



**PETITION
to the
2019 MOUNTAIN SKY CONFERENCE**

TITLE: Moving Towards God's Good Future

ACTION TO BE VOTED ON:

- 1 Whereas, the Annual Conference is the basic body in The United Methodist Church;
- 2 Whereas, our hearts are warmed by a call to guard the best of our Wesleyan heritage and to contribute its impact and
3 future, with its emphasis on God's love for all;
- 4 Whereas, our ministries thrive and world-transforming disciples are best made in a connectional system that looks
5 beyond itself and its walls; and
- 6 Whereas, we are driven by a passion to share the grace, love, acceptance, justice, and hope of Jesus to everyone in
7 the communities we serve; now, therefore, be it
- 8 *Resolved*, That the Mountain Sky Annual Conference directs its Roundtable to form a team to develop options for
9 moving forward, including but not limited to (1) partnering with other like-minded bodies, (2) developing
10 legislation for General Conference 2020, and (3) separation from The United Methodist Church, which
11 embraces the Traditional Plan.
- 12 The plan development shall include listening sessions and no less than quarterly reports to members of the
13 Annual Conference. Any General Conference legislation will bear the name of the team and may receive
14 endorsements from other groups before submission.

RATIONALE (Not debatable):

- 1 With so many possibilities before our denomination, it will be of great benefit to have thought through the many
2 different scenarios we might face as a Mountain Sky conference so that we can make decisions in an informed
3 manner having heard from many people and places across our area. This petition allows us to be responsive instead
4 of reactive.

EVALUATION (Not debatable):

- 1 The quarterly communications commitment will keep the conference community informed of the group's progress.
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ATTACHMENTS (Additional Information / Not Debatable)

None.

PETITION DETAILS

This petition is a

Binding Action

Non-Binding Resolution

Effective Date: July 1, 2019

Termination Date: June 30, 2023

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Will there be any identifiable financial impact to the Conference?

Yes

No