



## THE METHODIST VOICE FROM CROATIA

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## REVIVE US AGAIN

“Revive us again” was sung in one voice at the last session of the first Allegheny West Conference of the Global Methodist Church in Reynoldsburg, Ohio which took place between October 12 and 14, 2023.

I was glad to attend as a guest of this conference. I felt in person what it means to be part of the Methodist history and to participate in this highly emotional and spiritual event. The speakers emphasized the focus on the future mission of our Church, on its global presence, and especially on the renewal of our Wesleyan heritage and identity



in today’s world. The whole event was summarized in the conference title: Becoming One.

Thanks to our partners from WCA and GMC from West Ohio, I was also invited to be a guest speaker in various churches in Ohio and Pennsylvania between October 10-30. Everywhere I went I was very well hosted. In almost every church there was a sincere concern and interest for the church in Europe and specifically in Croatia. I’m thankful for all the pastors and friends who recognized the work of our church in Zagreb and decided to support our construction project.

Although due to administrative regulations, the construction work went slower than hoped for few months, we eventually managed to overcome all of the needed documentation and will soon move into the new space and start worship services. In the meantime, we were gathering at our partner Church of the Nazarene here in Zagreb. Please pray that we can complete our space completely in the next weeks.

Since November, we started a monthly radio show on one of the five most listened to radio stations in the city of Zagreb. It’s the broadcast called: “Bible, The Source of Life” which airs on Wednesday evenings. This is an excellent opportunity for people in Zagreb to get closer to



the saving message of the Gospel and to introduce the public to the work of the Methodist church.

At the end of the year, I was again called to the Croatian Parliament because of our support for persecuted Christians. It

is a sad fact that in the world, Christians are the most persecuted religious community. We know that our task as believers living in the free world is to help our persecuted brothers and sisters around the globe

The interest in this year's European Methodist Gathering called "Adria Connection" is very high. Conservative Methodists from different areas of Europe will gather again with our Partners from America in a Christian retreat between April 22-24 to come together to pray and seek God's vision



and ways for a good cooperation in the future. We hope that this year our fellowship will again be blessed and fruitful.

My family and I are well and healthy, although all these projects require a lot of strength. That's why we pray for coworkers sent by God who will be able to incorporate themselves into the work of the Methodist Church in Croatia. Will you join us in prayer just as the mentioned song says:

*Revive us again;  
Fill each heart with Thy love;  
May each soul be rekindled  
With fire from above.*

In His Love  
Pastor Vatroslav

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