Dear friends,

At the 2013 World Methodist Council meeting in London, participants envisioned the 2016 World Methodist Conference in Houston to be our most inclusive yet. To make this vision a reality, we must draw on the connections we’ve developed over the years within our global Wesleyan/Methodist family.

The planning and design team is seeking your expertise in identifying speakers, preachers, and workshop leaders for the conference. Nominees should not only reflect the World Methodist Council’s commitment to racial, age, gender, geographic, and denominational diversity, but they also should be able to create experiences that will engage, challenge, and inspire this historic global gathering.

I encourage you to consider the authors, innovators, preachers, and teachers both in your denomination and beyond. We have received a few requests for high-profile authors who have written books on trends or change, such as The Power of Habit, Switch, and Disrupt. The fees for this type of speaker can be quite high. Should your denomination have access to a prominent speaker or performer who would be willing to participate at a reduced fee, or that your denomination would help underwrite, please let us know.

Attached you will find a form to nominate speakers, preachers, and workshop leaders. We request you nominate at least two individuals, so you will need to duplicate the form. Send the completed forms to Barby Bowser at barbybowser@worldmethodistcouncil.org. The deadline is Aug. 1.

Blessings to you as we begin our journey toward Houston,

Sarah Wilke
WMC Conference Program Chair 2016
Conference Leadership Nomination Form

World Methodist Conference

Your Name: _____________________________________________________________________

Email: _________________________________ Phone:__________________________________

I NOMINATE AS A PRESENTER:

Name:  _________________________________________________________________________

Nominated for:         

- Keynote Speaker/Preacher
- Workshop/Small Group Leader
- Vendor
- Other ______________________

Denomination: __________________________

Gender:      

- Male
- Female

Ethnicity __________________________

Age:         

- Under 35
- 35-60
- Over 60

Topic (Workshops):     

- prayer
- worship
- evangelism
- music
- outreach
- missions
- media
- social activism
- other ______________________

Address: ________________________________________________________________________

Website: ________________________________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________ Phone: _____________________

Is this person published?   

- Yes
- No

Title of book/article__________________________

Are his/her talks/sermons available online (in any language?)  

- Yes
- No

Is your sponsoring church willing to underwrite any or all of the travel and honorarium expenses for this speaker? If yes, how much? __________

On the next page, please provide additional information why you believe this person would be a good choice as a presenter at the World Methodist Conference.