GCSRW Releases Global Young Peoples Convocation Monitoring Report

General Commission on the Status and Role of Women
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Glenview, Illinois – The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women (GCSRW) has released a monitoring report from the Global Young Peoples Convocation (GYPC) which was hosted in Dublin, Ireland, on July 7-11, 2026. GCSRW is mandated by ¶2102 of the United Methodist *Book of Discipline* to monitor "inclusiveness in the programmatic and administrative functioning of The United Methodist Church." The quadrennial GYPC is one such programmatic function that is also mandated by the *Book of Discipline*.

Monitoring at this year's GYPC shifted away from the heavily data-driven style that many are familiar with and instead capitalized on an opportunity for broader teaching points around communication styles, differences in cultural context, and mutual respect.

"When working with youth and young adults, there is a need for foundational work around why monitoring matters in the first place. If best practices about how to interact with one another are understood early on, holding space for oneself and others comes much easier later," reflected Rev. Katrena King, Director of Monitoring and Resource Development.

While the Report does include aggregated registration data to help inform an understanding of who was present and who participated, it also focuses on observations by the GCSRW staff, as well as feedback received directly from attendees. With over 600 participants in attendance, this worldwide event had 25 different countries represented, resulting in a breadth of experience, knowledge, and understanding.

"We continue to rejoice in the spirit of collaboration that we are experiencing across the Connection! Being mindful of accessibility, inclusion, and representation is something we take seriously at GCSRW, and having ministry partners like Discipleship Ministries who also take this seriously is an affirmation of our connectional bonds," shared Rev. Kelli Hitchman-Craig, Director of Leadership Development and Community Engagement.

Monitoring events like GYPC is part of GCSRW's mandate by the Church and for the Church. If you are interested in training or resources around monitoring, GCSRW's Monitoring Toolkit is available as a refence guide.

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About the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women

The General Commission on the Status and Role of Women advocates for full participation of women in the total life of The United Methodist Church. GCSRW helps the church recognize every person – clergy and lay, women and men, adults and children – as full and equal parts of God's human family. They believe that a fully engaged and empowered membership is vital to The United Methodist Church's mission "to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Learn more at GCSRW.org.

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