

**PETITION
to the
2018 MOUNTAIN SKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

TITLE: Proclaiming a Welcoming Conference

ACTION TO BE VOTED ON:

- 1 Over the last decade or more, both of our antecedent bodies, the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference and the
2 Yellowstone Annual Conference, have expressed support for our lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT)
3 siblings in our church in various resolutions and petitions, including ones to the General Conferences. Since the
4 year 2000 the Western Jurisdiction has spoken clearly that “We cannot accept discrimination against gay, lesbian,
5 bisexual or transgender persons and, therefore, we will work toward their full participation at all levels in the life of
6 the church and society.”
- 7 The Western Jurisdiction has supported and encouraged the formation of our new Conference, and has sent us an
8 Episcopal leader in Bishop Karen Oliveto who embodies the gifts and graces that are possible when discrimination
9 is overcome and LGBT persons are fully included at all levels of the church’s life.
- 10 While our denomination is discerning how we will live together with significant differences of opinion around
11 issues of human sexuality and its expression, we of our new annual conference, the Mountain Sky Annual
12 Conference, wish to re-affirm the history of our two previous Annual Conferences and our Jurisdiction as we declare
13 our intention to our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex siblings in Christ: that we will continue
14 to welcome you, worship with you, serve with you, and embrace your competent leadership at all levels to which
15 you are called. We also promise to continue to seek to build a fully inclusive church. We commit to be in ministry
16 with all people, regardless of their economic status, race, age, ethnicity, gender, sexuality, disability, or immigration
17 status. To this end, we reaffirm our commitment to evangelism which includes sharing the embracing love of Jesus
18 and the grace of God with all those who live within our boundaries.
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PETITION DETAILS

This petition is a

- Binding Action
 Non-Binding Resolution

Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Termination Date: None

Does this petition modify the Annual Conference Standing Rules and Operational Procedures (SROP)?

- Yes
 No

If “Yes,” please complete the information below.

- This petition will modify Section x.x.x
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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Will there be any identifiable financial impact to the Conference?

Yes
 No

If "Yes," please fill in the information below.

To Be Completed by the Originator of the Petition

Cost: \$
Period
 One Time
 One Year
 Multiple Years

To Be Completed by Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CFA)

Review by CFA 04/20/2018

Included in proposed 2019 budget

Yes
 No

Amount if included \$

May be considered for budgets in future years

Yes
 No

Projected Amount \$

Recommendation by CFA concerning funding

Reason for recommendation

RATIONALE (Not debatable):

- 1 We are beginning a new creation, a new Annual Conference, and we believe this new Conference should proclaim
- 2 that as a new Conference we will be a welcoming conference to all persons, and specifically to LGBTQI persons
- 3 who are singled out in our Book of Discipline for special, discriminatory attention.
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- 5 We think this new conference, as a whole, as committees, boards, and agencies, and as many local churches as
- 6 possible should adopt this same welcoming stance of hospitality to all persons.
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- 8 This resolution will be effective when all persons who come to us or who are a part of our “beloved community”
- 9 experience a hospitable welcome in our work together, in our committees, boards, and agencies, and churches.
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ATTACHMENTS (Additional Information / Not Debatable)