

April 25, 2023

Hi, friends!

On Monday, April 24th, our Church Council unanimously voted to recommend joining the Global Methodist Church for a congregational vote.

In the coming days, our Church Council and Discernment Team will be providing information about the Global Methodist Church for you. Additionally, please mark your calendars for **May 2nd at 6:30 PM for a Church-Wide Information Meeting with Rev. Brett Maddocks**, member of the SGA GMC Leadership Team and pastor of Pine Forest Methodist Church in Dublin. This will include a presentation and an open Q&A. This meeting will take place in the sanctuary, and it will be recorded for later viewing.

Our congregational vote will take place on May 9th at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. This vote will follow the same procedures as our last vote. Full, professing members will be eligible to vote. You will check in, receive your ballot, and the church conference will begin at 6:00 PM under the leadership of our Church Council. The vote will be a “yes” or “no” vote on joining the GMC, and a simple majority (greater than 50%) of members present will carry the vote.

If you have questions, please email discernment@firstmethodistalbany.com or one of us. We'll do our best to answer your questions, including them as appropriate in our information meeting and other educational materials.

We're grateful for the work our church has done in seeking the Lord, praying deeply, and moving in humble love. Please continue to pray in advance of our vote.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Jim Morrow
Senior Pastor

Mr. Allen Twiggs
Chair, Church Council