



## ***We are Living Into Beloved Community as the MSC!***

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Dear Members of the Mountain Sky Annual Conference,

***The MSC 2021 Annual Conference will move to a online only event, hosted as a livestream by GNTV, on October 21st (6-8pm), 22nd and 23rd***

Over several weeks, the AC Planning Team, in consultation with Bishop Karen, has made the decision to change the AC 2021 Session from a hybrid of in-person and online experiences to online only. Leading this change is our commitment to “Do No Harm.” We feel we can provide the best Annual Conference session through a small onsite team at the Fox Theater in Ogden, UT while the majority of members participate in the comfort of their own offices and homes. The conference will include a livestream to the theater, where Bishop Karen will preside over plenary sessions. Videos and interactive online engagements will offer a chance to participate in mission presentations, fundraising, and plenty of worship experiences.

### **Cost & Logistics**

Through a generous grant, we are able to offset costs for the online-only AC 2021 session. Conference leadership recognizes the hardships this year continues to bring with impacts on local church budgets. The value of our connection is the ability to strategize together in hard times to support one another.

***The cost for each voting member and each guest who desires to attend the conference through the livestream is \$49. Registration is now open!***

The cost of the Clergy Orders & Fellowship retreat will be reduced to \$25, as this event will be moved to online only on Wednesday, October 20th, two days prior to the opening session of the Annual Conference.

Ordination will take place in person throughout the fall in small, regional groups following a survey of both classes of ordinands. Bishop Karen and the Board of Ordained Ministry will assist in creating meaningful worship experiences for this important moment in our shared life as the Body of Christ.

### **Web Pages for 2021 Annual Conference:**

[AC2021 Landing Page](#) - you will find updated information here over the course of the next two months with boxes to click on for everything from registration to materials for plenary sessions.

[Sponsors](#) - please visit our sponsors page to connect with the organizations that help support our ministry - we give thanks for our 2021 sponsors!

[Clergy Orders & Fellowship Retreat](#) - here you will find the registration link, along with information from the online clergy session in June, the clergy memorial recognition, and the clergy retirees

### **Registration Links:**

- AC 2021 - <https://mtnsky-reg.brtapp.com/AC2021OnlineSession>
- Clergy Orders & Fellowship Retreat - <https://mtnsky-reg.brtapp.com/OnlineClergyOrders2021>

### **Questions?**

You may contact Jared O’Kegley-Gibson, MSC Events Manager, at [Registration@mtnskyumc.org](mailto:Registration@mtnskyumc.org) with any questions about logistics or registration.

Immediately preceding the Conference, the Communications Team, in partnership with GNTV, will host training sessions to assure all members voting remotely are fully educated on the process. You may also contact [Communications@mtnskyumc.org](mailto:Communications@mtnskyumc.org) with particular communication needs surrounding the Annual Conference.

### **Grace & Peace,**

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Director of Connectional Ministry & Superintendent of Leadership Development

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