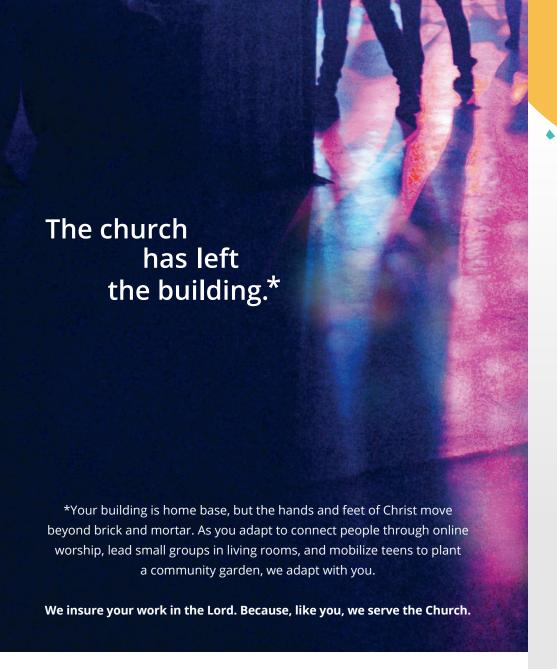
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### Welcome

t is with sincere rejoicing that we finally gather at the 14th General Conference of The Wesleyan Church. Welcome!

During the next few days, we have a faithful God to worship, much to celebrate and important church business to conduct. I am especially grateful our broader church family can engage through livestream. Connectivity is a high priority, allowing us to grow closer, encourage one another and discern, together, God's will.

Praying for General Conference took me to Acts 15.1 reflect on the importance of that gathering, possibly the first "business" meeting since Pentecost of the fledgling Christian movement. Those assembled had emerged as organizational leaders responsible to seek God's will as they served the greater body. There was need to discuss a question generating differing answers. Upon arrival, there were welcomes, reports of God's work among them, then discussion of the question. A decision was made and instructions crafted. Members were authorized to be sent, carrying with them a letter of instruction that, upon its sharing, was met with rejoicing.

I pray for us that these next days will be guided by this example, shaped by our desire to honor God and one another. May we listen for wisdom available through the Holy Spirit, and that at the rise of General Conference, we will have made decisions and elected leaders that seem good to the Holy Spirit and to us. We'll then share the resulting instructions with the greater body, allowing us to Unleash God's kingdom.



God bless you,

Wayne General Superintendent

#### GENERAL SCHEDULE

#### **SUNDAY, May 22**

**Exhibit Hall Open** 3-6p

Opening Worship Service: Prayer 6-7p

**Exhibit Hall Open** 7-8:30p

7-9p Receptions

#### MONDAY, May 23

7:30a Prayer (Rm. 122) 8-8:30a **Exhibit Hall Open** 

1st Session / General Superintendent Election\* 8:30-11:30a

**Exhibit Hall Open** 11:30a-1p

2nd Session / General Officer Election\* 1-6p

**Exhibit Hall Open** 6-9p

7:30-9:30p Receptions

#### **TUESDAY, May 24**

7:30a Prayer (Rm. 122)

**Exhibit Hall Open** 7:30-8a

3rd Session / Area Caucus Meetings\* 8-11:30a

**Exhibit Hall Open** 9:45a-1p

4th Session / General Board Election\* 1-5p

**Exhibit Hall Open** 5-6:30p

6:30-7:30p Worship Service: The Call

**Exhibit Hall Open** 7:30-9p

7:30-9:30p Receptions

#### **WEDNESDAY, May 25**

7:30a Prayer (Rm. 122)

8:30-11:30a 5th Session / Installation Service / Communion

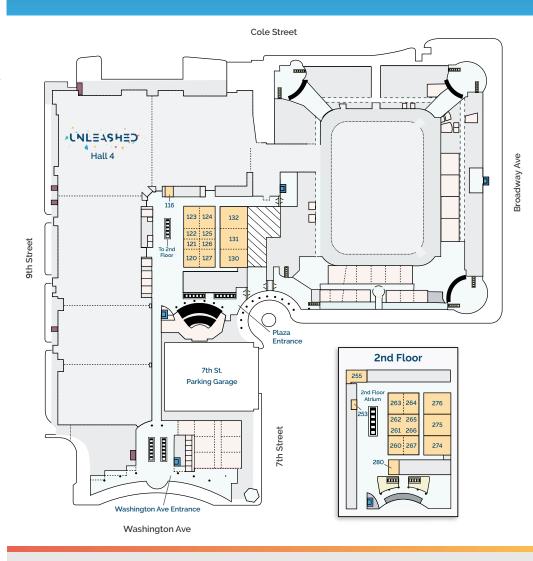
\*EXHIBIT HALL OPEN DURING BREAKS

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TIMES REFLECT CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME (CDT)

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 9:30a Recognition of Fraternal and International Delegates
 10:30a Recognition of General Superintendents Emeriti

11a Election of General Superintendent

**2p** Election of General Officers

#### **TUESDAY, May 24**

**10:15a** Area Caucus Meetings

#### **WEDNESDAY, May 25**

8:30a Installation of General Officers and Board

10:30a Communion11:30a Adjournment



#### **SUNDAY** May 22, 2022

3–6p	Exhibit Hall Open	Hall 4
6–7p	Opening Worship Service: Prayer	Hall 4
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Designated Receptions times

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#### The Apostles' Creed



I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



7:30a	Prayer	Rm. 122
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7:30a	Prayer	Rm. 122
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8:30a	Installation of General Board and General Officers	
10:30a	Communion	Hall 4
11:30a	Adjournment	Hall 4

TIMES REFLECT CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME (CDT)



**ACTS 1:8 (NIV)** 

But you will receive power when the
Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my
witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and
Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

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## **Receptions and Meal Events**Sunday, May 22-Monday, May 23

## **Receptions and Meal Events**Tuesday, May 24-Wednesday, May 25

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May 22	8:30a	IBWC Board Meeting Invite Only	121	May 24	10:15a	Western Area Caucus Meeting Invite Only	267
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May 23	7:30-9p	Wesley Seminary Reception	121				
May 23	7:30p	Dessert Reception by Global Partners	130				



"The General Conference is the supreme governing body of The Wesleyan Church. The basic provisions, powers, and restrictions of this body are set forth in the Constitution (325–360)."1

- The voting body of the conference is comprised of The Wesleyan Church (TWC) general officers and district-elected, lay and clergy individuals sent to represent TWC from across North America. These delegates are assigned seating within the conference bar and empowered to discern, discuss and vote on TWC business items presented.
- Delegate roll call will be taken daily as the first item of business. Business sessions will begin promptly at the stated times.
- Delegates will be provided a lanyard and an official name badge which are required for admission.
- Guests will be provided a wristband which is required for admission.
- Guest seating is available behind the conference bar.
- Guests are encouraged to prayerfully listen but may not join conference bar discussions or vote on business items.
- Everyone is to be respectful of persons authorized within the conference bar to speak. Noise and distractions are to be minimized out of courtesy and to ensure effective conference engagement. Cell phones are to be silenced.
- The Exhibit Hall will be closed during worship and business sessions.

1. "The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church" (Fishers, IN: Wesleyan Publishing House, 2016), 185.

#### **Executive Directors**







**Kevin Batman** 

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The Wesleyan Church (TWC) thanks the

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for hosting our 14th General Conference.

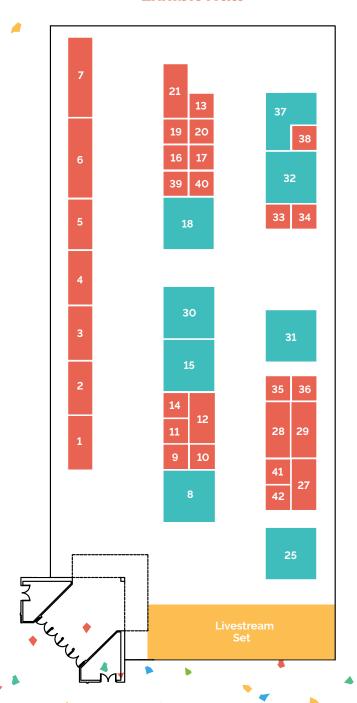
When former District Superintendent (DS) Max Colaw heard the possibility of TWC meeting in St. Louis, he immediately and enthusiastically offered to help. DS Colaw retired in 2019 and Devon Smith was elected district superintendent the same year. DS Smith, Tri-State District Administrator Belinda Selfridge (a member of the General Conference Leadership Team), and General Conference Prayer Room Coordinator Bob Lenz welcome you to St. Louis and look forward to serving you throughout General Conference.



The Wesleyan Church is grateful for your Christlike service.

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#### **Exhibit Hall**



#### **Exhibitors**

Bootl	h Exhibitor	Booti	h Exhibitor
1	Indiana Wesleyan University	20	Army Chaplain Corps
2	Oklahoma Wesleyan University	21	1000 Churches
3	Kingswood University	25	Wesleyan Investment
4	Houghton College		Foundation
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17	Dirt Roads Network	40	JIBACAM Missionary Training Bases
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#### **Exhibit Hall Hours**

Sunday, May 22	Monday, May 23	Tuesday, May 24
3–6p	8-8:30a	7:30–8a
7–8:30p	11:30a-1p	9:45a-1p
	6–9p	5-6:30p
	•	7:30–9p

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#### **GC22 Prayer Room**

Two prayer locations hosted by the Tri-State District are available to the public — a prayer room (122) and a booth (42) in the Exhibit Hall.

Morning prayer will be held at 7:30 in room 122.

Prayer team members will be available at the booth during Exhibit Hall hours and throughout the conference.



#### **ONE CHURCH**

**Lead Pastor:** Ryan Sims

ONE CHURCH of High Point, North Carolina, is a multicultural, multigenerational church serving High Point, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and the surrounding communities. ONE CHURCH embraces the diversity that the Triad represents. ONE CHURCH was created to unite these communities and cultures under one roof to walk, work and worship together, resulting in "One that the world may believe." Living as "One," on earth as it is in heaven.

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#### **TWC STATISTICS**

Foundational to decisions made during the 14th General Conference of The Wesleyan Church are our beliefs, mission, vision, strategic focus, values, prayer and realities drawn from our annual statistical reporting.

**OUR BELIEFS** are documented in Part 1 of "The Discipline of The Wesleyan Church," which includes our Articles of Religion. Their substance shapes all other aspects of our church.

**OUR MISSION** is "the spreading of scriptural holiness throughout every land."

**OUR VISION** is "Transforming lives, churches and communities through the hope and holiness of Jesus Christ."

**OUR STRATEGIC FOCUS** is "Celebrating every time a disciple makes a disciple and the church multiplies itself until The Wesleyan Church has a transforming presence in every ZIP code."

#### **OUR VALUES** are:

- Spirit-led focus requires prayerful obedience;
- God's vision requires big relationships;
- The Gospel Gap requires a Kingdom Force.

**OUR PRAYER** is to **UNLEASH**, as the Holy Spirit has empowered the church from its beginning on Pentecost, a **KINGDOM FORCE** of witnesses — multigenerational, multiethnic, multieconomic, women and men, lay and clergy, everywhere to everywhere.

CATEGORY	2011	2021	%
Churches	1,715	1,540	-10.2
Multiethnic Membership	142,429	118,645	-16.7
Worship Attendance (average onsite)	208,973	127,707	-38.9
Worship Attendance (average online)	Not reported	72,435	
Discipleship	78,092	152,611*	+95.4
Conversions	27,289	11,776	-56.8
Baptisms	9,157	5,797	-36.7
Credentialed Clergy Women	4,992**	5,574	+11.7

Data source: Local Church Statistical Report

reporting requirements changed in 2019 \*\* stats not collected in 201

We ask God to make The Wesleyan Church a movement once again — to reactivate our connectional and entrepreneurial DNA to have the flexibility and unity needed to be his church and fulfill his mission.

**General Superintendent Wayne Schmidt** 



#### A Statement of the General Board

of the North American General Conference of The Wesleyan Church

Issued May 2021

e affirm our deep commitment to our core mission of evangelizing the lost, discipling believers, equipping the Church, and ministering to society. This mission is foundational as we seek to be agents of the hope and holiness of Jesus Christ.

Unprecedented times is a term often used to accurately describe our current reality. The Covid-19 pandemic has upended many things we have taken for granted for decades. Coupled with the ever-shifting sands of our culture on the social and political issues of our time, uneasiness, and a sense of angst hover in the air.

Changes thrust on us have raised questions and perhaps even fears and apprehension as we attempt to navigate the shifting landscape. More than once we have asked, "What next?"

Our General Superintendent, General Board, district superintendents, and the presidents and board chairs of our college and universities, have prayed, discussed, and reasoned together on these matters and unanimously approved the following statement of affirmation:

"We hereby declare that we remain deeply committed to proclaim, defend, and hold each other accountable for the historic and orthodox doctrinal positions of The Wesleyan Church as presented in our Articles of Religion, and

We hereby affirm our full and ongoing support for the official Position Papers on the social issues of our time including our commitments:

- 1. To affirm that persons of all races are created equal in the image of God and are entitled to equal justice under the law.
- 2. To affirm the sanctity of life and that all life is sacred from conception to death.
- 3. To affirm that God's only design for marriage is between one man and one woman.
- 4. To affirm that religious freedom is a liberty essential for our pluralistic democracy."

Loyalty has not changed. Love still thrives. Commitment remains strong. The core is solid.

While commitment to our understanding of Biblical truth is unwavering, we do understand that there are other points of view on a range of social issues. There is room for courteous dialog on these issues within the boundaries of Biblical truth.

As our leaders, we commit ourselves to pray earnestly for the power of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to rest on the ministry of The Wesleyan Church. Our deep passion is to be agents of both grace and truth in this time and place in history.

#### **GENERAL BOARD**

2016-2022

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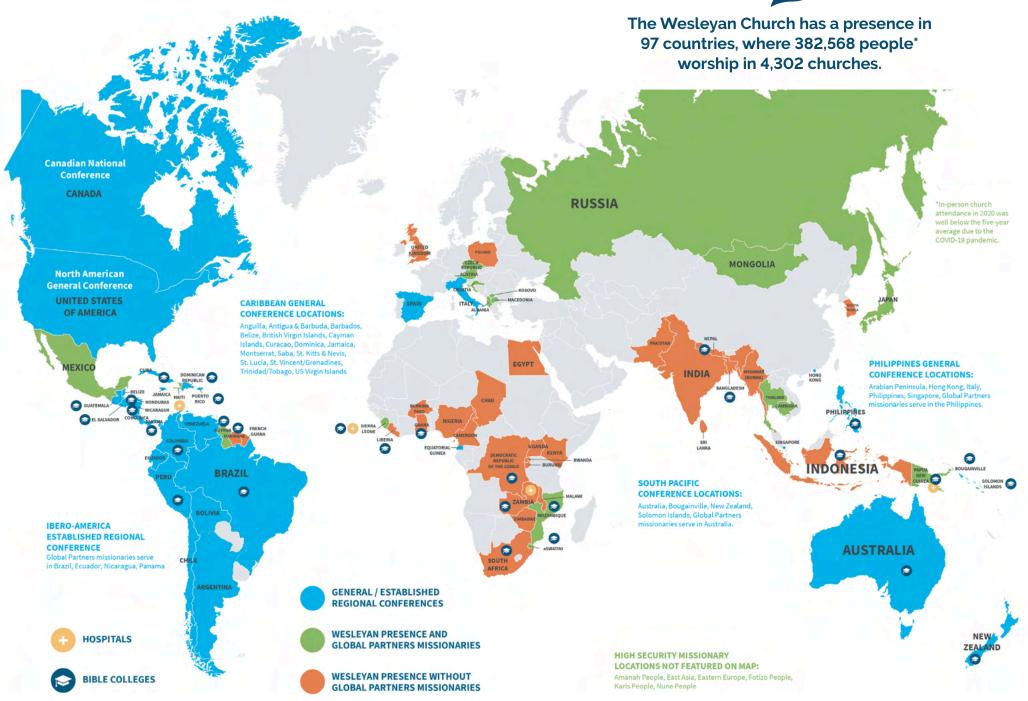
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