



THE METHODIST VOICE FROM CROATIA

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REESTABLISHING OUR MISSION

It's been quite a while since the Methodist Church in Croatia was connected to an official conference. Now, as part of the Global Methodist Church (GMC), we've had the opportunity to do two important things:

1. Reestablish our mission to share the Gospel with the people of Croatia, and
2. Join an annual conference alongside our sister churches from GMC Slovakia.



This past May, we gathered in the beautiful retreat center of Senec, Slovakia, at the invitation of our District Superintendent, Rev. Gaby Kopas. Attending from Croatia were Pastor Vatroslav and our lay leader, Martina Lukić. In addition to hearing reports and statistics from local churches, we enjoyed a rich spiritual program organized by our friends from the Spirit and Truth ministry based in the United States.

Bishop Mark Webb presided over the conference and afterward made his first visit to Croatia. A few days later, he shared his thoughts on Facebook:

“I was privileged to spend the last few days in Croatia with our brothers and sisters of the Evangelical Global Methodist Church of Croatia. This church plant in Zagreb represents the only Methodist presence in the country. As part of the Slovakian Annual Conference, Pastor Vatroslav Župančić is faithfully leading a small community of Jesus followers who are passionate about being the Church and spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

A few days after the bishop's visit, we celebrated the baptism of a man named Vlado, who began



attending our church with his wife Nataša. They came from a province near Zagreb. With Vlado's baptism, we're grateful to celebrate our fourth baptism since restarting our work as a GMC in Zagreb.

At the end of May, we held a large public gathering in downtown Zagreb to raise awareness about the global persecution of Christians. Many people are unaware that we're witnessing the most widespread Christian persecution in history today. We aim to organize this event annually in partnership with the international organization *Open Doors*.

This August, Pastor Vatroslav and his daughter Marija will be visiting the United States from August 15 to September 10. Their trip includes a visit to Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, as well as our GMC partner churches in the

Allegheny West Conference. You can find more details and their full schedule on our website:

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On our website, you'll also find information about how you can support the ministry and mission of the Global Methodist Church in Croatia.

Hope to see you soon,
Pastor Vatroslav

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