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Being **STRONG** and very **COURAGEOUS**

My grandmother was a strong and courageous woman. The mother of eight children, she helped my grandfather put food on their family table in hard economic times through her gardening, baking and stretching meals. She taught me to persevere using the phrase “shoulders back and chin up.” It was her bent knees and bowed head, however, from which I learned the true source of her strength and courage.

Reflecting on our journey to the 14th General Conference, there were countless times when I watched our Wesleyan family persevere through sheer determination sourced by faith and supplication. Specifically, through the season which will in our lifetimes always be associated with the COVID pandemic.

Evident throughout The Wesleyan Church is our passionate desire to honor God as we serve. We strove for the past six years to celebrate, to transform while being transformed, to Unleash all the hope and love God makes available. We continued to multiply churches and make disciples reaching into new communities and cultures Everywhere to Everywhere.

During General Conference, on May 24, at 4:28 p.m. CDT, we recommitted our individual and corporate understanding of whose we are and what we believe. That moment — when the assembly affirmed “A Statement of The General Board” — has become for me an Ebenezer stone, a commemoration of how God helped us persevere through intense storms and battles to gather victorious, worshipping our Lord and God.

It is with that reminder of what God has done that we begin the next quadrennium. We know whose we are. We know what we believe. We know who we’re here to serve. We know where we’ve been. And we know where we’re going.

We continue to pursue our mission, able to persevere with our shoulders back and chin up because we bend our knees and bow our heads.

It is with great expectation and confidence that we journey together, a people known for being strong and very courageous. God is with us and we can trust God to use us. 🙌



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And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

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Our recent General Conference (GC) and my interaction with over two-thirds of our district conferences since remind me of how much I love The Wesleyan Church (TWC), and how deeply I believe in the place God has entrusted our rather modest movement in his greater kingdom purposes. I celebrate with you the many ways we're continuing to fulfill the greatest commandment by loving God with all that we are and loving our neighbors as ourselves!

The preceding quadrennium began with us individually praying for 50 days and collectively asking God to help us make the most of our opportunities — making disciples, being Holy Spirit-empowered witnesses and maximizing our God-given opportunities.

Our love for God and one another was powerfully displayed at the 14th General Conference of TWC in North America (14thGC). Delegates had strong, and at times differing opinions, yet communicated with a shared spirit of mutual voluntary submission. Wesleyans, your elected delegates conferenced extremely well, providing a Christ-honoring foundation upon which we serve over the next four years.

Praying into the 14thGC, I sensed very clearly our need to continue our missional trajectory. Our

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mission and beliefs are rooted in Scripture, true to our history as Wesleyans, and are being freshly empowered by the Holy Spirit to navigate cultural crosscurrents and spread the good news of the gospel.

We're united . . . in seeking the fresh infilling and empowerment of the Holy Spirit to be personally transformed and Unleashed for the mission God has entrusted to us.

We're united . . . in our core biblical and theological beliefs. The most often referenced highlight of the 14thGC was every delegate standing and enthusiastically hearing and repeatedly affirming their commitment to unwavering truth by declaring “So be it!”

We're united . . . by a commitment to “connection” that's neither overly hierarchical nor only local. It's nurtured by “conferencing” annually in local churches and in districts, and generally quadrennially in a GC. We value collective discernment and view our conducting of business not as merely an organizational necessity but that our “love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that (we) may be able to discern what is best . . .” (Philippians 1:9-10). At its best, it is “holy conferencing.”

We're caring for each other in a season that's been spiritually and emotionally challenging for so many. In some ways, ministry has been more demanding. Long-term means of measuring fruitfulness (in-person attendance) have been impacted and new missional measurements are helping us get a fuller picture (online attendance). We're rejoicing with those who rejoice and mourning with those who mourn. We're also obeying Jesus' command to go and make disciples. We're honoring John Wesley's priority stated to his lay ministers — “we have nothing to do but save souls.” We pursue the priority of every person having the opportunity to be Made New.

I'm continually energized by stories of Wesleyans who are courageously pursuing the mission. They're asking the questions, “Where do we see God working?” and “Are we following where the Holy Spirit is leading?”

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Sarah (21) received her call to ministry in 2015 at Follow. This year, she took a bold step to lead 22 peers in an intentional program to volunteer at their district kid’s camp, purposely including discipleship training, devotionals, worship and equipping. Sarah and her sister (17) also led worship for high school, middle school and family camp.



Linet immigrated from Kenya to the U.S. through the diversity lottery. Attending Olathe Wesleyan Church, Olathe, Kansas, she works for their Kidzone Learning Center. Immigrant Connection (IC) in Olathe helped her become a naturalized U.S. citizen. IC then helped her successfully complete a family-based petition to be reunited with her mother. This past May, Linet’s mom met her two-year-old grandson for the first time.



All participants of Hispanic Connectional Movement roundtables shared how they’re making disciples. Nestor Gudiño, multisite Wesleyan church pastor, communicated his strategic vision, placing a strong emphasis on identifying and developing new leaders, noting that these emerging leaders need to be given opportunities to serve and be sent.



When Jo Jo, a Southern Wesleyan University (SWU) track athlete, surrendered his life to Jesus last October, he was filled with great joy and shared his testimony with his teammates. Upon hearing his story, Kayla received Christ into her heart as well! The following day, both were baptized in the steeplechase pit on the SWU track field.



In Brazil, missions is preached at church, Sunday School and camps. God is raising up young people with a very strong call! Because of the Spirit’s leading, they’re training them through conferences with Wesleyan speakers sharing their experiences and in short-term mission trips where God is at work in miraculous ways. Through all these things, the Brazilian church and beyond is on fire like others in Latin America. In August, they will be sending a family God has called to Asia to the mission field of Bangladesh. Brazil’s vision is to follow the Lord faithfully and courageously.

These are samples of what I’m seeing across TWC. Interactions with our Wesleyan family combined with quiet times with God leave me profoundly optimistic that we’ll be faithful in our courageous pursuit of the *missio Dei* (God’s mission) in this world.

More people are asking and seeking how to connect with and contribute to the mission, in their local church and the broader movement. There’s a growing hunger for holiness — to be filled and transformed by the Holy Spirit and empowered to be Unleashed to join God in what he’s already doing.

I pray Philippians 1:9-11 daily, remembering how “discerning what is best” is embedded in “your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight.” Our ability to sense and obey the Holy Spirit’s leading will grow as we grow as lovers of God and others, and learners rooted in his Word and responsive to his truth. 🙌



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Nuestra reciente Conferencia General (CG) y mi interacción con más de dos tercios de nuestras conferencias de distrito, me recuerdan cuánto amo La Iglesia Wesleyana (LIW) y cuán profundamente creo en el lugar que Dios ha confiado nuestro modesto movimiento en los grandes propósitos de su reino. ¡Celebro contigo las muchas formas en que continuamos cumpliendo el gran mandamiento de amar a Dios con todo lo que somos y amar a nuestro prójimo como a nosotros mismos!

El cuatrienio anterior comenzó con un compromiso individual de orar por 50 días, unidos pidiéndole a Dios que nos ayudara a aprovechar al máximo nuestras oportunidades, haciendo discípulos, siendo testigos empoderados por el Espíritu Santo y maximizando las oportunidades dadas por Dios.

Nuestro amor por Dios y por los demás se mostró poderosamente en la 14ª Conferencia General de LIW

en América del Norte (14ª CG). Los delegados tuvieron opiniones firmes y, en ocasiones, diferentes, sin embargo, la comunicación se dio en un espíritu de mutua sumisión. Hermanas y hermanos Wesleyanos, sus delegados electos se reunieron extremadamente bien, brindando un fundamento que honró a Cristo sobre el cual serviremos los próximos cuatro años.

Al estar orando por la 14ª CG, sentí muy claramente nuestra necesidad de continuar nuestra trayectoria misional. Nuestra misión y creencias están arraigadas en las Escrituras, son fieles a nuestra historia como Wesleyanos y el Espíritu Santo las está fortaleciendo de nuevo para navegar las contracorrientes culturales y difundir las buenas nuevas del evangelio.

Estamos unidos ... en la búsqueda de la nueva llenura y el empoderamiento del Espíritu Santo para ser transformados personalmente y desatados para la misión que Dios nos ha confiado.

Estamos unidos ... centrados en nuestras creencias bíblicas y teológicas. Un aspecto altamente destacado de la 14ª CG al que se hace referencia con más frecuencia fue cuando todos los delegados se pusieron de pie y escucharon con entusiasmo y afirmaron repetidamente su compromiso con la verdad inquebrantable al declarar "¡Que así sea!"

Estamos unidos ... por un compromiso de "conexión" que no es ni demasiado jerárquico ni sólo local. Se nutre de "conferencias" anuales en las iglesias locales y en los distritos, y generalmente cada cuatro años en una CG. Valoramos el discernimiento colectivo y vemos nuestra conducción

de negocios no como una mera necesidad organizacional, sino que nuestro "amor abunde más y más en conocimiento y profundidad de entendimiento para que podamos discernir lo que es mejor..." (Filipenses 1:9-10). En el mejor de los casos, son "reuniones santas".

Nos estamos cuidando unos a otros en una temporada que ha sido espiritual y emocionalmente desafiante para muchos. De cierto modo, el ministerio ha sido más exigente. Los medios a largo plazo para medir la fecundidad (asistencia en persona) se han visto afectados y las nuevas medidas misionales nos están ayudando a obtener una imagen más completa

(asistencia en línea). Nos regocijamos con los que se regocijan y nos lamentamos con los que lloran. También estamos obedeciendo el mandato de Jesús de ir y hacer discípulos. Estamos honrando la prioridad de John Wesley declarada a sus ministros laicos: "no tenemos nada que hacer sino salvar almas". Perseguimos la prioridad de que toda persona tenga la oportunidad de ser Renovada.

Me llenan de energía continuamente las historias de los wesleyanos que luchan con valentía por cumplir la misión. Preguntándose: "¿A Dónde vemos a Dios trabajando?" y "¿Estamos siguiendo el camino por el que conduce el Espíritu Santo?"

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Sarah (21) recibió su llamado al ministerio en Follow 2015. Este año, ella dio un paso intrépido para guiar a 22 compañeros en un programa intencional al ser voluntaria en el campamento infantil de su distrito, que incluye intencionadamente entrenamiento de discipulado, devocionales, adoración y equipamiento. Sarah y su hermana (17) también dirigen la alabanza para la escuela secundaria, la escuela intermedia y el campamento familiar.



Linnet emigró de Kenia a los EE. UU. a través de la lotería de diversidad. Asiste a Olathe Wesleyan Church (OWC), en Olathe, Kansas, y trabaja para el Kidzone Learning Center. Immigrant Connection (IC) en Olathe la ayudó a convertirse en ciudadana estadounidense naturalizada. Luego, IC la ayudó a completar con éxito una petición familiar para reunirse con su madre. En mayo pasado, la madre de Linnet conoció a su nieto de dos años por primera vez.



Todos los participantes de las mesas redondas del Movimiento de Conexión Hispánica compartieron cómo están haciendo discípulos. Néstor Gudiño, pastor de una Iglesia Wesleyana multisitio, comunicó su visión estratégica, poniendo un fuerte énfasis en la identificación y el desarrollo de nuevos líderes, señalando que estos líderes emergentes deben tener oportunidades para servir y ser enviados.



Cuando Jo Jo, un atleta de la Universidad Southern Wesleyan, entregó su vida a Jesús en octubre pasado, se llenó de gran gozo y compartió su testimonio con sus compañeros de equipo. Al escuchar su historia, ¡Kayla también recibió a Cristo en su corazón! Al día siguiente, ambos fueron bautizados en la poza la carrera de obstáculos en el campo de atletismo de SWU.



En Brasil, las misiones se predicaban en la iglesia, la escuela dominical y los campamentos. ¡Dios está levantando jóvenes con un llamado muy fuerte! El Espíritu les está dirigiendo a entrenarlos a través de conferencias con oradores wesleyanos que comparten sus experiencias y viajes misioneros a corto plazo donde Dios está obrando de maneras milagrosas. A través de todas estas cosas, la iglesia brasileña y más allá está ardiendo como otras en América Latina. En agosto, enviarán a una familia que Dios ha llamado a Asia, al campo misionero de Bangladesh. La visión de Brasil es seguir al Señor con fidelidad y valentía.

Estos son ejemplos de lo que estoy viendo en LIW. Las interacciones con nuestra familia Wesleyana combinadas con momentos de tranquilidad con Dios me dejan profundamente optimista de que seremos fieles en nuestra búsqueda valiente de la missio Dei (misión de Dios) en este mundo.

Cada vez hay más personas que preguntan y buscan cómo conectarse y contribuir a la misión, en su iglesia local y en el movimiento en general. Hay un hambre creciente de santidad, de ser llenos, transformados por el Espíritu Santo y empoderados para ser desatados y unirnos a Dios en lo que ya está haciendo.

Diariamente oro Filipenses 1:9-11, recordando cómo “disciernan lo que es mejor” esté arraigado en “que el amor de ustedes abunde cada vez más en conocimiento y en buen juicio”. Nuestra capacidad de sentir y obedecer la dirección del Espíritu Santo crecerá a medida que nuestro amor por Dios y los demás crezca, arraigados en su Palabra y sensibles a su verdad. 🙌



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es el Superintendente General
de La Iglesia Wesleyana.



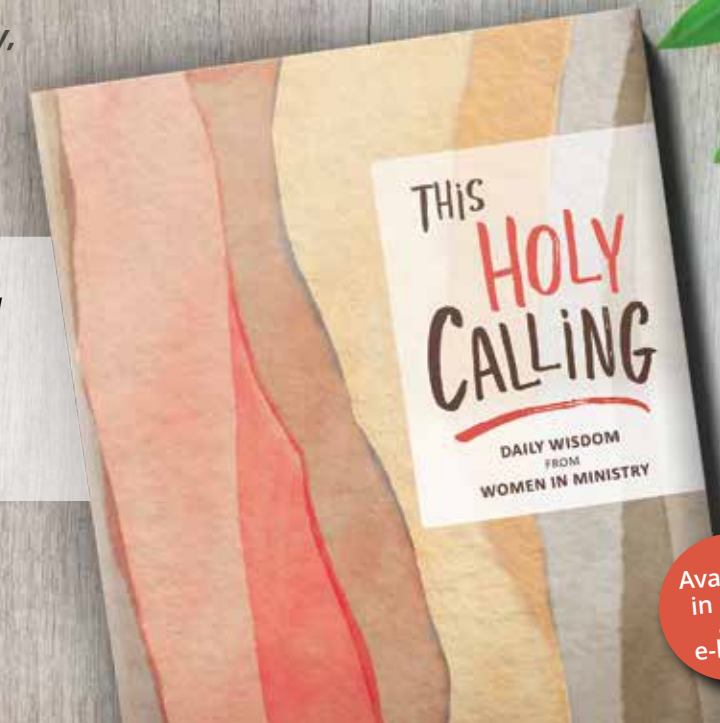
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General Superintendent Quadrennium Overview

ENGLISH

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 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. 🙌

A Statement of the North American General Conference of The Wesleyan Church

ENGLISH

We 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, 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. 🙌

Superintendente General

Resumen del Cuadrienio

ESPAÑOL

F Nuestras creencias, misión, visión, enfoque estratégico, valores, oración y realidades extraídas de nuestro informe estadístico anual son fundamentales para las decisiones tomadas durante la 14ª Conferencia General de la Iglesia Wesleyana.

NUESTRAS CREENCIAS

están documentadas en la Parte 1 de “La Disciplina de La Iglesia Wesleyana”, que incluye nuestros Artículos de Fe. Su sustancia moldea todos los demás aspectos de nuestra iglesia.

NUESTRA MISIÓN

es “difundir la santidad bíblica por toda la tierra”.

NUESTRA VISIÓN

es “Transformar vidas, iglesias y comunidades a través de la esperanza y santidad de Jesucristo”.

NUESTRO ENFOQUE ESTRATÉGICO

es “Celebrar cada vez que un discípulo hace un discípulo, y la iglesia se multiplica hasta que La Iglesia Wesleyana tenga una presencia transformadora en cada código postal”.

Nuestra oración es **Desatar**, como el **Espíritu Santo** ha empoderado a la iglesia desde su comienzo en Pentecostés, una **Fuerza del Reino** de testigos: multigeneracional, multiétnica, multieconómica, mujeres y hombres, laicos y ministros, de **TODO LUGAR A TODO LUGAR.** 🙌

Declaración

de la Conferencia General de América del Norte de La Iglesia Wesleyana

ESPAÑOL

A firmamos nuestro profundo compromiso con nuestra misión principal de evangelizar a los perdidos, discipular a los creyentes, equipar la Iglesia y ministrar la sociedad. Esta misión es fundamental, ya que buscamos ser agentes de la esperanza y santidad de Jesucristo.

Tiempos sin precedentes es un término que se utiliza a menudo para describir con precisión nuestra realidad actual. La pandemia de COVID-19 ha trastornado muchas cosas que hemos dado por sentado durante décadas. Aunado a los tiempos siempre cambiantes de nuestra cultura sobre los problemas sociales y políticos de nuestro tiempo, una sensación de angustia y malestar flotan en el aire.

Los cambios que se nos han impuesto han planteado preguntas y tal vez incluso temores y aprensión mientras intentamos navegar por el paisaje cambiante. Más de una vez nos hemos preguntado: “¿Qué sigue?”

Nuestro Superintendente General, la Junta General y los presidentes y directores de las juntas de nuestras universidades, han orado, discutido y razonado juntos sobre estos asuntos y han aprobado por unanimidad la siguiente declaración afirmativa:

“Por la presente declaramos que seguimos profundamente comprometidos en proclamar, defender y responsabilizarnos mutuamente por las posiciones doctrinales históricas y ortodoxas de La Iglesia Wesleyana tal como se presentan en nuestros Artículos de Fe y,

Por la presente, afirmamos nuestro apoyo total y continuo a la Posición Oficial de La Iglesia Wesleyana sobre los problemas sociales de nuestro tiempo, incluyendo nuestros compromisos:

1. Afirmar que las personas de todas las razas son creadas iguales a la imagen de Dios y tienen derecho a justicia igualitaria bajo la ley.
2. Afirmar la santidad de la vida y que toda vida es sagrada desde la concepción hasta la muerte.
3. Afirmar que el único diseño de Dios para el matrimonio es entre un hombre y una mujer.
4. Afirmar que la libertad religiosa es una libertad esencial para nuestra democracia pluralista”.

Nuestra lealtad no ha cambiado. Nuestro amor sigue creciendo. Nuestro compromiso sigue siendo fuerte. El núcleo es sólido.

Si bien el compromiso con nuestra comprensión de la verdad bíblica es inquebrantable, entendemos que existen otros puntos de vista sobre una variedad de asuntos sociales. Existe espacio para un diálogo cortés sobre estos temas dentro de los límites de la verdad bíblica.

Como nuestros líderes, nos comprometemos a orar fervientemente para que el poder del Padre, el Hijo y el Espíritu Santo descansen en el ministerio de La Iglesia Wesleyana. Nuestra profunda pasión es de ser agentes tanto de la gracia como de la verdad en este tiempo y lugar de la historia. 🙌

United

IN MISSION AND PASSION

The executive directors of The Wesleyan Church's (TWC) service divisions bring varied backgrounds and skill sets to each of their roles. Despite their individuality, the executive directors are united; it's impossible to ignore how each one glows with passion for their work in the church.

As General Superintendent Dr. Wayne Schmidt emphasized during the 14th General Conference, over the next few years, TWC will continue to live in courageous pursuit of the mission. Wesleyans across North America and beyond are working as a Kingdom Force Unleashed to transform lives, churches and communities through the hope and holiness of Jesus Christ.

At TWC's Headquarters in Indiana, the five service divisions will pursue the mission in unique ways, as each executive director interprets it through the lens of their passions and roles. Communication & Administration (C&A) Executive Director Janelle Vernon says that "the theme for the next four years involves sustaining effective strategies while enhancing the ways we serve the church." This holds true for each division.

For C&A, Janelle explains, "We're going to continue to give testimony



to where the Holy Spirit is working in TWC and explore fresh ways of communicating our Wesleyan identity and theology." As Communication, the division "will continue to elevate trusted and emerging Wesleyan voices." As Administration, they will continue equipping TWC to see people Made New.

While C&A takes care of the language side of TWC, the General Treasurer's Office (GTO) looks after the numbers. Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Kevin Batman explains his team's job is to steward two of TWC's key resources: money and technology. "The church is trying to get somewhere," he says, "and our role, and my role, is to help the church get there."



After 15 years of service as general treasurer/CFO, Kevin is excited to continue his work. "I love The Wesleyan Church. I love pastors and I love churches," he says. The GTO is continually streamlining their processes. The resolution of legacy issues and updating technology gives Kevin and his team greater opportunity to support districts, churches and missionaries.

GTO plans to keep finding better ways to steward the money and information they manage, continually "moving money toward the mission."

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Global Partners (GP) Executive Director Rev. Dr. Dennis Jackson is thrilled that Everywhere to Everywhere is so central to Dr. Schmidt's vision. GP gives global focus to TWC's mission, sending missionaries and facilitating connection between international churches and leaders. "The global work has to be done by the global church," says Dr. Jackson, and he believes the North American church could learn a lot from the international church.

GP's goal for the upcoming years is twofold. Dr. Jackson says the mission will involve cheering on international churches as they join the Everywhere-to-Everywhere movement. Simultaneously, it'll involve the North American church continuing to embrace its responsibility to send missionaries to the four in 10 people across the world without access to the gospel. This is the broadest fulfillment of the Wesleyan vision of having a transforming presence in every community.

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Newly elected Executive Director of Church Multiplication and Discipleship (CMAD) Rev. Dr. Ed Love points out that wrapped up in the vision — celebrating every time a disciple makes a disciple and a church multiplies itself until there is a transforming presence in every ZIP code — is the Great Commission. CMAD’s “purpose is to see more and better disciples making disciples, leaders reproducing leaders and churches reproducing churches.”

Since a teenager, Dr. Love has felt a strong calling to help the church grow. Despite only becoming the CMAD executive director a few months ago, he’s been multiplying churches and discipling believers for years. He has never considered discipleship and multiplication to be separate endeavors. To Dr. Love, disciple-making initiatives are “the foundation of church multiplication.”

CMAD will continue developing resources to help the church multiply, transforming lives and communities. Dr. Love states he would “love to see every church in some way contributing to another church being started.” He believes it’s a critical time for our culture and our church and shares, “we have this beautiful theology that calls us into the darkness, calls us into the hard places of the culture, to bring a transforming presence there.”



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The last of the five divisions, Education and Clergy Development, also had a new executive director elected at General Conference. As a pastor’s kid from Costa Rica whose family served as missionaries in multiple places, Rev. Johanna Rugh has always been close to ministry, which has led her to see ministry opportunities in many areas. “Wherever you see a need, you work,” she says.

When asked about her passions, Rev. Rugh states, “As Christians, we are called to bring that justice that comes from the message of the gospel.” She’s passionate about supporting pastors however possible, particularly encouraging women in ministry and equipping the Hispanic church. She wants pastors to know that TWC highly respects and values them, and her team works to provide resources and promote wellness among pastors.

Going forward, she says, “I hope that we can continue being a beacon of hope to somebody that doesn’t know Jesus.” The other directors echo this sentiment. Our mission is to carry out the Great Commission. And as Dr. Love points out, “we’re not manufacturing anything new; we’re just drawing people to Jesus’ vision.”



Reflecting on the direction TWC will be taking over the next four years, several of the directors recalled a moment from General Conference when the gathered delegates made a unanimous affirmation of belief. Dr. Jackson said, “I think when we declared our faith together at General Conference, it was a turning point, it was a reminder. We are who we are; let’s continue to be that.”



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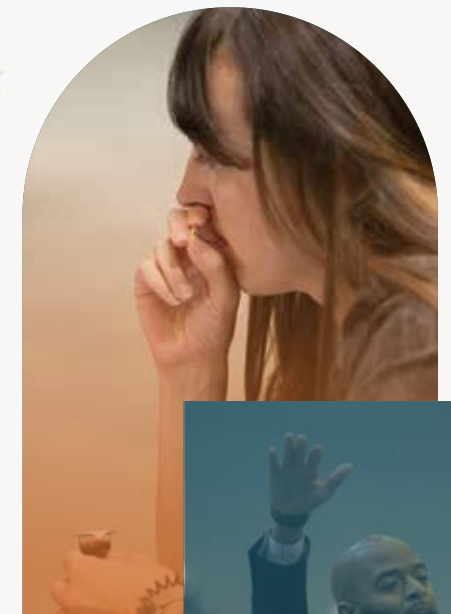
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Life Together

“
If we're joined to Christ in and
through his body, then we
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Paul, we already have.”



In 1832, a 26-year-old aristocrat boarded a ship headed for America. He wanted to study the American penal system but after arriving, noticed other things. For nine months he took voluminous notes, categorizing them. When he returned to France, Alexis de Tocqueville climbed to the attic and wrote what would become a literary classic, “Democracy in America.”

Mr. Tocqueville was enamored with this new “society formed of all nations ... without a national character yet a hundred times happier than (his) own.” Yet he noticed a pervasive flaw he called, “a new idea ... an erroneous judgment ... a defect of the mind.” It was “unprecedented,” he said. There was no word for it, so he invented one: individualism. Individualism first appeared in English through translation of his work. It wasn't a compliment. Individualism was like a virus, weakening all virtues. He called it, “a calm feeling which disposes each citizen to isolate himself from his fellow creatures and to draw apart with his family and friends; then, with this little

society formed to his taste, he willingly abandons the greater society to look after itself.” When it doesn't pull us apart from community, it causes us to use the community for our purposes, judge that community by whether it's met our expectations. If it doesn't, we disengage and move on. Oddly enough, the Americans didn't see this as a sickness. Instead, they celebrated it. Ralph Waldo Emerson, writing at the same time as Mr. Tocqueville, noted in his famous essay “The American Scholar” that a “sign of our times, ... is the new importance given to the single person.” Mr. Tocqueville worried about these traits; Americans were leaning into them.

In their defense, Americans came by it honestly. Ever since that day in the garden, we've lived separated from God and each other. The gospel is that God's reconciled us to himself and then to others in the body of Christ.

This gospel is prominent in all of Paul's letters but especially in Ephesians. There, Paul weaves together two important themes.

We're immersed into the life of Christ.

We're "blessed in him" (Ephesians 1:3), "chosen in him" (1:4), "forgiven" and "redeemed" through him (1:7). We're "included in Christ" (1:13), then "raised with Christ" and "seated with him in the heavenly realms" (2:6). This is true for every believer, yet for the last 50 years the church's message — while seeking to grow and evangelize — has been something else. We speak of "accepting Christ" as the doorway into salvation, yet the emphasis in Paul's gospel is of Christ accepting us. Individualism perverts the gospel by making it mostly about us, turning us into consumers and reducing Christ to value-added for our lives.

We're joined to Christ through his body. Paul uses "body" 11 times in this letter. The church, he says, "is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way" (1:23). Jesus lives in and through the church and from there extends himself to the world. This body isn't just a community we belong to; it's also the way we belong. The body is how we connect to Christ.

Today our society is more polarized than ever. Conversations are highly combustible. Institutions are under threat. We must awaken to what individualism has done to our faith, communities, especially our churches. We must repent, Christians, and practice a better way. It starts by taking Paul seriously and "not looking to your (our) own interests but each of you to the interests of others," (Philippians 2:4). We must immerse ourselves into something bigger than ourselves and there, we find ourselves. As the African proverb puts it, "I am because we are."

What implications does this have for the way we engage our churches? If we're joined to Christ in and through his body, then we should join the community we attend because, according to Paul, we already have. In fact, we can hardly belong to Christ apart from it. What good is our belief in the universal if it's not expressed in the particular? What access do we even have to the church we believe in apart from the one we attend? Who do we think Paul had in mind when he wrote his letters? Every letter was written to a local congregation, usually small and deeply flawed, like the one we attend. So, join it and make it better.

If Christ is the center, then the road from individualism to community runs through him. "One who wants more than what Christ has established does not want Christian brotherhood (community)," wrote Dietrich Bonhoeffer. "He is looking for some extraordinary social experience which he has not found elsewhere." Every idea we have of community is a threat to genuine community if it doesn't begin with Christ. If we shortcut the hard work of laying the foundation in Christ, we'll pay for it with conflict between special interests. In our pursuit of relevance, we must say things that are eternal.

If the church is Christ's presence in the world, then we must "be very careful, then, how we (you) live — not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity," (Ephesians 5:15-16), practicing a way of life that's peculiar and attractive, a social alternative to the chaos that inevitably follows individualism. In this body, we forgive each other, welcome the stranger, keep our promises, give to those who cannot repay, love our enemies, work for justice and heal the broken-hearted. We rebuild our ruined cities and restore the streets with dwellings. It's a powerful witness whenever an individual practices even one of these alternatives. But when a community practices them together, it's compelling.

Commentator David Brooks once said change happens when a few people, usually on the margins, find a better way to live and the rest of us follow. The body of Christ, the church, isn't only a haven for people wounded by the lies of individualism; it's also the only hope of the world. 🙌



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This summer, I was honored to sit at a “chair of privilege” representing The Wesleyan Church’s (TWC) General Superintendent Office. During my visit to the Pacific Southwest District, I was able to meet Pastor Jofre Lumahan. Pastor Joe serves in a community where my family and I used to live. We would drive by the church where he pastors and pray for the homeless community who would spend their time around this church. I couldn’t hold my tears of joy when I listened to how Pastor Joe is leading the Covina Neighborhood Christian Fellowship, Covina, California. He’s courageously pursuing God’s mission; identifying problems and making available a community garden and food pantry to those in need.

Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?

Two days later, I was officiating the ordination service at the Tri-State District. Here, I heard the story of two pastors that had left their places of comfort to pursue God’s call for their lives. One of them, Pastor Sabrina Walker, was ordained that evening. As I listened to what her church is doing to minister to college-aged kids, my heart rejoiced. This church is becoming a family to these students. They are being fed both physically and spiritually while experiencing the love of God in a tangible way.

I could continue sharing testimonies of how TWC’s Kingdom Force is making a transforming presence in each of their ZIP codes. However, I feel compelled to answer the question we were asked by General Superintendent Dr. Wayne Schmidt at our General Conference this past May: “God, where are you leading us?”

Without any doubt, God is continually leading his people to where the need is, where his people can become a transforming presence. God is leading us to step out of our comfort zone to do what he has asked us to do, to be committed to doing the natural things so he can do the supernatural ones.

In the book of Isaiah, we find the Lord asking, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And Isaiah’s answer still echoes in our churches, in our ministerial preparation classes, in our youth camps and in other places where many leaders

are sensing and responding to the call to ministry by saying, “Here am I. Send me!” (Isaiah 6:8).

These are the leaders that are responding to God’s call — his call to prepare and go where God is leading them. Our division wants to become a partner along with our districts, schools and churches. We want to train and encourage the next generation of TWC; a generation that will be leaders in continuing the legacy that we have inherited by living out The Great Commission in the spirit of the greatest commandment.

The Education and Clergy Development Division has more responsibilities than the name itself implies. Besides providing resources for the development of our ministers and enforcing education requirements,

we’re committed to continually search for ways and opportunities to equip and encourage those preparing to make a difference in the advancement of God’s kingdom.

Both women and men, lay and clergy, have an equal role and opportunity in our partnership with God in growing his kingdom. We support those who have been called to such a ministry.

So, “Where is God leading us?” One important task he is leading us in is to always be of encouragement and support to his Kingdom Force. By exhorting and encouraging those courageous women and men who are not holding back but rather evaluating the needs in their community, who, in faith, are stepping out and moving forward with God’s mission. He’s leading us to equip those that have said yes to the calling to serve him in pastoral ministry, supporting them by reminding lay leaders, college-aged students and the next generation of their God-given talents to answer his calling from anywhere to everywhere. We are committed to encouraging them all to accomplish his mission under one banner of the hope and holiness of Jesus Christ. It’s our prayer to be faithful to this important task and, as we face different shifts in our world and society, we are certain that he will remain the same and will be faithful to continue guiding and sustaining us to fulfill his work.

We would love to learn how you are responding to God’s leading and encourage you to fulfill his will in your life! Please share your story by writing to us at education@wesleyan.org. We’re always eager to hear from you. 🙌



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Dr. Brené Brown, the research professor and storyteller whose talk inspired this compelling Royal Society of Arts (RSA) video story above, defines empathy as “connecting with people so we know we’re not alone when we’re in struggle.”¹

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others. We enter relationships with a recognition that we all need God's grace in our lives. When we enter relationships in humility — not seeing ourselves higher than we ought, but connecting with others as fellow grace-receivers — we are practicing empathy.

Nick, an intern studying pastoral ministry, was impacted by meeting a refugee and hearing his story. “Before NEXT, I had a narrow view of Arab and Muslim people groups due to stereotypes I had been told throughout my life. Experiencing their culture has changed my worldview entirely. I now see them as beautiful people made in God's image with their own stories, dreams, loves and lives.”

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and on interns themselves, but also in our local North American Wesleyan churches when interns return. Twenty percent of our past interns are either preparing to serve or are already serving as missionaries, having experienced a confirmation of God's leading in their lives during their internship. The other 80% return with experience and skills to build relationships with those different than themselves. They are ready to put empathy into practice back home.

Amanda Armstrong, born and raised in a small midwestern town, served as an intern last summer in Bangkok, Thailand. “Going into my internship I had a confidence that a NEXT internship was where God was leading me. But my experience was really hard, even harder than I expected.”

She now works in the Intercultural and Global Office at Indiana Wesleyan University welcoming international students. “It was humbling to live as a minority. I stood out like a sore thumb. I can now practice empathy for those living in another culture having experienced culture shock myself, as international students adjust to living in the United States.” Amanda dreams of becoming a pediatric physician assistant, educating healthcare professionals in the Midwest about the signs of human trafficking.

Allison also shared, “My summer in Central Europe was my first experience living as a foreigner. That gave me empathy for immigrants living in my own hometown. I have been teaching English and U.S. citizenship classes at my local community college for the past five years.”

Michaela adds, “Since being overseas, I've come to empathize with

the immigrant experience. Being thrust into an entirely new culture where you can't read, speak, or understand is scary and overwhelming. I want to help immigrants to feel the love of Jesus — a constant relationship in their changing world.” God opened Michaela's eyes to the possibility of being involved in immigrant outreach in an area of ministry she never before considered. It wasn't until she went to the Karis site that she identified with the struggles of the immigrant experience.

Young adults are asking themselves, “What's next?” However, narrowly focusing on the location — Where should I live? — or the vocation — What should I do? — can be short-sighted. While some interns feel God's leading to serve cross-culturally in another country, many return to their passport cultures impacted by a powerful experience of being the “other,” ready to extend God's kindness and love to their communities back home. While NEXT may bring clarity to God's leading of the where for an intern's life, it also clarifies the how to live: by making connections fueled by empathy. 🍷



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REV. KENNETH BOSCHEE died February 25. He pastored in Florida, Michigan, South Carolina and South Dakota. He served as district superintendent of the East Michigan District (now The Great Lakes Region).

REV. DR. DANIEL R. BURSCH (103) died January 18. He served as a missionary to Africa.




REV. DR. WAYNE CALDWELL (98) died February 2. He pastored in Kansas, Missouri and Colorado. He also served as general editor of The Wesleyan Church.

REV. FRANKLIN CANTRELL (84) died March 28. He pastored in the South Carolina District.

REV. JAMES CLEMENS (81) died March 27. He pastored in Pennsylvania and New York.

REV. MITCHELL COTRONE (87) died April 27. He pastored in Florida, Iowa and Missouri as well as serving as a Wesleyan missionary.



REV. DR. MARK ECKART (60) died February 27. He pastored in Indiana and served as the district superintendent for the Indiana South District.

REV. DR. HAROLD RUSSELL GUNSALUS (81) died February 7. He pastored in the North Carolina East and Shenandoah Districts.

REV. CYNTHIA K. KINGSBURY (65) died June 15. She pastored in The Great Lakes Region.

REV. DAVID L. LABEAU (79) died January 24. He pastored in The Great Lakes Region.

REV. RONALD LAMBETH (49) died December 10, 2021. He pastored in the North Carolina East District.

REV. LLOYD R. MILLER (80) died May 29. He pastored in the Greater Ohio District.

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REV. HOWARD WARE died June 14. He pastored in the Northwest District.

REV. ROGER FRANK WARMUSKERKEN (74) died February 6. He pastored in Michigan.

REV. WILLIAM AUSTIN WETMORE (85) died March 4. He pastored in the Northwest District.

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