



# World Methodist Council

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The United Methodist Church- Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey Conference  
Bishop John Schol

Dear Bishop Schol,

I greet you warmly and wish you every blessing and pray that the peace and joy of the Advent season will go with you throughout the New Year.

The World Methodist Council asks that you take a few minutes from your busy schedule to assist us with choosing the delegates from your church who can help us better share the love of Christ and change the world to a more just and loving place.

We regret any confusion the postponement of the Conference has caused, but the upcoming World Methodist Conference will be held 13-18 August in Gothenburg, Sweden. Each of the 80+ member churches in more than 130 countries is being asked to identify its representatives for the next Quinquennium (2024-2030). Also, should the delegates your church chose in 2016 no longer be active or effective, you may let us know that those have changed and complete the form that will list the person(s) to represent from August this year until the Conference. It is a separate form (**2022-2024**).

The World Methodist Council is composed of 500 international members. The United Methodist Church- Eastern Pennsylvania and Greater New Jersey Conference is entitled to 2 persons on the Council to represent your church. The Steering Committee unanimously authorizes you add one more delegate who is a young adult (age 18 – 35), and some scholarships are available for lodging. Representatives should have a global understanding of the Methodist-Wesleyan movement and be willing and eager to contribute and advance the purpose and visions of the WMC. Your delegates should consist of a diversity of clergy and laity with various ages, genders and ethnicities included. The nominating church or individual pays for the delegates' travel/participation in Conference activities.

**Enclosed you will find the Nomination Forms, which need to be returned by 15 June 2023.**

**Each Council Member you nominate (*duplicate as needed*) **for 2022-2024****

**Each Council Member you nominate (*duplicate as needed*) **for 2024-2030****

Also enclosed are forms for you to nominate persons for leadership within the Council:

**WMC Officers of the Steering Committee (2024-2030). This form MUST be completed with a one-page statement re: expertise or skills in the area nominated AND a 50-word synopsis of why you are nominating this individual for this international role.**

**Committee Chairpersons for the Standing Committees, with a one-page biography on their leadership in the area nominated and a one-page synopsis.**

That you in advance for providing these names and completing the essential documentation as requested by the Nominations Committee, who carefully and prayerfully discern the officer and committee nomination results.

To best facilitate the outcomes discussed at the 13-18 August 2024 World Methodist Conference, members of the 2016-2024 World Methodist Council will meet just prior to the Conference. Then the Conference will include outstanding speakers, preaching, celebrations and discussions. Following the Conference, newly elected Council Members and Officers begin their duties at the Council Meeting and continue to serve until the Conference in 2030.

### **Event Timeline**

**13-14 August 2024    Council Meeting of 2016-2024 Delegates**  
**14-17 August 2024    World Methodist Conference in Gothenburg, Sweden**  
**17-18 August 2024    Council Meeting of 2024-2030 Delegates**

Again, thank you! I look forward to hearing from you and to receiving your nomination forms for the 2024-2030 World Methodist Council by 15 June 2023. Please feel free to contact me at the Council Office if you have any questions.

In His Service,



Ivan M. Abrahams  
General Secretary

Attachments (4 forms)