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- ♦ translation and administrative assistance for ministries, projects, and programs
- ♦ training events for pastors, church planters and church leaders
- ♦ English outreach events
- ♦ youth conferences and training
- ♦ CPD promotional materials

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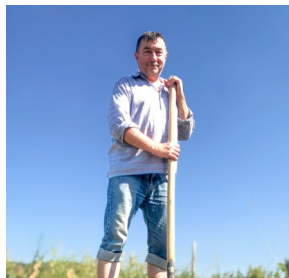
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Balkan Provisional Annual Conference

- ♦ Population: 6,798,000
- ♦ Evangelical Christians: 1.98%
- ♦ FM Work Opened: 2007
- ♦ FM Churches: 26
- ♦ FM Membership: 740
- ♦ Ordained Elders: 12
- ♦ Conference Ministerial Candidates: 7
- ♦ Superintendent: Blagoy Dimitrov
- ♦ Ecclesiastical Accountability: FMC-USA through Bishop Keith Cowart



The Free Methodist Church in Bulgaria

Origins

In the 1990s, U.S. Bishop Richard Snyder and Pastor David Carr of the U.K. began holding conferences in Bulgaria. In 1997, missionaries Michael and Maria Long moved to the neighboring country of Greece. From their strategically located base in Thessaloniki, Greece, the Longs traveled extensively in Kosovo, Albania, Bulgaria and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, assisting with relief and development efforts, connecting with existing church networks, and encouraging believers. In April 2007, missionaries Al and Diane Mellinger arrived in Bulgaria to begin leadership development ministries. In 2011, Chance and Dee Dee Galloway joined the Mellingers and began more intentional church planting. In 2015 the church was officially registered as the “Light and Life Church.”

Present Ministries

A primary focus of ministry in Bulgaria is church planting and leadership development. Regular training events are held for pastors and church leaders, and some additional conferences take place each summer for youth and families. There are now 26 churches in Bulgaria, and in 2020 the Balkan Provisional Annual Conference was organized. St. John’s Home (a safe house for at-risk young women), an agricultural project and a Bible school are all operated by national leaders



Pray for:

- the success of the Light and Life Church
- teams regularly serving and ministering to the people of the Balkans
- training opportunities to help shape the next generation of leaders
- continued growth of leadership and vision for the denomination
- the expanding work in the Balkan Region