

	Global Methodist	Independent Church (no denominational affiliation)
Guiding by laws (Book of Discipline)	<i>Transitional Book of Discipline</i> That the one God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit – has created all things; that Jesus Christ, through the power of his cross and Resurrection, is the Lord and Savior of all the world; and that the Holy Spirit empowers the people of his church to worship and praise God and to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world in word and deed. This includes unity around the authority of Scripture, the classical confessions of the Christian faith as articulated in the Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds, and in the historic Christian ethical standards that derive from them.	Articles of Incorporation accepted by Georgia Secretary of State on March 6, 2023
Mission	GMC Mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.	To make disciples of Jesus Christ by inviting, incorporating, nurturing, and serving.
Theology	Traditional, orthodox, Wesleyan	Traditional, orthodox, Wesleyan
Governance	The 17 member Transitional Leadership Council of ordained and lay individuals, drawn worldwide. During its transitional phase, the church will be governed by the <i>Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline</i> . The convening General Conference will adopt a <i>Book of Doctrines and Discipline</i> to replace the transitional document.	Local administrative board
Term limits for bishops / elders / clergy	According to the Global Methodist Church’s Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline (paragraph 516.2), bishops will not serve life terms. Rather, bishops will only serve predetermined terms as defined by the convening general conference. Once they serve their terms, they will either return to ministry in a local church or to some other area of service in the general church. District Superintendents do not currently exist in the Transitional Book of Discipline and are replaced by the Presiding Elder — an existing clergy elder at a church within the district. Presiding Elders will assist in the needs and accountability of the regional district. Term limits will be set by the general conference. Clergy appointment terms will be at the discretion of each church and its leadership.	Not applicable
Local structure	In addition to a charge conference, a congregation must have a church council or similar governing board. The charge conference shall determine how to allocate the other responsibilities outlined in this Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline.	Identical to current structure with church council comprised of chairs from standing and ad hoc committees.
Annual and General Conferences	charge conferences, district conferences, annual conferences, regional conferences, and a general conference	Not applicable
Fees / apportionments	The Transitional Book of Doctrines and Discipline (paragraph 349) currently caps limits for connectional giving at 1.5% for general church ministry and 5% for annual conference ministry of the local church’s operating income for the previous year. Churches can also apply for exemptions due to extenuating circumstances or for new church plants.	None
Trust clause	No trust clause, local church owns its property	No, church will have full ownership of its property
Pastoral appointment	The appointment process will be a consultative process between the church and the Bishop:	The church is responsible for all hiring of all pastoral and ministry staff.

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	The committee must be given the opportunity to give input on the suitability of a proposed appointment and to raise any concerns they might have. When a committee raises substantive and missional concerns about the suitability of an appointment, such concerns must be addressed by the bishop and cabinet in considering whether to make the appointment. The bishop and cabinet must provide a rationale for their decision to the committee if they make the appointment. Consultation is both a continuing process and a more intense involvement during the period of change in appointment. While final authority rests with the Bishop, consultation is required and any concerns brought by the local church must be addressed before assignment. This process will also be freed from a yearly appointment with no guaranteed appointments for clergy.	
Homosexual marriage and clergy	No ordination of homosexual clergy or gay marriage	No ordination of homosexual clergy or gay marriage
Missions and outreach	Evangelism, Missions, and Church Planting – including, but not limited to, fostering cross-cultural and international partnerships between local churches, districts, and annual conferences; vetting, approving, and maintaining accountability for mission projects and their funding; providing for disaster relief and refugee ministry; identifying and providing resources for church planting in various cultural contexts; and consulting with bishops, annual conference leaders, and local churches to plan and strategize for planting churches.	Continue with current missions’ objective supporting local, national, and international outreach
Female clergy	Yes	Yes
Methodist in church and denomination’s name	Yes	No, per Georgia law church cannot use a denominational name unless officially affiliated with that denomination
Staff benefits	Wespath (current program used by WI)	QSEHRA for small businesses; church is responsible for managing all staff benefits
Total churches in Georgia	30 with more pending	Not applicable
Online Sources	globalmethodist.org sgagmc.org	n/a
Connectional	Yes	No