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IN THE BEGINNING...

Those are the first words we read in the Bible: What God did in the beginning of everything. How He separated light from the darkness. How He created the cosmos, life, order and other things that were all called 'good'.

In Hebrew, the book of Genesis is called: the Book of Beginning (Sefer Bereshit סֵפֶר בְּרֵאשִׁית).

We are standing at the beginning of a new year: 2025. Many of us are making plans for the new year and many churches are organizing themselves according to their vision and mission statements.

As a Global Methodist Church in Croatia, we are standing on the brink of the new year with many expectations. But before we look forward, we want to thank God, and the many of you who supported us, with thanks and gratitude for all that we were able to accomplish over the last year.

First of all, we were able to finish our build-project and move our church and ministry into a place that we now fully own in downtown Zagreb.

We were also able to make an impact in Croatian Society, above and beyond our regular Sunday services. We published new literature containing Wesleyan content. We presented our church at public events and even in the political realm at the Croatian parliament.

Recently, Pastor Vatroslav was invited to be a guest on the Christmas Eve episode of a popular Croatian national television talk show. This was an excellent opportunity to present the Methodist church to a broader public who have little knowledge of it. The response to this TV show was very good and Pastor Vatroslav received many positive mails from people who viewed it. Here is a link to that broadcast:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBP9-L3EE0&t=383s

Pastor Vatroslav was also invited to speak on the popular Methodist podcast "Plain Spoken" hosted by Jeffrey Rickman. This is an English-speaking podcast in which you can hear more about our ministry and the Global Methodist Church in Croatia. Here is a link to that podcast video:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=sy5Ff-XifWU&t=42s

Please pray that these recordings will make our ministry even more visible to people, and that many will find their way to the Church.



As one of the first fruits of our ministry, we performed a Baptism at the beginning of 2024. Aron, who had been attending our Sunday services regularly over the prior months, said that his young heart was touched by the message. So he answered the call from our Lord and received the sacrament of Baptism. We rejoice together for one new soul

that came to the faith and hope to see more such events in the coming year.

In September, Pastor Vatroslav attended the first GMC General Conference in Costa Rica. It was



a beautiful experience to see a new history being written for our Global Church. We thanked Reverend Keith Boyette for his selfless efforts to help the church in Europe and Croatia.

We are also very thankful for your help, your prayers and your support for the Global Methodist Church in Croatia – and we pray that you will continue to support our efforts as we work to spread the gospel in this region.

In His love,

Pastor Vatroslav
(and family)

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