2020 Delegate Reflection  
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I am privileged to serve as a General Conference delegate again in 2020, and I take this responsibility very prayerfully. I believe God has called me to serve the global church until it looks like the reign of Jesus – love, justice, and peace for all people and all creation. I am dedicated to breaking down the barriers among us and within us so all people are welcome in our churches. I am also grateful for the opportunity to shape the church I want our 4-year-old daughter to inherit.

I have been a delegate or reserve delegate since 2012, and I’m aware of the prayer, study, time, and dedication General Conference requires. I also know how heartbreaking it can be, no matter where you stand theologically or politically. General Conference 2019 revealed some of the worst of who we are as United Methodists in how divided we are and how we treated each other during the process. I honestly don’t know what the future holds for our denomination, but I’m a fervent believer in God’s power to redeem both people and institutions. God isn’t done with Methodism. Some renewed expressions of our theology will continue to draw people to Jesus and transform the world with his love.

That said, it’s important to me that General Conference 2020 be a witness of the love and grace of Christ. Here is how I hope to be part of that:

1. Remember that listening is an act of love. Listen more than I speak. Give space for marginalized and non-Anglo voices to speak. When I do speak, engage in holy conferencing with those who disagree with me.
2. Continue to live into my baptismal vows to resist evil and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves.
3. Participate fully in my legislative area (Faith & Order), and help other newer delegates participate fully in the process.