



## Statement of Availability for Election as a Delegate to 2020 General or Jurisdictional conferences

### Sione Teiapa'a Tukutau

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Clergy – Male

Conference: Legacy Rocky Mountain

Service:

- Serve as a reserve delegate to General Conference and voting delegate to Jurisdictional Conference

I am willing to serve as a voting delegate to both the General and Jurisdictional conferences.

I am willing to serve as a reserve delegate to General and Jurisdictional conferences.

#### **Statement:**

I want to be a delegate to the General Conference because I want to help make a change in the church. I was an observer at the 2019 General Conference, and I'm still heartbroken from the decision made by the body. I have seen people with a lot of pain in their hearts and feeling discouraged because of the un-Christian decision that was made. I want to use strong and faithful minority gifts and graces that has labeled as "other" to help erase all those labels, and to bring all people together as one with each other and with God.



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**David Petty**

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Clergy – Male

Conference: Legacy Rocky Mountain

Service:

- Camp Director
- Tech. Director for District Gatherings 2018 & 2019
- Co-author of Censure of John Chivington for Clergy Session of Annual Conference 2016

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**Statement:**

I will work to ensure the future of a church that values broad diversities, individual faith understandings, and hands-on mission. I have a passion for ministry with all people, for using creative thinking to address complex challenges, and for equipping local churches. I am open to diverse opinions where those opinions do not cause harm. I believe in a church united in our love for God, our love for the body of Christ, and our love for one another. I will work at GC202 to answer the following: "How do I/we make progress toward resolution in the wake of GC2019?"



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### Gayla Jo Slauson

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Lay – Female

Conference: Legacy Rocky Mountain

Service:

- 2018-current Conference Co-Lay Leader
- Sub-district Lay Servant Ministries Director
- Lay Pulpit Supply
- Certified as Lay Speaker
- 2016-18 Treasurer Local Congregation

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I am willing to serve as a reserve delegate to Jurisdictional Conference.

#### **Statement:**

I am ready and willing to serve as delegate to the 2020 General Conference 1) to represent our Mountain Sky Conference in these complex times, 2) to embrace my God-called and Conference-elected role as Co-Lay Leader, and 3) to better understand current UMC decision-making methods.

Words from a song titled, *Only Here for a Little While*, by W. Holyfield and R. Leigh inspire me: "Come and take my hand, let us reach out to each other... [let's] mend what needs mendin, walk what needs walkin - though it means an extra mile. Pray what needs prayin, say what needs sayin."



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### Susan McIntosh

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Lay – Female

Conference: Legacy Rocky Mountain

Service:

- Chair, Executive Team (Administrative Council)
- Member, Faith and Justice Team
- Facilitator for church visioning\_process
- Youth leader (including Confirmation)
- Drama ministry
- Delegate to Annual Conference (2016, 2017)

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#### **Statement:**

There are three principles that guide me:

- Micah 6:8 - Justice, kindness, walk humbly with God
- Wesley's quadrilateral - Experience, Reason, Scripture, Tradition
- Martin Luther King Jr. - "Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

I am a change agent by profession – helping organizations grow when they feel stuck. I employ these principles when I listen to all perspectives and encourage productive conversation with a goal of building varying desires into a common way forward. This process, repeated frequently, results in inclusion and a sense of belonging.



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### Travis Walker

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Clergy – Male

Conference: Legacy Rocky Mountain

Service:

- Trinity District leadership team member
- Prairie View circuit leader

I am willing to serve as a voting delegate to both the General and Jurisdictional conferences.

#### **Statement:**

I believe each person, community and congregation is sacred and worthy of a place at Christ's table. My pastoral ministry and passion is to serve rural congregations. These congregations serve a vital role in their communities. Additionally, our rural UMC congregations are often the only place where any discussion and embracing of inclusion is valued and practiced in their rural settings. The presence of these congregations within the UMC enriches our faith tradition. With my pastoral calling and experience, I offer a rural perspective and voice that is important as we work together for a church for all people.



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### Stephanie Moffitt

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Lay – Female

Conference: Legacy Rocky Mountain

Service:

- Not an official office, but did serve as a Teaching Assistant in United Methodist Polity at Candler School of Theology with Dr. Anne Burkholder, Dean of Methodist Studies

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#### Statement:

I am interested in serving as a delegate for the Mountain Sky Conference because I care deeply about the relationship between United Methodist polity, theology, and history. The future of our denomination relies on how we understand the dynamics of our polity now and because I care about the future reality of the church, I feel called to do the work that serving as a delegate requires. I can offer a fresh understanding regarding the issues that are facing our denomination because I am a recent seminary graduate who has studied these issues in relationship to our polity. Also, my experience and gifts of teaching allow me to serve as a bridge between the local church and the General Conference.



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### Aileen Jimenez

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Lay – Female

Conference: Legacy Rocky Mountain

Service:

- Agency staff at United Methodist Communications, 2018- current
- Contract reporter for the United Methodist News Service, 2016-2018
- Consultant for the National Plan for Hispanic Latino Ministries, 2015-2018
- Judge for scholarships awarded by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry, 2015-2019
- Secretary of MARCHA West, the Hispanic/Latino advocacy caucus, 2016 - current
- Member of the nominations committee at my local church, Brentwood UMC, 2015-2017
- Bassist and singer in the praise and worship team at my local church, 2013-2018

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#### **Statement:**

As a bicultural, bilingual young adult, I have personally experienced the blessings and hardships of being "diverse." As a PK (preacher's kid) of the UMC I often found myself being the new kid and having to make room for myself at the table. These experiences have made me passionate about including people in conversations and spaces who aren't always welcomed. I seek election to the General Conference delegation to live out the great commission given to us by Jesus Christ as true as we can. I believe the key is connectionalism – as a church, as a people, as Christ's body.



## Statement of Availability for Election as a Delegate to 2020 General or Jurisdictional conferences

### Diane Martin

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Lay – Female

Conference: Legacy Yellowstone

Service:

- I am the member of Annual Conference from Powell Wyoming United Methodist Church serving on church council, finance and SPPRC. I also serve as President of the UMW local.
- I served as a Reserve delegate to General Conference and Jurisdiction in 2016 I serve on the Mountain Sky Board of Laity
- I serve on the leadership development team for Mountain Sky Conference I am a member of the Wyoming District Roundtable I am the circuit lay leader for the Big Horn circuit I am education and interpretation coordinator for the Bighorn District United Methodist women

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#### **Statement:**

I am a United Methodist woman and United Methodist Church member who has served years of apprenticeship to stand before you sharing long-held ideals of inclusion and love. I am known to view persons and issues critically but I am generous with praise when and where it is warranted. As a former reference librarian, it is in my DNA to ask questions others don't consider or are afraid to voice. My years filling pulpits as a Certified Lay Speaker, leading Bible and Mission studies as well as teaching Sunday school and preparing devotions keep me in scripture continually. I strive to be a non-anxious presence knowing, first and foremost God is in control and also we will be stronger on the other side of this debate.



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**Zach Nell**

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Lay – Youth (under 25) - Male

Conference: Legacy Yellowstone

Service:

- UMC Next gathering at the Church of Resurrection – May 2019
- Division on Ministries with Young People 2016 – Present
- Youth 2019 Design Team; Economic Community Writing Team of the Social Principles for the 2020 General Conference
- Grants for Ministries with Young People Project Review Committee 2016 – Present
- 2016 Imagine What's Next Design Team; Bozeman UMC Missions Team 2017 – Present

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I am willing to serve as a reserve delegate to Jurisdictional Conference.

### **Statement:**

I feel called to help shape the future of the UMC and discern how we move forward. In midst of division, we must practice the resurrection of love and reclaim our mission of justice and evangelism. Our connectional UMC is rooted in the idea of unity shouldn't be concentrated in just the few and powerful, because all belong to Christ's table. That's why I seek for more representation of young people and call for action. To welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, visit the prisoner, cloth the naked, and amplify the marginalized voices. To be in united in God's love.



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**Valerie L. Jackson**

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Clergy – Female

Conference: Legacy Rocky Mountain

Service:

- South Metro Clergy Circuit Leader/Facilitator;
- COSROW;
- Mentor for Provisional Elder;
- District Superintendent Committee;
- Ethical Education Taskforce;
- Mentor for Certified Candidate of DCOM

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### **Statement:**

Right now, the people called Methodist are called to collective faith and action for the sake of God's beloved community. Therefore, today, I offer my willingness to represent the Mountain Sky Conference at the 2020 General Conference as a delegate.

Audra Lorde says, "Our silence will not protect us... and if we don't define ourselves for ourselves, we will be crunched into other people's fantasies of us and eaten alive." As we pray and press toward the mark of the high calling, discerning our path, I offer my deep capacity for uncensored and unconditional love and compassion; critical analysis and spiritual reflection; courageous conversation and prophetic leadership.



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### Kunle Taiwo

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Lay – Male

Conference: Legacy Rocky Mountain

Service:

- General/Jurisdictional Delegate 2008, 2012, 2016
- Member General Church Connectional Table
- Member GCFA Economic Advisory Council
- Conference Co-lay leader 2012-2018
- Member Conference Board of Stewards
- Member Conference Episcopacy Committee
- Vice Chair Western Jurisdictional Leadership Team (2005-2008)
- Member Imagine No Malaria Task Force
- Member Mission Shaped Future Guiding Team

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#### **Why do you seek election to the General Conference delegation?**

Having served on past delegations, I have built trust and authenticity within the Western Jurisdiction and with other delegations within the US and Central Conferences. I have respect for all theological perspectives within the church. I believe we're all on a faith journey and not at a destination. We have a lot to learn from one another.

#### **What is your passion in ministry and how do you live it out?**

My passion is to continue to grow in the knowledge of God and our Savior Jesus Christ. I live out this passion by immersing myself in weekly bible study with other Christians from different faith perspectives. We wrestle with the Word of God as it speaks to our daily lives. Something of note to me is that the same passage speaks to us individually and differently.

#### **How will your passion in ministry inform your decisions if elected?**

I will be led by the axiom "do no harm, do good and stay in love with God!"

#### **What are the one or two most significant questions for the General Conference and how would you respond to them?**

What about your understanding of human sexuality will dissuade your making disciple of Jesus for the transformation of the world? What about the "One Church Plan," impacts your making disciples of Jesus Christ, from your faith perspective negatively? For me the answer is nothing!