

## UMC AFRICA INITIATIVE CELEBRATES THE BIRTH OF THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2022

God's Church is born! The Global Methodist Church(GMC)! This is the dawning of a new day! To God be the Glory! We joyfully welcome the birth of the GMC. We celebrate and congratulate everyone who has been a part of this process, whom God has used to create a safe space where believers in Jesus Christ from across the global Community-Africa, Asia, Europe, South America, North America and Australia can commit to making disciples of Jesus Christ, and expressing the love of God to all humanity through our services to the church and society.

The UMC Africa Initiative congratulates members the WCA's Global Leadership Council, and Transitional Leadership Council for launching the GMC! To God be the glory! We welcome the Global Methodist Church to Africa as a faithful, Christ-centered Wesleyan Evangelical Partner toward the fulfillment of the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

Our fervent prayer to God for current and future members of the GMC is this:

Savior, like a Shepherd, please lead us in the path of righteousness for your name's sake. Help us to do the right thing in word, and deed as your faithful and obedient disciples. Lead us with a common vision, mission, passion and commitment to living out our Christian faith and proclaiming the undiluted Word of God, not with words of human wisdom, but with wisdom endowed by the Holy Spirit. Grant us the grace and fortitude to stand firm, unmovable, always abounding in the Word of the Lord, contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. So that by doing so we might accelerate the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through leaders of leaders empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Equip and empower us by your Holy Spirit to establish and grow congregations that are biblically committed, Christ-centered, evangelistically functional, mission-minded, socially adaptable, cross-culturally and interculturally sensitive, contextually relevant, accountable, credible, financially sustainable, and vision-driven. So that we might evangelize the nations, revitalize the church and transform society to the glory and honor of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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