



GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH

Western Pacific
Annual Conference



Local Church Request to Charter Form

Instructions: This form is to be completed by a local New Faith Community that has not yet chartered but desires to do so. Please refer to the WPCGMC Chartering Policy for necessary requirements to charter prior to completing this form.

Important note

Chartering marks a New Faith Community's transition into an established church of the Global Methodist Church. This step should not be taken lightly, as it represents a lasting commitment to the denomination and the wider church body. Chartering is not the completion of the church's work, but the beginning of establishing a congregation that will continue in ministry beyond its founding members.

Name of New Faith Community: _____

Requested name for Chartered Church: _____

(If this name is not in English, please provide an English translation)

Official mailing address of Chartered Church:

Address where services are held:

Service time(s): _____

Style of service(s) (traditional/contemporary/blended/ethnic): _____

Primary language service is conducted in: _____

Pastor or CLM appointed to the congregation: _____

District & Presiding Elder's name: _____

Average Weekly Worship attendance: _____

(Note: There is no minimum attendance requirement for chartering. This information is requested only to provide a clearer picture of the congregation so please be accurate.)

Attach a worship bulletin if you have one, if not, briefly discuss the flow of service:

How often is the Sacrament of Holy Communion celebrated? _____

Do you offer an Open Table? _____

How often is the Sacrament of Baptism celebrated? _____

Do you Baptize infants? _____

Do you accept membership into your congregation? _____

If yes, how many members do you currently have? _____

How many non-members do you have who worship regularly? _____

Are you keeping membership rolls? _____

Note: Once you Charter, all members on your roles become "Charter Members". It is customary to keep the charter "open" for a time of up to one year after chartering and anyone who joins in that year would still be considered "Chartered Members".

A Charge Conference is required with a simple majority vote to charter. This Charge Conference is to be led by the Presiding Elder or their designee.

Date Charge Conference was held: _____

Presiding Elder of the Charge Conference: _____

Vote Results: For Chartering: _____ Against Chartering: _____

Has this new faith community been giving connectional funding to the Conference? _____

Has this new faith community been giving connectional funding to the GMC? _____

Please share how this new faith community has been connectional with the Western Pacific Conference and/or the General Church.

Please share the missional engagement this new faith community has been involved in:

Please share how this new faith community has been intentional about not just making new disciples, but has an ongoing disciple making process to help people grow in holiness, obedience, and Christian witness:

Has this new faith community developed a plan for multiplication (or at least openly discussed with the congregation) in the next three years? _____

If this hasn't been openly discussed, do they now, at this Charge Conference, commit to multiplying within that timeframe? _____

Incorporation is required in under the laws of the state the new faith community resides.

What church name is used for the Incorporation? _____

What is the EIN provided to this church by the IRS? _____

Does this New Faith Community have insurance at a minimum of \$300,000/\$100,000? _____

Are all funds held in a bank account under the church's incorporated name? _____

Is the pastor or CLM receiving a monthly stipend or regular salary? _____

Who are the elected officers of this New Faith Community?

Lay Leader: _____

e-mail: _____

Annual Conference Member: _____

e-mail: _____

Trustee Chair: _____

e-mail: _____

SPRC Chair: _____

e-mail: _____

Finance Chair: _____

e-mail: _____

Other: _____

e-mail: _____

Does this New Faith Community commit to sending its Annual Conference member(s) to Annual Conference every year? _____

Affirmation

We, the members of _____ do affirm on this day _____ after a majority vote at a duly called Charge Conference, request to become a Chartered Church in the Western Pacific Conference of the Global Methodist Church.

We pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we continue to be a community of faith who make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

(Please have all members present sign in this space.)

Today, as the Presiding Elder of this Charge Conference, I agree with this request.

Name of Charge Conference Presiding Elder: _____

Signature

Date