Affiliating with the GMC By Pastor Dave \* Quotes come from the GMC website the GMC Transitional Book of Discipline, or a GMC Information Presentation

- 1. Orthodox theology that is grounded in Scriptural authority, historic creeds, and John Wesley's sermons and notes.
- 2. NO trust clause.
  - 'In short, there is no "trust clause" as there is in some other denominations stating that a local church merely holds property and assets in trust for a general church. Instead, local Global Methodist congregations own all of their property and assets in perpetuity.'
- 3. Term limits for bishops.
  - 'The role of a bishop is a sacred trust held for a defined period of time; it is not a lifelong office.'
- 4. Greater accountability with bishops, clergy, and churches to remain committed and faithful to what they believe and covenant to uphold.
- 5. Emphasis on the local church being the front line of ministry, not the Conference or broader denomination.
- 6. GMC is a leaner and much simpler church with less top-down decision making.
- 7. GMC is strongly committed to recapturing true Wesleyan method for growing faithful disciples.
  - 'Disciples are called to make disciples, who in turn make more disciples. And churches plant churches, that in turn plant new ones.' This is very exciting to me and fits solidly with our Discipleship Pathway.
- 8. A simpler, shorter, and more effective system of ordaining pastors.
- 9. More autonomy given to local churches, especially related to pastor selection and appointment making.
- 10. The GMC is global in nature.
  - 'We intentionally connect churches from different regions of the world who develop mutually rewarding relationships to share the Gospel and to grow His Kingdom globally.'