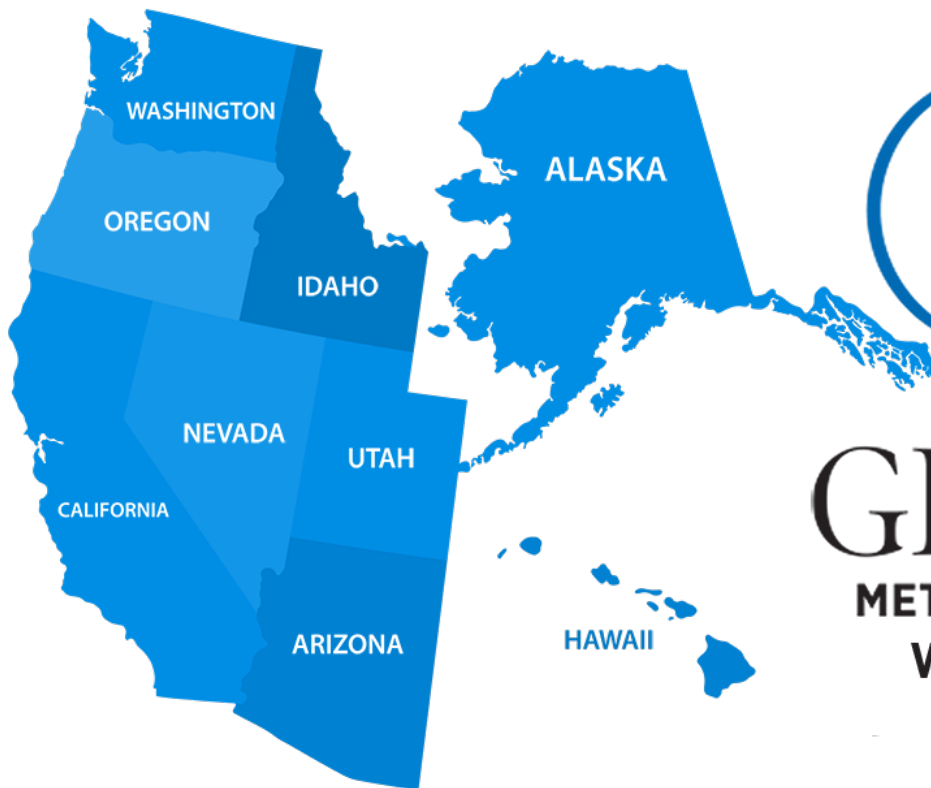




HOUSE FIRES



GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH
Western States
Conference

Welcome to House Fires!

The Western States Conference church planting network!

Get ready to witness the spark of revival! House Fires is igniting a movement where homes become places of worship, fellowship, and life-changing transformation—just like in the book of Acts!

In Acts chapter 2, the early church began with a small, devoted group of believers gathered in a house. In that intimate setting, the Holy Spirit moved powerfully—bringing tongues of fire, transforming hearts, and igniting a movement that would grow from a few dozen to thousands in a single day. Through worship, teaching, prayer, and fellowship, they became a vibrant, Spirit-filled community that changed the world. Today, we believe that same Spirit is calling us to reignite this model of faith in homes across the Western United States.

House Fires is more than just a church planting initiative and more than just a few isolated gatherings! House Fires is a movement inspired by the Acts 2 church—dynamic, relational, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Our vision is to spark new faith communities through small, committed gatherings of believers who are passionate about Jesus and who seek to transform their neighborhoods with His love. By meeting in homes, we create spaces where faith can be nurtured authentically, relationships can flourish, and the Gospel can spread naturally from house to house, neighborhood to neighborhood. Together, we aim to plant thriving communities of disciples who will bring light and hope to a culture in need.

Throughout history, the church has been propelled by faithful leaders, both clergy and laity, who were unafraid to serve. John Wesley once said, “Give me one hundred preachers [or leaders] who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God... such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on Earth.” Just like the early church leaders—people like Chloe, Lydia, Priscilla, and Aquila—you have the opportunity to help build a new community of faith wherever you are and where you are clergy or not!

Q: I'd love to be part of one, but I can't lead a group—I don't know the Bible well enough.

A: Great news! You don't need to be a Bible expert to host a House Fire. Our model provides everything you need to get started—guides, resources, and even suggested discussion questions—except for the place to meet! All you need is a willing heart and a space where people can gather. The Holy Spirit will take care of the rest!

Q: What is a House Fire exactly?

A: A House Fire is a small group of people meeting in a home to worship, pray, study scripture, and build community—just like the early church in Acts. These gatherings are designed to be relational and Spirit-led, allowing people to grow in faith and disciple others in a natural, comfortable setting. Think of it as a church family that meets right in your neighborhood!

Q: How many people do I need to get started?

A: You don't need a large group to start—Jesus said, "Where two or three gather in My name, I am there with them" (Matthew 18:20). Even a handful of people can create a powerful, Spirit-filled environment. Many of the most impactful movements in history began with just a few people faithfully coming together!

Q: How will I know what to do each time we meet?

A: We've got you covered! Each week, you'll receive a simple guide that includes a scripture focus, discussion points, and suggestions for prayer and worship. These guides are designed to be flexible, allowing each group to tailor their time together in a way that fits their needs. You'll never be alone in this process!

Q: I'm interested, but I'm not sure if my home is the right place to host. What should I do?

A: Don't worry—House Fires can happen anywhere! Whether it's your living room, a backyard, or even a local coffee shop, what matters is creating a welcoming space for people to gather. If hosting at home isn't an option, we can help you find other creative solutions to get your group started. All that's needed is a place where people can come together and feel at home.

How does this work?

Getting started with House Fires is simple! Begin by submitting your interest through our website. Once we receive your application, a member of our Conference church planting team will contact you to guide you through every step of the process. You won't be on your own—we'll walk alongside you to ensure your success.

Here's what you can expect once you sign up:

- **Personal Support:** Someone from our team will be your main point of contact, providing personalized guidance, encouragement, and answers to any questions.
- **Resources for Success:** We offer a wide range of tools, including:
 - **Weekly recorded sermons** designed to inspire and guide your group discussions.
 - **Study guides** that tie into each sermon, with scripture readings, discussion questions, and prayer prompts.
 - **Training materials** to help you understand the vision and purpose of House Fires, as well as tips on leading and building your group.
- **Sacramental Support:** An ordained pastor from your geographical area will be assigned to provide oversight and occasionally visit to administer the sacraments, such as Communion and Baptism. While geographic limitations may affect how frequently these visits can occur, we are committed to ensuring that each House Fire has access to these essential means of grace.
- **Community Connection:** You'll have opportunities to connect with other hosts, sharing experiences, ideas, and encouragement through online gatherings and resources.

All we need from you is a space to gather and a heart willing to see what God can do through you! Together, we'll ignite the spark of revival—one House Fire at a time.

A Global Methodist Movement In The Western States

House Fires are not just isolated gatherings—they are part of a larger movement within the Global Methodist Church! Together, these house-based communities form a network that is ignited by the Holy Spirit and united in mission and purpose. Every House Fire is called to develop and reflect the core characteristics of the church described in Acts 2. Here's what that looks like:

- **Makes Disciples:** At the heart of every House Fire is the mission Jesus gave us: to "go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19). This means helping others grow in their faith, equipping them to follow Jesus in their daily lives, and encouraging them to disciple others in turn.
- **Worship:** House Fires gather regularly to worship God, both through song and prayer, giving thanks and praise for His goodness. Worship creates space for the Holy Spirit to move, strengthening and uniting the community in Christ.
- **Participates in the Sacraments:** As part of the Global Methodist Church, each House Fire has access to the sacraments of Communion and Baptism through ordained pastoral oversight. These sacred acts are central to our spiritual growth and connection with God's grace.
- **Missional Focus:** House Fires are called to look beyond their own gatherings and serve their communities with the love of Christ. Whether through acts of service, outreach, or advocacy, these groups are committed to making a difference in the lives of those around them.
- **Spreading the Fire:** Just as the early church in Acts grew and multiplied, every House Fire is encouraged to plant new fires! By equipping and sending out leaders, we ensure that the movement continues to grow and reach more people with the Gospel.
- **Connectional Ministry:** As part of the Global Methodist family, House Fires maintain a connection with the Western States Conference. This includes participating in Conference activities, staying in communication with leadership, and contributing to shared ministry efforts, including financial giving that supports the larger mission of the church.

By embracing these principles, House Fires become part of a transformative movement that is changing lives and spreading scriptural holiness across the Western United States—and beyond.

What's Next?

1. Pray! 🙏

Before you do anything else, **pray**. Pray for God's guidance and discernment. Ask the Holy Spirit to stir your heart and reveal how He might be calling you to take part in this movement. Whether you're called to host, lead, or support a House Fire, it starts with prayer.

2. Visit Our Website! 🌐

Once you've prayed, take the next step by visiting our website. Go to the **House Fires** section to learn more and submit your interest form. From there, someone from the Conference church planting team will reach out to you personally to guide you through the process. You're never alone in this journey!

3. Get Ready to Ignite the Fire! 🔥

You are stepping into something life-changing! We will equip you with all the tools and resources you need to host a thriving House Fire. From sermons to study guides, sacramental support, and leadership training, you'll have everything required to build a faith community right where you are.

God can do incredible things through your willingness to serve. Are you ready to help spread the fire of revival across the Western States?

The time is now. The spark is ready. Let's ignite the fire!