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**TELLING THE STORY: Stories of Ministry on the Margins**  
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**THE SCRIPT**

**"Telling the Story"**

**Youngsook Kang**

Our theme for Annual Conference is "Ministry on the Margins." What do the Margins look like? Where are the Margins in your community?

The Margins are the places where Jesus would have gone, filled with people that he would not have overlooked. He walked with the stranger, the foreigner, and the outsider. People marginalized by their work, their language, and their place in society. But rather than reaching down to them, he met them on common ground, eating with them and embracing them in the midst of their situations.

Even while he taught in the synagogues, it was the people that Jesus met along the way who received his greatest lessons. The woman at the well, the tax collector, and the children he welcomed with open arms were all considered outsiders in their own community. But he embraced them all, and offered them the kingdom of God through his words and actions.

As Reggie McNeal says, "Churches (on the Margins) look not only to their own resources and ideas for the community, but they are moving from ministry *for* the community and *in* the community, to ministry *with* the community."

This is a vision of ministry that looks outside of our comfortable surroundings, and into the world that surrounds us. These are churches that look outside their doors, and into their communities. They have become the mobile church, no longer focused on bringing people through their doors, but sending people out of their doors and into the community. This is what John Wesley meant when he said, "the world is my parish." Not striving to be noticed by the world's leaders, but walking alongside its common people.

Each of our churches has an opportunity to take up Jesus' work among the marginalized populations among us. In fact, many of you are already doing this. We would like to show a few examples of churches that are leading the way into ministry on the Margins, those who have taken the church outside of their doors and into the world.

**Lay Leaders: Tell the story of "Ministry on the Margins"**

**Margaret Hotze & Kunle Taiwo**

Faithful and fruitful disciples in Rocky Mountain Conference are doing exciting and vital work on the margins as we cultivate the tree of life in our conference and in the world.

Speaking of cultivating, many churches now have community gardens to share and grow with their communities. We see these women from the Haven, a residence for women recovering from addiction, working in the earth to bring healing their souls as well as bodies.

Many churches support their local food banks. Parker UMC assembles "Blessing Bags" containing food items, an item of warmth, and love notes for church members to carry in their cars and give to the homeless.

Mile High Pikes Peak people at Ubuntu Day support and participate with direct food service at Café 180, which seeks to eliminate hunger and social barriers by feeding people whether or not they can pay.

Many churches work to meet clothing needs in their community. Some have groups that sew: St. Luke's Itch to Stitch group supports local hospitals, warmth for warriors, knits for kids, and more; Lakewood, Smoky Hill, and other church groups are working on the "40 Days for Girls" project, making girls' hygiene kits. Newcastle makes quilts for an orphanage in Uganda. Ladies of Genoa, an ecumenical group, sews for the Little Dresses/Little Britches project. So far they have sent 192 dresses and britches to children around the world.

Some churches provide clothing for local shelters. Gillette UMC sponsors a weekly clothing swap. Twice a year they have a big event, where volunteers read Bible stories to children while their mothers shop. Hilltop UMC has an annual big Christmas Giveaway, during which they donate food, clothing, and toiletries to the Rescue Mission in Salt Lake City.

And then on to needs for shelter: we see here members of Carbondale building for Habitat for Humanity and Durango church members in their "Lights for Literacy" project, installing lights for the Navajo Reservation in Shiprock, New Mexico, so that children have enough light to do their homework.

And here church members from Ogden do flood recovery work in Estes Park and volunteer with Habitat to meet needs of local residents.

Newcastle's UMW sponsors an Annual Luncheon with women from other community churches as a fund raiser. This year the funds were for repairs to Senior Center's roof.

FUMC Colorado Springs goes further afield to the margins in Nicaragua, to help build latrines.

**Christ calls us to provide for those in need.**

There are unique ways of working with those on the margins: Colorado Springs FUMC sponsors "Rides for Rubbish" – walking with people from the soup kitchens to pick up trash in exchange for bus passes, and twice a year the church Youth provide meals.

Mountain Vista in Utah has a sports ministry, which engages people who might not otherwise be involved with the church.

Many churches minister to those in prison. We see the Springs Bible study ministry at Fremont Correctional Facility and these pictures from Mike Spahr of Kairos Ministry to adult offenders at Bent County Correctional in Las Animas, CO. Fort Collins also sponsors a Peaks on Prison ministry.

And who could be more on the margins than those who are trafficked, treated as slaves? We see here different churches promoting awareness of human trafficking in the community through an "umbrella defense."

And then, right in our own Conference, something exciting: a new worshipping community has begun: An experimental Samoan worship service in Kearns, Utah. We welcome this service to meet the needs of this group of people.

Rocky Mountain Methodists are involved in the community! In VIM trips, UMCOR, and mission trips to locations within our Conference and throughout the world.

**We give thanks for all who hear and respond to God's call to be in ministry with all God's people.**

**Response: Imagining the Community**

**Kristi Hornick**

Matthew 25:35-36:

*Jesus said, for I was hungry and you fed me.  
I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink.  
I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home.  
I was naked, and you gave me clothing.  
I was sick, and you cared for me.  
I was in prison, and you visited me.*

The life and teachings of Jesus Christ guide us to first SEE those on the margins, becoming aware of the injustices and needs of society and then to ACT, planting, nurturing, and harvesting. What happens when we not only see, but act? What happens within others, ourselves, and communities?

Transformation.

From darkness and desperation to awareness and fulfillment  
From turmoil and chaos to tranquility and peace  
From being complacent to being passionate  
From scarcity to abundance  
From brokenness to healing and restoration  
From death to vibrancy of life

It is because of your commitment to cultivate the tree of life, to see ALL of us on the margins and act, our needs are met. I am not homeless. I am accepted, fed, clothed, mentored, loved, and safe. You rescued me, restored me, and gave me back my dignity. You saw my humanity, showed me I was worthy. You helped me reconcile with myself, God, loved ones, and my community. I am not just surviving. I am thriving. More importantly, I have realized abundant life, a life with new relationships, hopes, dreams, and possibilities. You and I are connected, always.

Jesus wouldn't see just someone's circumstance---his/her needs, disenfranchisement, loneliness, sickness, or criminal record---Jesus would see and embrace his/her full personhood. Let us imagine an entire society where we see like Jesus and act in faith--with zero inhibitions---so that our passions intersect with and meet the needs of God's people and world.

#### **Communal Response:**

To this mission we bring our ancient dreams, our dreams, our abundant dreams, our boldest dreams. We imagine a new story for God's people. Amen.

#### **Cabinet: Tell the story of "Ministry on the Margins"**

**Melanie Rosa and Jeff Rainwater**

Life changing ministry to those on the margins of society is happening all over the RMC

Metropolitan District: Each morning the world comes to the Evanston Center in the Metropolitan district: more than 100 students, representing 20 different countries. All differences fall away, as they become united in their hope to become English-speaking US citizens. Within the walls of the Evanston Center, their presence serves as a daily testimony of strangers becoming friends.

Nearly 400 people also participate in Twelve Step programs throughout the week. "I attend men's AIAAnon meetings here on Tuesdays and Saturdays." said a grieving husband, following the funeral for his wife. "We say the Lord's Prayer together at the close of each meeting. THIS place is my church."

**We build reconciliation, one relationship at a time.**

Mile High Pikes Peak District: The Food pantry at Trinity, Colorado Springs gives away about 150,000 meals per year. The church offers a worship service for the folks who come to the food pantry. Here people receive food not only for their families but, food for their souls, and extra food to feed their neighbors in need.

First UMC Castle Rock received a Legacy Grant from the Conference to start a program serving children with special needs, both on Sunday mornings and after school. These children participate in events at the church such as the Children's Christmas Musical. One child had been asked to leave several other preschools in Castle Rock for disruptive behavior. He has been a part of the Castle Rock First program for two years now.

Utah/Western Colorado District: This past year First UMC, Durango started the "Sleeping Mats Ministry" in which volunteers make sleeping mats from recycled plastic grocery bags that are given to the local homeless shelters. Norton Hindley, from Durango First, started the "Lights for Literacy" Ministry, where youth install solar lights in the Navajo Reservation in Shiprock, New Mexico. Children on the reservation can now do their homework at night.

**Ministry is about building relationships and trust with our neighbors**

Peaks and Plains: Faith UMC in Sterling adopted Marisa, who came to them homeless and addicted to Meth. With their help she got into rehab and found housing. After she got out of rehab, Marisa was baptized. She wore a “Just Do It” t-shirt that the whole church signed. She is flourishing.

First United Methodist Church, Boulder CO, has entered into an agreement to build upon their very valuable downtown property, a shelter for youth and young adults. They will do this in collaboration with Attention Homes, which has served homeless youth for years.

Trinity District: The Trinity District feeds LOTS of people! Limon gives lunch to children throughout the summer and joins Beulah and other churches in providing food for children on weekends. Many churches help Pueblo First in providing a hot breakfast for the homeless every Saturday.

Rocky Ford reaches out to the Hispanic community with a meal and activities every Wednesday. Son Rise in Pueblo West has adopted a low-income apartment building next door as well as the local elementary school. Sargent Community has joined other churches in mentoring kids. First UMC, Canon City is mentoring two families, helping them to transition out of homelessness.

Wyoming District: Churches in Wyoming work with many organizations to help those without homes. First Gillette works with Second Chance Ministries, a prison reentry program, and Yes House, an emergency youth shelter. First Casper works with Central WY Rescue Mission, Life Steps Campus and Seton House. Torrington UMC supports Goshen Help for homeless teens. Cheyenne churches partner with Family Promise offering meals and a place to stay as they transition to stable housing. Grace hosts the day center for these families on a full-time basis.

**Together, our churches are actively working to bring new life and hope to the people of the Rocky Mountain Conference.**

#### **Response: Imagining the Ministry**

**Eric Strader**

Imagine how our neighbors could be welcomed. Imagine how the stranger could be embraced. Imagine how those searching for wholeness could be welcomed. Imagine where community is created out of its need, but thrives out of a life-giving experience. Imagine the community where all children are welcome to participate in the story of God. Imagine a church that cares about the people beyond its community, the people beyond its city, people beyond its state, the people beyond their country. Imagine a church where we walk with people in the messiness of their lives, as long as it takes. Imagine a person who is at their wits end, lost, confused, desperate can find a place where they are made safe, given food, and told they are not alone. Imagine a place in the world that says to all those who the world discards, judges, and condemns, you matter here.

It is not simply something we imagine, it is something we are: The Church of Jesus Christ; offering hospitality, grace, room, and love when it is desperately needed but more important it is offered to neighbors in our community, strangers we don't know, God's beloved children.

Reaching out to be in ministry on the margins is not about church vitality or growth, it is about being what the church has always been. If we take seriously what the Rabbi Jesus said, we live in tension with a world that often rejects the painful, divisive, heart wrenching, complicated journey, for we believe what we confess, that Jesus Christ has opened the church to people of all ages and nations and races, and...and...and...

Imagine the people of God you are called to welcome next.

#### **Communal Response:**

To this mission we bring our ancient dreams, our dreams, our abundant dreams, our boldest dreams. We imagine a new story for God's people. Amen.

#### **Finance: Tell the story of “Ministry on the Margins”**

**Kirsten Barlow and Noreen Keleshian**

Finance and Administration Ministry is privileged to discuss how our connection supports and strengthens ministries with all people in our communities. Your Tithe Plus Mission Giving generously supports outreach in our neighborhoods and beyond to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

We were fortunate to have an operating budget surplus in 2015 of about \$73,000. This surplus was transferred to designated funds to

further ministries to all people. This included:

- Young people's ministry, to enhance our abilities to engage a diverse range of youth;
- Hispanic/Latino ministry, to broaden our ministries with Hispanic and Latino people;
- Transitional ministry, to support our efforts to help smaller churches transition in ways that best serve their communities.

The explanation of 2015 financial results is in the program book. Please read it and ask us if you have any questions.

### **Strong financial systems support ministry on the margins.**

Our connectional system fosters our strong benefits and property management programs, which means more Conference resources are available for program ministries.

We work with the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits to offer benefits for active and retired clergy and their families.

These benefit plans are healthy. We are pleased that the actuaries tell us all Conference pension obligations are funded at over 100%.

Our costs for retiree healthcare are paid using both budget money and investments. Our retiree healthcare investment account currently has 40% of the amount the actuaries say we need to fund this commitment into the future. One year ago we were funded at 33%, so we are moving in the right direction.

We want to remind all clergy and spouses on HealthFlex that you get money put in a Health Reimbursement Account, or HRA, for medical expenses if you take the Blueprint for Wellness, either here at Annual Conference or at a Quest facility. The amount per person is increasing from \$200 now to \$225 next year, so we really encourage you to take the Blueprint for Wellness. Last year participation was 67% and we'd love to include more of you and be closer to 100%.

Conference Trustees are responsible for properties and risk management. In 2014 the Annual Conference approved discontinuing Warren UMC, and we retained ownership of that building. It is used by another congregation and a diverse group of approximately 15 different community organizations, many of them ministering to people on the margins.

There are several petitions regarding discontinuance this year. We expect to sell the church and parsonage in DeBeque, Colorado, the former Zion UM Fellowship building in Colorado Springs, and Merritt Memorial UMC in Denver. Proceeds from the sale of these properties will be used to foster our outreach and vitality with diverse populations.

We plan to retain the former Alameda Heights UMC in Denver, and Gracia Divina, one of our Hispanic/Latino ministries, will have the opportunity to grow and flourish in that space. We will also retain the former St. Paul's UMC in Denver, and our New Church Development Committee has plans to use that space for a new ministry, *Belong*.

### **Management of Conference properties and assets supports ministry on the margins.**

Property, pension, and health expenses are necessary costs to achieve our mission. The amount past due to the Conference for these expenses at the end of 2015 was just under \$300,000. Unfortunately this was about \$23,000 higher than the amount at the end of 2014. Eleven churches make up 83% of this arrearage, and we continue to work with churches to address it.

The Council on Finance and Administration has asked Noreen to send monthly email reminders to pastors, and local church treasurers and finance chairs when these invoices are ready to be paid. We hope you find the reminders helpful and appreciate you staying current on these commitments.

Thanks to your generosity our Conference is financially stable, and we have the resources to do the work that God has called us to do with all people. Through May this year you have given more than \$2.5 million Tithe Plus Mission Giving; and we believe our \$5.6 million budget is achievable.

Members of Conference Council on Finance and Administration, Board of Pension & Health, and Trustees are listed in the nominations report; please talk with any of us if you have questions about financial and administrative ministries of the RMC.

**Your contributions and commitment undergird and support our ministries with all people throughout God's world, including our**

ministry on the margins. Thank you.

### Response: Imagining the Kingdom

Dennis Shaw

Jesus didn't have an elevator speech. But if he had (pause) Luke 7: Verses 18 to 23 offer a quality -- distilled -- mission focused -- elevator speech. :

John the Baptist sent two of his disciples to ask Jesus, 'Are you the one ...?' Jesus answered, 'Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

Jesus models clarity of focus. He gave the synagogue his mission focus and to who - then he went and did it. His focus was mission-shaped.

Healing.

Resurrection.

Hope.

And he offered these to all - perhaps especially to those on the margin in his context.

*Two quick Elevator Speeches from our Financial Report ...*

The Rocky Mountain Conference met its National and Jurisdictional obligation for the second consecutive year and expects to do it again and again. Can we offer an Amen?

Shared programs with Yellowstone are fruitful. Can we offer a second Amen?

Can we give thanks to those conference leaders that accomplished these extraordinary, not small gifts for us?

But is this a moment in our history, an occasion, to bend the arc of our financial trajectory?

Let us imagine resources dedicated to local church vitality ...

Let us imagine resources dedicated to developing worship excellence and creativity at the local church.

Let us imagine resources dedicated to showing local churches how they might be prayerfully and gracefully shown the means how to engage their community - particularly those on the margins -- in their adaptive context.

What is *our* elevator speech that will help *us* creatively re-imagine and adaptively transform the Mountain Sky landscape so that to a *future* Jane the Baptist, we might point her to what she sees and what she hears. This is the Kingdom imagined.

### Communal Response:

To this mission we bring our ancient dreams, our dreams, our abundant dreams, our boldest dreams. We imagine a new story for God's people. Amen.

### Mission and Ministry: Tell the story of "Ministry on the Margins"

Chris Frasier and Jeff Hirota

Churches in the Rocky Mountain Conference have deep roots in their communities, many having ministered to the same families for well over a hundred years. But in most every community, there is a population beyond our walls who move through very quickly. These are seasonal workers, drawn to fill short-term roles in the economy. Whether they work in agriculture, oil and gas, or the outdoor recreation industry, these people represent a changing mission field.

Our churches are responding to this fleeting population by creating mobile ministries. They are finding points of contact with those who harvest produce, operate drilling rigs, or guide river raft trips. These workers arrive in our region by the thousands every few months, often living far from their homes and families while laboring long hours in tough conditions. They often yearn for the type of stable community demonstrated within our church families.

Here are examples of churches that are reaching out to seasonal workers with simple offerings of care and fellowship.

In any given ski season, over 100,000 people visit the resort community of Breckenridge, CO. The resort workers are a necessary component to make sure the community thrives. Yet, life as a resort worker in a mountain town is not easy. Father Dyer UMC in Breckenridge devotes much of their local mission effort to this population. On any given Sunday night during the winter, close to 200 resort workers attend the church's Sunday dinner, which provides a free homemade meal and a chance to build community.

Good Pantry provides a variety of options for families and individuals working seasonal jobs. In the off season, food pantry numbers double, while people wait for their next paycheck.

Each July, the church community puts on the treasure sale, a garage sale like no other. Last year's treasure sale raised \$20,000. 100% of the proceeds goes toward Father Dyer's special assistance fund. In the past year, the fund provided snow tires for a resort worker unable to travel to a job, car repairs for a single mother needing to get to class, mortgage assistance and so on.

Alcohol and drug use is a major problem in the Breckenridge community. Father Dyer's jail ministers spend every other Tuesday night offering hope and grace to those who are down on their luck. Last year, they were given special permission to bring ashes on Ash Wednesday, and perform communion on Christmas Eve. The church is in its second year of their "lunch for lifties" program. Each Monday they hand out 50-75 lunches to resort workers who often can't eat lunch while working their shifts.

### **We serve our neighbors in our community.**

Here is another story of ministries with seasonal workers in Salida. During the summer, hundreds of people come to the Upper Arkansas Valley to work in the white water rafting industry. These guides come from all over the United States, and some come from other countries. Once the summer rafting season is over, most guides return home. While here for the summer, most guides live out of their vehicles or camp wherever they can find a spot of ground.

Salida United Methodist Church is committed to forming relationships with these raft guides. Each Wednesday night during the summer, the church provides a free dinner. The summer of 2016 marks the 5th year for this adventure of building community with our raft guide friends. The dinners are about more than food. There are games, music, and conversations. An average of 65 guides attend. Each dinner takes at least 15 volunteers to be present for set-up, serving, hosting, and clean-up. And a dozen more folks are needed to prepare the food for the evening.

This summer the church will be exploring ways to deepen their relationship with their raft guide friends. Rev. Calob Rundell, pastor of Salida UMC, will be spending regular hours each week by the river with the guides. Church members will also be take part of trips on the river with guides that they know from the weekly dinners.

### **We are deepening our relationship with our neighbors.**

#### **Response: Imagining the Mission**

**Ryan Canaday**

Let us imagine....sitting with suffering—the act of sitting with real people, who actually experience real suffering in a real world. Just to sit with them. Not to sit with them "in hopes of", or to try to fix it, or offer solutions—that's the temptation isn't it. We want a quick fix to the worlds deepest problems. But to simply sit and share stories. There's a word for this deep spiritual practice.

Storytelling.

Storytelling. It's the basis of relationship building. It's the starting place for redeeming negative turns in the story of the community. It's what helps us cultivate and empower new leaders in the mission of changing the world, of making the world a better place. This is the mission of Jesus, right? Sometimes the mission is so simple—to stand alongside people and whisper: "You can do it. I believe in you. Your story matters." Isn't this what God says to us?

The mission of Jesus was always about storytelling and relationship.

There's a beautiful story in the gospels where Jesus is with his disciples, the ones closest to him. A woman is with them and she begins to pour out expensive perfume on Jesus' head...which is actually a 1st century Jewish ritual of preparing the body for burial. The disciples are outraged: "Jesus, why is she doing this...we could have sold this perfume and given the money to the poor!"

How does Jesus respond? "No, you guys are missing it! This is all she has and she's doing a beautiful act of service—you're missing it." Jesus always sees what others can't see. He's always looking just below the surface to see what's happening.

There's a message there for us, isn't there. Don't miss the relationship that's right in front of you. You don't wanna miss this story. Stay present...because it's happening right here, right now.

- Imagine a community where relationships are honest enough to go to the deepest places.
- Imagine a community where relationships and stories—not doctrine and dogma—are central to its movement.
- Imagine the community that's willing to sit with the broken, the abandoned, the lost, the forgotten, and all those who've been told they're not good enough.

That is the Mission imagined.

**Communal Response:**

To this mission we bring our ancient dreams, our dreams, our abundant dreams, our boldest dreams. We imagine a new story for God's people. Amen.

**Words of Commitment in Closing**

**Youngsook Kang**

We give thanks to God for those churches and ministries that are engaging their community in reaching out to people on the margins. Our invitation today is that we walk together. We walk together in a common journey. We walk with the stranger, the foreigner, the outsider. We walk with those on the margins. May the blessings of God of life be with us all.



REPORT OF THE MISSION SHAPED FUTURES GROUP

I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book,  
the whole Church for my fellowship and the whole world for my mission field.” - John Wesley

We desire to reclaim our Mission Field in the spirit of John Wesley.

1. The Western Jurisdictional Conference (WJC) meets every four years and will not meet again until July 2020. An approval from the WJC in 2016 would provide the needed flexibility to form a new annual conference before 2020, when and if the conferences are ready.
2. The Yellowstone Annual Conference is faced with an URGENT situation. As of 2012, the Yellowstone Annual Conference was comprised of 99 active clergy (49 elders), 129 churches and 13,602 members. Soon, the resources will no longer be enough to meet the requirements required of an annual conference as defined by the Book of Discipline.
3. The Rocky Mountain Annual Conference is in a FRAGILE state, facing similar trends as the Yellowstone Annual Conference. As of 2012, the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference was comprised of 336 active clergy (229 elders), 265 churches, and 65,820 members. Although the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference has been able to subsist in spite of a continuous decline of resources, expenses continue to outpace income.
4. A consolidated structure would alleviate concerns of declining trends and diminishing resources. These concerns inhibit creativity. A consolidated structure would provide efficiency and economies of scale so that the annual conference could apply energy and resources toward discovering innovative ministry, methods, and service. Only then will the work of the annual conference be renewed to its purpose of equipping churches for ministry, as it is instructed in the Book of Discipline.
5. Our Mission Field is growing. Since the founding of the Rocky Mountain Conference the population of Colorado has more than doubled, from 2.2 million to 5.4 million. Since the founding of the Yellowstone Annual Conference, the population of Montana has increased by almost half, from 700 thousand to just over one million. And these demographic trends are expected to continue with increasing diversity. (*See Exhibit B on Sharing: Context, Vision, and Mission Field.*) It is time to reclaim the mission field in the same way John Wesley did.
6. The Mountain Sky Shared Futures Committee was formed in 2014 to explore the question of common purpose between the two existing conferences. The committee discovered and validated a common charge for the shared missional vision and context. In its report to each annual conference in 2015, this team made a recommendation to continue moving forward toward one, new annual conference.
7. The Mission Shaped Futures Group (sometimes referred to as the “Group”) continues to discover shared missional vision and context and fully validates the discoveries of the former group. The Mission Shaped Futures Group has formed its recommendation for continued work. The Group begins a more formal process by presenting this petition.
8. The Group felt a responsibility to include this Spirit-filled rationale:
  - a. Members and delegates of annual conferences are charged with the business of the organization, as required by the Book of Discipline and the laws of the land. However, delegates know that their meetings are not solely about fulfilling corporate requirements. Delegates discover meaning and connection, experience a mutual sense of purpose when coming together from the far corners of their annual conferences. Many leave the conference with a renewed sense of hope, and awe.
  - b. In a similar way, the Mission Shaped Futures Group felt spiritual encounters that propelled and inspired its work. The feelings of wonder and excitement that the Shared Futures Committee (2015) and the Mission Shaped Futures Group experienced have been difficult to put into words. While there is a practical understanding of realized efficiencies through consolidation of resources, they perceived something much greater.

c. “In doing this work, extraordinary experiences of one-ness have overtaken us, leading us to Spirit-filled discoveries. The Spirit moves differently around combined conference work than it does in each conference separately. Together, we are spiritually enlivened by doing the work of the gospel. We feel energized, physically and mentally. We speak, understand, and work together at a level that is higher than when we are apart. We have discovered a Spiritual synergy that makes us yearn for the energy and fire of the first Christian community.” (Members of the Mission Shaped Futures Group)

d. *Everyone around was in awe – all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person’s need was met. They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved. (Acts 2: 43-47, The Message)*

9. For many, this feels like the most important work of their careers – a unique historical moment wherein lies an opportunity to transform the way of being Christ in the context of a new, foreign mission field. It is a mission field that does not look like the churches that annual conference delegates have come to know and serve for the past 50 years. Today’s mission field looks more like the opportunities that John Wesley claimed.

10. It is time to follow the example of John Wesley. Together we will reclaim the Gospel in today’s mission

ATTACHMENTS

For the discernment of the annual conference delegates and in consideration of future work together, these exhibits have been included.

**Exhibit A**

The Beginning  
Guiding Principles for a New Annual Conference Model

**Exhibit B**

The Mountain Sky Shared Futures Group Report to the 2015 Annual Conference Session  
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**Exhibit C**

What Next?  
A Brief Outline of the Continued Work Toward a New Annual Conference.

**Exhibit D**

The Conversations Unfold  
Available June 1, 2016 following the Future Discernment Listening Sessions throughout the Mountain Sky Area.

More information about Mission Shaped Future Discernment Listening Sessions is available at:  
<http://www.rmcmc.org/missionshapedfuture>

**EXHIBIT A**  
**The Beginning**  
**Guiding Principles for a New Annual Conference Model**

Purpose

To renew and expand Wesleyan Christian Values in its Mission Field in order to empower local churches and laity to achieve the Mission of the United Methodist Church. The Mission of the United Methodist Church is to “Make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World,” according to the instructions Jesus gave his Disciples. “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...” (Matthew 28:19a NRSV)

Definition

We believe that the United Methodist denomination holds the best core values of any Christian faith tradition. Our churches are filled with believers in a Wesleyan Christian theology. We desperately want to love the world around us and share our understanding of the Christian faith. One that is accepting and loving. One that invites questions and creative thought. One that believes ALL humans have sacred worth.

The affiliated and the unaffiliated will experience Wesleyan Christian values through people not buildings, actions not meetings, relational not institutional activities, connections not committees. We will serve outwardly, not inwardly, by open expressions of love and understanding with both tangible and intangible gifts.

Priorities

The Purpose of the new annual conference will be achieved by aligning resources (funding, people, programs) first and foremost according to these priorities.

1. Renew and establish vital congregations
2. Develop leaders who are gifted at empowering local churches and laity in the Church Mission
3. Establish new faith communities to meet the needs of our unique Mission Field.

Principles

In all efforts, the new conference will:

1. Assure communications and efforts are simply stated and elegantly executed in order to meet the three Priorities in an effective and efficient manner.
2. Focus on the Mission of the Church versus the organization of the church, preservation of the conference, or denomination.
3. Assure resources are only deployed against goals that have a strong purpose and measurable outcomes.
4. Allow for the Holy Spirit to be active in everything that we do and give us needed flexibility in approach.
5. Balance consideration of the rich history of the Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain Annual Conferences with consideration of the current and future needs of its unique Mission Field.

Jesus promises us, “Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.” (Matthew 10:39 NSRV)

This is a rebirth of a conference.

*Everyone around was in awe – all those wonders and signs done through the apostles! And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person’s need was met. They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved. (Acts 2: 43-47, The Message)*

*You will go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills  
will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field  
will clap their hands.*

*Instead of the thorn bush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow.  
This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign,  
that will endure forever." (Isaiah 55: 12-13)*

The new conference will keep this spirit in mind that all that we have and all that we are belongs to God and we exist to do God's work. This is our mission, our purpose, and our reason for existing.

*It seemed like a dream, too good to be true, when God returned Zion's exiles.  
We laughed, we sang,  
we couldn't believe our good fortune.*

*We were the talk of the nations – "God was wonderful to them!"  
God was wonderful to us;  
we are one happy people.*

*And now, God, do it again –  
bring rains to our drought-stricken lives So those who planted their crops in despair  
will shout hurrahs at the harvest,  
So those who went off with heavy hearts  
will come home laughing, with armloads of blessing. (Psalm 126:1-6, The Message)*

**EXHIBIT B****The Mountain Sky Area Shared Futures Committee Report to the 2015 Annual Conference Session  
Leaning into the Future 06-04-2015****INVITING: OUR DISCOVERIES AND UNDERSTANDING**

Friends, as Easter People, Christ calls us to be recreated anew. We are invited to become a new thing that moves the Mountain Sky Area beyond merger and toward a holy communion of both the Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone Conferences to better serve the forming of disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

- We want to share our discoveries and understanding.
- Both conferences have experienced serious declines in attendance and membership over the past 15 years.
  - Yellowstone Annual Conference faces an URGENT situation with 99 active clergy (49 elders), 129 churches, and 13,602 members (as of 2012), is declining at a rate that is no longer sustainable as an annual conference.
  - Rocky Mountain Annual Conference is in a FRAGILE state. With 336 active clergy (229 elders), 265 churches, 65,820 members (as of 2012), this conference has witnessed a 13% decline in worship attendance in the last 10 years and continues on a downward trajectory.
- The current structures of the Annual Conferences have become burdensome and redundant. By joining together, we can be better stewards of our human and financial resources.
- While we honor our distinctive communities and contexts, joyfully we have found there is more that unites us than separates us.
- We think the Wesleyan vision of personal holiness and social holiness is more important than ever. We want to keep it vital in our congregations and in our region.
- We need to face it: what we are doing now is not working.
- Here's the good news: admitting that it isn't working can be liberating and healing. It gives us the freedom to re-imagine The United Methodist Church, and conference connections, for our area.
- We need time to better understand how this can happen and what it will look like.
- So, join us on this journey toward new life, continuing the dialog on a deeper level, moving toward vitality, and change.
- This is exciting work, and we are convinced we can best do it together.

**SHARING: CONTEXT, VISION, AND MISSION FIELD**

As Methodists living in the Intermountain West, what unites us? The Rocky Mountains connect us north to south, running through our states like a spine. They're "the backbone of the world," says the Blackfeet tribe. The five states in the Mountain Sky area – Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado and Idaho – stretch across the Continental Divide like a woven blanket thrown over a horse's back. Water flows from our upper ranges to the four directions. A rich harvest of natural resources often follows.

This land is filled with wild contradictions. A day's drive can cross high and dry plains, sheer mountain ranges, red-rock formations, and salt flats. It's an area blessed with vibrant communities but conflicted by competing interests. We share declining rural towns and sprawling cities, wide-open vistas and crowded resorts. This region's timeless landscape is changing before our eyes, and our population is changing along with it.

Our demographics shift with the suddenness of our seasons. Workers in recreation and energy migrate into trailer parks and man-camps, and then leave just as quickly, their numbers ebbing and flowing with changes in the global economy. A host of high-tech jobs attract droves of bright, young minds, while dwindling opportunity drains our rural communities of its most creative children. We share a love of visual and musical arts, world-class museums, and leading universities. We are cowboys and farmers, movie stars and ski bums, tech gurus and conservationists, hipsters and retirees, native peoples, immigrants, professors, artists, and laborers. We are divided by an increasing wealth gap, but united by the love of our western way of life. All together, we are people facing the same challenges, united by our love of this place, and its people.

And in the midst of these people, we yearn to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ in ways that transform our communities. We believe that the kingdom of God is among us, and we strive to live here as God intends. We have a Wesleyan vision for the Mountain Sky Area, where to be a neighbor is to serve those at our doorstep. Together, we envision safe, non-violent places for children to thrive, welcoming tables of diversity, vital congregations, and new images of Christian community.

We can imagine not just a new Annual Conference, but a new way of reaching those living in the land we call home: the Intermountain West. Join us as we seek to spread Wesleyan vitality in the Mountain Sky Area.

## **LEARNING: UNDERSTANDING CURRENT REALITY IN THE MOUNTAIN SKY AREA**

### **The FRAGILE and the URGENT**

The IMAGINE TEAM REPORT of the Rocky Mountain Conference <http://www.rmcmc.org/imagineteam2014>

### **YELLOWSTONE FUTURES TASK GROUP**

<http://bit.ly/YACRecommendation>

### **The BOTH/AND CHALLENGES of Improving and Creating**

WAITING FOR GOD'S NEW THING: Spiritual and Organizational Leadership in the In-Between Time or Why Better Isn't Good Enough

Monograph by Gil Rendle <http://bit.ly/WaitingForGodsNewThing>

## **LEADING**

We recommend to Bishop Elaine that we move forward with two groups.

1. Leadership that builds a NEW ANNUAL CONFERENCE MODEL AND IDENTITY which moves BEYOND MERGER to a simplified ORGANIZATION, focusing on the basic responsibilities of an annual conference so that resources are freed for new uses.

This group will bring a petition to the 2016 Annual Conference sessions and to the Western Jurisdictional Conference, July 13-16, 2016 in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Questions that might guide our work:

- What form of denomination will serve us well for the next 50 years?
- What impediments or constraints are we working with that are not necessary?
- What set of rules and principles frame a new identity while we experiment?

2. Leadership that identifies ways that the new Annual Conference can cultivate ministry to spread WESLEYAN VITALITY in the MISSION FIELD...both in congregational and non-congregational ways.

Questions that might guide our work:

- What do we need to live in the post-denominational world, given the generational shifts, distances, and demographics?
- What values and principles do we follow?
- What new forms of Wesleyan witness are emerging?

The Mountain Sky Shared Futures Committee Yellowstone Conference:

Dave McConnell (Bozeman, MT), Co-Chair; Doug Morton (Great Falls, MT); Margaret Nowak (Chester, MT); Debbie Schmidt (Whitefish, MT); Jeremy Scott (Billings, MT); Alice Swett (Buffalo, WY); David Burt (Billings, MT), Staff

Rocky Mountain Conference:

Janet Forbes (Highlands Ranch, CO), Co-Chair; Steve Burnett (Colorado Springs, CO); Chris Frasier (Denver, CO); Kristi Kinnison (Greenwood Village, CO); Elizabeth McVicker (Cheyenne, WY); Doug Palmer (Niwot, CO); Youngsook Kang (Greenwood Village, CO), Staff

Bishop Elaine Stanovsky

**EXHIBIT C  
What Next?**

**A Brief Outline of the Continued Work Toward a New Annual Conference**

After the June, 2015 annual conference meetings, Bishop Stanovsky formed and appointed a Mission Shaped Futures Team (MSF) to pursue the recommendations both in terms of building the new annual conference model and identifying opportunities to express Wesleyan grace and vitality in both congregational and non-congregational ways.

The MSF formed two work groups to guide the new conference formation and our engagement with a new mission field.

- Mission-Shaped Future - ONE (MSF-1) will develop a proposal to form a new annual conference comprising the whole territory of the Mountain Sky Area, both the present Yellowstone and the present Rocky Mountain Conferences. We anticipate this proposal coming for a vote at both annual conference sessions and the Western Jurisdictional Conference in 2016.
- Mission-Shaped Future - TWO (MSF-2) will lead a process of envisioning what a new season of Vital Wesleyan ministry in the Mountain Sky Area might look like. It will answer questions like, how do we best use our resources (people, buildings, congregations, and funds) to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world? The work of this group will take longer and be on-going. It will work to envision what ministry will look like that is not necessarily rooted in what we have known as "congregations."

**(From Mountain Sky Outlook, Bishop Elaine Stanovsky, November 13, 2015)**

When the Mission Shaped Futures Team was able to dream outside of the boundaries of current structure, it was able to clearly see concise purposes, principles, and priorities of a new annual conference. (Exhibit A).

The Bishop instructed the MSF to actively engage stakeholders in Future Discernment Listening Sessions throughout the Mountain Sky Area.

If the outcome of the petitions to the annual conferences and subsequently to the Western Jurisdiction are both in favor, the conferences will have the flexibility to work at a pace that is amenable to creating the best plan for a new conference and may officially form a new conference when ready.

**SUGGESTED TIMELINE**

**Creation and Implementation of a New Annual Conference**

**2016**

This petition is approved by both conferences and the Western Jurisdictional Conference.

We develop a comprehensive PLAN FOR THE CREATION of a new annual conference. The plan may include the Book of Discipline questions, alignment of resources according to vision and missional priorities, structure, staffing, budget, pension and health insurance benefits, property management, candidacy and ordination processes, and appointments. This work continues into 2017 to include the STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION/TRANSITION.

**2017**

At separate conference sessions, we refine the PLAN FOR THE CREATION and STAGES OF IMPLEMENTATION / TRANSITION. Approval is sought and received from both conferences for creation of the new conference.

**2018**

We host the FIRST JOINT CONFERENCE SESSION, either face-to-face or in regional locations through cyber-connection.

**2019**

We affirm the INCORPORATION of a new annual conference and enact the TRANSITION PLAN. This work likely continues into 2020.

**EXHIBIT D**

**The Conversations Unfold**

Available June 1, 2016 following the Future Discernment Listening Sessions throughout the Mountain Sky Area

## The Rocky Mountain Conference Legacy Fund

**Rev. Dr. C. Dennis Shaw**

The Legacy Fund was created by the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference action in order to provide “critical funding for projects and encourage ministries that will make a difference and enhance vital congregations.” The Legacy Fund is sustained by the sale of closed churches, and we see these funds in terms of a mantle being passed from one generation to the next.

Since 2012, the legacy fund has reviewed 95 applications, 34 of which were approved. The total requested in that 95 is \$4.4M, of which \$1.15M was approved. Using current districts:

- Metro – 8
- Mile High/Pikes Peak – 7
- Peaks and Plains – 7
- Trinity – 6
- Utah/Western Colorado – 4
- Wyoming -- 2

The composition of the Legacy Fund Standing Committee (LFSC) is established by conference rule. There are five voting members with a non-voting chair:

- Reverend Margaret Gillikin – Cabinet Representative
- Paul Kinney – Council of Finance and Administration Representative
- Reverend Jeremy Scott – Director of Ministry and Mission Representative
- Reverend Patti Agnew – Chair, New Congregation Development
- Reverend Michelle Lee -- Trustee Representative
- (Non-Voting) Reverend Dr. C. Dennis Shaw – Chair

The Committee operates in an advisory role to the Conference Trustees. Approval authority rests by *Book of Discipline* with the Trustees. There are *Book of Discipline* requirements related to the size of the community of the closed church that must be addressed by the Trustees in their review and approval. That requirement hinges on population centers of 50,000 residents or more. We generally use county population as our analytical baseline but we will use the most favorable definition of “center” for the local church while meeting the disciplinary requirements. This is particularly relevant in that the rural Legacy account is substantially smaller than the urban Legacy account.

Grants are reviewed regularly by the Legacy Fund Standing Committee, and their recommendations are acted upon by the Conference Trustees. It is the committee’s specific strategy to have two windows a year: January 1 to March 15 and July 1 to September 15 with reviews and approvals following that for resourcing by July 1 and January 1 respectively.

Key dates for this window are:

- Jan/July of the year– grant application window opens.
- Deadline to apply is March 15 and September 15 respectively.
- The grant requests are circulated to the committee and they are carefully studied and reviewed in the period between receipt and meeting.
- The Legacy Fund Standing Committee (LFSC) will meet in April and October to review, discuss, and vote.
- Trustees will review the LFSC recommendations in May and November and the Conference Trustees approve or disapprove.
- The grants will be announced in May and November via email to applicant with funds being dispersed for use no earlier than July or January.
- Agree to report annually and at conclusion of the project on the impact of the funding.

Applications that get favorable consideration typically:

1. Share costs, i.e. the Legacy Fund is asked to cover some, but not all, of the expenses. Total funding by Legacy is extremely rare. There is no precise percentage here and context is important.
2. Are focused on a new ministry or a new feature or element of an old one.
3. Lay out expected outcomes in terms of metrics, i.e. numbers. If the metrics articulated are not traditional vital signs, then what? Traditional vital signs are worship attendance, baptisms, and professions of faith. If

you don't use those, lay out what the self-identified metrics will be. But, realistic and attainable metrics of some variety are an imperative.

4. Are not exclusively focused on needs associated with aging infrastructure (and this includes Americans with Disabilities Act related needs). Addressing infrastructure as a component of a new ministry is a possibility. However, parking lots, air-conditioning, and heaters have consistently not been approved.
5. Are able to articulate with clarity where the applicant expects to make a difference at their church or in their community.
6. Existing churches have been largely focused on programmatic ministries. New local churches the focus has been more in assisting with capital requirements.

The majority of grants approved have been between \$30,000 and \$60,000. Grants greater than \$100,000 require an extended period of conversation and dialogue with LFSC and the DS.

Extension ministries within the Rocky Mountain Conference may apply, but the above five considerations apply. *The clear imperative on all grants is what type of difference you expect to make with these mantle-passing resources.*

The Conference Trustees approved the following eleven local church grants for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016:

1. Highlands UMC (\$92,000) for Child Care Void in NW Denver.
2. Boulder St. Paul's UMC (\$35,000) for multiple community engagement projects.
3. Castle Rock First UMC (\$33,948) for special needs child development.
4. Breckenridge Father Dyer UMC (\$22,750) for community outreach.
5. Salida First (\$15,768 through Conference Communications) for A/V Equipment.
6. The Land (\$250,000) for new church start development.
7. McClave UMC (\$10,000) for Community Food Pantry.
8. Elizabeth UMC (\$50,000) assistance with new church start mortgage.
9. Crossroads UMC (\$14,857) for a new child development center.
10. University Park UMC (\$45,000) for the Evanston Spiritual Center.
11. Wilson UMC (\$21,543) for *Diakonia* educational ministry to low-income children.

Funds were also approved to assist funding several Conference initiatives, e.g. Transitional Ministry Development, Conference Board of Discipleship and Whole Church Initiative.

**Rocky Mountain Conference of The United Methodist Church  
Financial Commentary to the  
2016 Annual Conference**

**What were Financial Highlights for the Year Ended December 31, 2015?**

We are pleased to report that the Rocky Mountain Conference paid its 2015 General Church and Jurisdictional Apportionments at 100%. This is the second consecutive year we have met this important commitment, and we will continue to do so.

The 2015 operating budget for revenue and expenses was \$5.6 million. Actual revenue was approximately \$5.57 million and expenses were approximately \$5.5 million. This resulted in a surplus for the year of \$73,384.

The operating surplus was invested in these amounts to support future ministry:

- Temporary position of Transitional Ministry Developer: \$45,000
- Young People's Ministry: \$5,000
- Hispanic/Latino Ministry Missionary: \$8,384
- Rocky Mountain Conference Operating Fund Reserve: \$15,000.

Surpluses generate funds to maintain and grow ministry in years when there is a shortfall. The Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CF&A) encourages the use of restricted and designated funds in conjunction with annual budget funds to maximize our ability to do ministry.

What were the most significant expense items that varied from the budget in 2015?

- General and Jurisdictional Apportionments - These were budgeted to be paid at 96% in 2015. CF&A made the decision to pay them at 100%, so this expense was \$74,533 over budget.
- Benevolence & Program Ministry - Expenses for Justice Ministries and Young People's Ministry were each more than \$5,000 below budget. New Church Development was \$4,000 over budget. We did not budget for Visioning and spent \$8,229 on these activities. Conference Programming Staff was approximately \$82,000 below budget, because staffing and staff-related expenses that were budgeted for a full year were incurred for only part of the year.
- Spiritual Leadership Ministry - Lay Ministry expenses were \$10,800 below budget, and the Board of Ordained Ministry was \$7,500 over budget. District Superintendent and Cabinet operations and travel expenses were \$56,400 below budget. Clergy Support expenses are incurred each year based on need and circumstances. Overages in Moving Expense and Clergy Introduction Fund were offset by items that were under budget, including Interim Clergy Support and Equitable/Minimum Compensation.
- Financial & Administrative Ministry - Conference Office and Computer Expense were each \$18,300 below budget, because actual expenses for utilities, building maintenance and repairs, staff travel, and computer consultants were lower than expected. Property Administration, including expenses for insurance and property management, were higher than budgeted. Since CF&A moved expenses of the Conference Board of Pension & Health Benefits into the operating fund in 2015, there was no budget for these expenses. The actual expense was \$6,068.

The past due amount owed to the Rocky Mountain Conference for property and liability insurance, clergy pension, and health insurance was \$296,870 at December 31, 2015, which was \$23,170 higher than year-end 2014. CF&A and the Cabinet continue to follow up with individual churches to address these past due commitments. A current report of past due amounts is online at [www.rmcmc.org](http://www.rmcmc.org). The Conference has no debt, and restricted and designated funds are fully funded.

**What is our Revenue Projection for the Year 2016?**

The 2016 budgeted revenue approved by the Annual Conference remained at \$5.6 million and through March 31, 2016 we had received approximately 29% of that in Tithe Plus Mission Giving. CF&A is projecting that we will achieve our revenue budget of \$5.6 million for 2016.

**What are Key Assumptions for the Budget Year 2017?**

Revenue

CF&A has approved a Tithe Plus Mission Giving budget of \$5.63 million in 2017. This is an increase of \$30,000 from the 2016 budget.

Expenses

The budget is based on the Rocky Mountain Conference paying its General and Jurisdictional apportionments at 100% in 2017. We will maintain our commitment to connectional giving while nurturing the roots of our faith and growing our vital ministries.

The number of Conference staff and compensation levels are budgeted per the Personnel Policies and Practices Committee to meet the ministry and administrative needs of the Conference and its members. Conference personnel costs in 2017 will be covered through a combination of the general operating budget and designated funds. The Director of Communications, Transitional Ministry Developer, Vital Congregations Developer, and Wyoming District Superintendent are shared Mountain Sky Area positions; a portion of these positions is funded by the Rocky Mountain Conference and a portion by the Yellowstone Conference.

#### Benevolence and Program Ministry

The Benevolence and Program Ministry budget has been established by the Board of Stewards. The Board of Stewards kept the 2017 budget for program ministries at the same level as the 2016 budget. The increase in Benevolence and Program Ministry in 2017 is reflected in Conference Programming Staff, which includes annual compensation increases for staff.

#### Spiritual Leadership Ministry

The 2017 budget for District Superintendents includes anticipated expenses for compensation plus benefits, District operations, and other expenses. Clergy Moving Expense is budgeted based on the average number of moves during the past quadrennium and the current policy regarding payment of moving expenses. Other Clergy Support expenses are budgeted based on the average expenditures for the past several years.

#### Financial and Administrative Ministry

The Conference Office budget includes expenses for technology upgrades, budgeted increases for building maintenance and utilities, and annual compensation increases for staff. The amount needed for the Retiree Health Subsidy is lower in 2017 than in prior years, and funds will be drawn from our account at Wespith Investment Management if an additional subsidy is needed.

Computer Expense includes software maintenance agreements, equipment upgrades, and information technology consulting services. We have budgeted to use less consulting services, since we have added this expertise in-house. The Audit includes both our independent financial audit and the valuation of the post-retirement medical commitment. The financial audit is projected to increase in cost with the move to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. We have a full valuation done of the post-retirement medical commitment every other year, which is more expensive than the partial valuation. The full valuation is scheduled to be done in 2017.

#### Summary

Revenue from Tithe Plus Mission Giving is budgeted at \$5,630,000 and expenses are budgeted to be \$5,626,012. This 2017 budget is recommended by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration for approval by the Annual Conference.

#### **Comprehensive Benefit Funding Plan**

Our 2017 Comprehensive Benefit Funding Plan outlines the benefits provided to the clergy and laity of the Rocky Mountain Conference, and our resources and plans to fund these benefits. The Plan addresses pension and retirement benefits, health benefits, long-term disability, life insurance, and other benefits as applicable for eligible clergy and lay staff.

The 2017 Comprehensive Benefit Funding Plan Summary document can be found online at [www.rmcmc.org/ac16](http://www.rmcmc.org/ac16).

The Rocky Mountain Conference Comprehensive Benefit Funding Plan received a favorable written opinion from the General Board of Pension and Health Benefits. It was signed and submitted by Kimal James, Chairperson, Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits; Kirsten Barlow, President, Conference Council on Finance and Administration; and Noreen Keleshian, Conference Treasurer and Benefits Officer; and is recommended for approval by the Annual Conference.

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**Presentation of 2017 Budget**

	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Budget</u>
<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>				
Church Tithe Plus Mission Giving	5,600,000	5,562,681	5,600,000	5,630,000
Other Income	-	9,604	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>5,600,000</b>	<b>5,572,285</b>	<b>5,600,000</b>	<b>5,630,000</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>				
Black College Fund	121,709	126,780	122,896	124,683
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	23,874	24,868	24,106	24,446
World Service Fund	888,709	925,738	897,357	910,456
Africa University Fund	27,234	28,368	27,511	27,904
Ministerial Education Fund	305,104	317,816	308,081	312,574
Episcopal Fund	266,543	277,649	289,273	274,063
General Administration Fund	107,272	111,741	108,342	109,890
Western Jurisdiction Program & Administration	48,439	50,457	50,457	50,457
<b>TOTAL General and Jurisdictional Apportionments</b>	<b>1,788,884</b>	<b>1,863,417</b>	<b>1,828,023</b>	<b>1,834,473</b>
Board of Stewards	2,825	2,867	2,825	2,825
Justice Ministries	17,880	12,684	16,500	12,000
Acts of Repentance (Sand Creek)	10,000	9,105	5,000	5,000
Racial-Ethnic Ministries	21,000	21,929	18,000	18,000
Ecumenical Ministries	14,000	14,000	12,000	12,000
Disability Connections Committee	250	237	250	250
Status and Role of Women	500	-	500	300
Religion and Race	3,400	1,158	3,500	3,500
Intercultural Ministry	1,500	1,051	1,500	1,000
Board of Discipleship	1,400	40	500	250
Young People's Ministry	23,175	16,183	11,000	23,000
Board of Higher Education & Campus Ministry	97,685	95,668	95,000	96,000
New Church Development	300,000	304,001	317,500	310,000
Turn Around Churches	30,550	30,550	27,245	30,000
Congregational Vitality	15,000	16,430	27,500	22,000
Leadership Development	31,000	30,112	20,000	22,000
Visioning	-	8,229	2,000	15,000
Camp & Retreat Ministries	29,500	29,560	27,000	17,000
Compassion Ministries	25,055	22,905	24,500	22,000
Communications	14,600	12,374	11,000	11,000
Conference Programming Staff	627,465	545,144	675,462	690,110
<b>TOTAL Benevolence &amp; Program Ministry</b>	<b>1,266,785</b>	<b>1,174,227</b>	<b>1,298,782</b>	<b>1,313,235</b>
Nominations Committee	900	228	650	500
Board of Lay Ministry AC	8,440	4,481	7,870	7,020
Board of Lay Ministry	6,150	4,554	7,880	8,380
Lay Leader Support	4,320	1,947	5,000	4,600
Lay Servant	4,450	1,562	4,600	4,600
Board of Ordained Ministry	24,300	31,816	27,700	28,300
District Superintendent	970,795	911,650	939,415	903,795

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**Presentation of 2017 Budget**

	<u>2015</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>2017</u> <u>Budget</u>
District Superintendent Staff	126,040	122,427	127,690	134,248
Cabinet Fund	35,000	41,319	35,000	40,000
Interim Clergy Support	5,000	-	5,000	2,500
District Meetings	5,000	3,775	1,800	3,000
Clergy Moving Expense	100,000	114,687	138,000	127,500
Clergy Maternity/Paternity Leave	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
Equitable/Minimum Compensation	35,970	24,696	20,000	20,000
Sustentation Fund	5,000	3,500	5,000	4,000
Clergy Introduction Fund	6,000	15,124	10,000	10,000
Response Team	3,200	2,617	2,650	3,200
Episcopal Office Support	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
Episcopacy Committee	2,700	9	500	250
<b>TOTAL Spiritual Leadership Ministry</b>	<b>1,365,265</b>	<b>1,305,392</b>	<b>1,360,755</b>	<b>1,323,893</b>
Council on Finance & Administration	5,000	3,661	3,000	3,000
Conference Office	488,071	470,013	502,611	540,526
Retiree Health Subsidy	450,000	449,027	405,000	390,000
Computer Expense	66,340	47,709	57,220	50,000
Board of Trustees	5,000	2,712	2,500	2,500
Property Administration	50,000	63,711	58,200	67,000
Camping Administration	20,000	20,000	5,000	-
Archives and History	3,905	3,807	1,909	1,885
Conference Board of Pension & Health Benefits	-	6,068	10,000	8,000
Personnel Committee	2,000	643	1,000	1,000
Rocky Mountain United Methodist Foundation	10,000	10,000	-	-
Legal	30,000	28,264	25,000	25,000
Audit	32,000	33,500	24,000	50,500
General and Jurisdictional Training	16,750	16,750	17,000	15,000
<b>TOTAL Financial &amp; Administrative Ministry</b>	<b>1,179,066</b>	<b>1,155,865</b>	<b>1,112,440</b>	<b>1,154,411</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>5,600,000</b>	<b>5,498,901</b>	<b>5,600,000</b>	<b>5,626,012</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES BEFORE ALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,384</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,988</b>
Allocation for Transitional Ministry Developer		45,000		
Allocation for Young People's Ministry		5,000		
Allocation for Hispanic/Latino Ministry Missionary		8,384		
Allocation to Operating Fund Reserve		15,000		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES AFTER ALLOCATIONS</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,988</b>

**Allocation of 2014 Surplus to Designated Funds**

**Rocky Mountain Conference of The United Methodist Church**  
 Posted General Ledger Transactions - 1-Ind Posted Transaction Rpt  
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Document Number	Transaction Description	Effective D...	1099 Typ...	Fu...	Func...	Function Title	GL C...	GL Title	Lo...	Ex... Code	Debit	Credit
12-2014 Misc 16	Allocation of 2014 General Fund Surplus	12/31/2014	10	10	4040	Reserve Account	1951	Due To/From Other Funds	00	000	409,000.00	409,000.00
	Allocation of 2014 General Fund Surplus	12/31/2014	10	4040	Reserve Account	5810	5810	Transfer Out	00	000	409,000.00	
	Allocation of 2014 General Fund Surplus	12/31/2014	15	15			1951	Due To/From Other Funds			409,000.00	
	Allocation of 2014 General Fund Surplus	12/31/2014	15	6368	6368	Leadership Development	4810	Transfer in	00	000		30,000.00
	Allocation of 2014 General Fund Surplus	12/31/2014	15	6383	6383	Hispanic/Latino Missionary	4810	Transfer in	00	000		60,000.00
	Allocation of 2014 General Fund Surplus	12/31/2014	15	6400	6400	Whole Church Initiative	4810	Transfer in	00	000		65,000.00
	Allocation of 2014 General Fund Surplus	12/31/2014	15	6450	6450	General/Jurisdictional Conference	4810	Transfer in	00	000		20,000.00
	Allocation of 2014 General Fund Surplus	12/31/2014	15	6460	6460	Transitional Ministries Developer	4810	Transfer in	00	000		120,000.00
	Allocation of 2014 General Fund Surplus	12/31/2014	15	6576	6576	Communication Technology	4810	Transfer in	00	000		50,000.00
	Allocation of 2014 General Fund Surplus	12/31/2014	15	6803	6803	Annual Conference	4810	Transfer in	00	000		25,000.00
	Allocation of 2014 General Fund Surplus	12/31/2014	15	6901	6901	Conference Reserve Fund	4810	Transfer in	00	290		39,000.00

<b>Area</b>	<b>Fund</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Total</b>
M&M Reserves	Leadership Development	30,000.00	
M&M Reserves	Hispanic/Latino Ministry (Missionary)	60,000.00	
M&M Reserves	Whole Church Initiative	65,000.00	
M&M Reserves	Transitional Ministries Developer	120,000.00	
M&M Reserves	Communications Technology	50,000.00	325,000.00
Operating Reserves	General/Jurisdictional Conferences	20,000.00	
Operating Reserves	Annual Conference	25,000.00	
Operating Reserves	Conference Reserves-Church Trial	40,000.00	85,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>410,000.00</b>	<b>410,000.00</b>

Note: Additional JE needed for #6901, amount of transfer changed from original plan

**HISTORICAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE SUPPORT OF  
GENERAL CHURCH APPORTIONMENTS**

	<b>Percentage</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Paid</b>
1976	92.26%
1977	88.84%
1978	89.97%
1979	86.56%
1980	86.37%
1981	88.01%
1982	81.22%
1983	79.98%
1984	80.16%
1985	79.05%
1986	79.27%
1987	78.28%
1988	79.81%
1989	82.02%
1990	86.00%
1991	88.87%
1992	89.52%
1993	87.30%
1994	86.95%
1995	84.19%
1996	89.60%
1997	89.00%
1998	89.04%
1999	90.26%
2000	88.71%
2001	88.29%
2002	79.88%
2003	81.29%
2004	83.49%
2005	79.67%
2006	82.29%
2007	83.01%
2008	69.73%
2009	80.00%
2010	90.19%
2011	95.05%
2012	97.13%
2013	93.04%
2014	100.00%
2015	100.00%
Goal 2016	100.00%
Goal 2017	100.00%

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TITHE PLUS MISSION GIVING REPORT  
For the Church Year January 2015 to December 2015

Metropolitan District			
<u>GCFA Number</u>	<u>Church Name</u>	<u>Tithe Plus Mission Giving</u>	<u>Connectional Giving Certificate Awarded?</u>
850724	After Hours Denver	\$ 5,947	Yes
850518	Alameda Heights UMC	\$ 5,791	Yes
850108	Arvada UMC	\$ 81,372	
850154	Aurora First UMC	\$ 7,041	Yes
850586	Berkeley UMC	\$ 1,685	
850622	Bethany UMC	\$ 11,129	Yes
850666	Brentwood UMC	\$ 18,000	
850382	Burns Memorial UMC	\$ 23,735	Yes
850702	Cameron UMC*	\$ 2,017	
850165	Christ Central UMC, Aurora	\$ 2,400	
850746	Christ UMC, Denver	\$ 24,573	Yes
850781	Edgewater UMC	\$ 408	
850906	Epworth UMC	\$ -	
851901	First UMC, Golden	\$ 28,523	
850633	Ghana Wesley UM Fellowship	\$ -	
851045	Good Shepherd UMC, Thornton	\$ 35,418	Yes
851730	Goode Centennial UMC	\$ 2,677	Yes
851103	Grant Avenue UMC	\$ 5,450	Yes
851147	Highlands UMC	\$ 17,713	
851182	Jefferson Avenue UMC	\$ 5,000	
851227	John Collins UMC	\$ -	
850713	Journey of Faith	\$ 700	
850690	Korean Emmanuel UMC	\$ -	
851262	Lakewood UMC	\$ 33,415	
851342	Merritt Memorial UMC	\$ -	
851386	Montclair UMC	\$ -	
851444	Mountain View UC, Aurora	\$ 790	
850600	Northglenn Asian UM Fellowship	\$ 550	
851364	Northglenn UMC	\$ 30,032	
851422	Park Hill UMC	\$ 35,261	
850850	Phillips UMC	\$ 34,029	Yes
851568	Scott UMC	\$ 28,238	Yes
947542	Simpson UMC	\$ 23,823	
000454	Spirit of Hope UMC	\$ 16,246	Yes
851466	St Paul's UMC, Denver	\$ -	
850176	Tongan Fellowship, Aurora	\$ -	
851546	Trinity UMC, Denver	\$ 221,238	Yes
851125	United Church of Montbello	\$ 150	
851581	University Park UMC	\$ 87,413	
851661	Washington Park UMC	\$ 40,245	Yes
852381	Westminster UMC	\$ 1,660	
851785	Wheat Ridge UMC	\$ 3,000	
<b>Metropolitan District Total</b>		<b>\$ 835,669</b>	

\*Cameron UMC's Tithe Plus Mission Giving was incorrectly reported in the 2015 Journal.  
The correct amount was \$1,208, not the \$2,769 previously reported.

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Mile High/Pikes Peak District			
<u>GCFA Number</u>	<u>Church Name</u>	<u>Tithe Plus Mission Giving</u>	<u>Connectional Giving Certificate Awarded?</u>
850507	Applewood Valley UMC	\$ 44,879	Yes
850542	Asbury Korean UMC	\$ 3,000	
854904	Calhan UMC	\$ 4,000	
850393	Calvary UMC	\$ 64,328	Yes
850735	Central UMC	\$ 31,817	
850484	Columbine United Church	\$ 13,931	
850280	Deer Park UMC, Bailey	\$ 3,865	
855065	East UMC, Colorado Springs	\$ 7,558	
000476	Elizabeth UMC	\$ 4,237	Yes
850757	Ellicott UMC, Calhan	\$ 425	
851136	Evergreen UMC	\$ 32,200	Yes
850267	Father Dyer UMC	\$ 52,639	Yes
850462	First UMC, Castle Rock	\$ 61,324	Yes
855101	First UMC, Colorado Springs	\$ 278,155	Yes
855420	First UMC, Fountain	\$ 14,256	Yes
850438	Good Shepherd UMC, Colorado Springs	\$ 26,606	
851023	Grace UMC, Denver	\$ 36,582	Yes
851912	Green Mountain UMC	\$ 27,497	
850848	Heritage UMC	\$ 24,720	
850883	Hope UMC	\$ 64,891	
855112	Korean American UMC	\$ 39,970	Yes
851307	Littleton UMC	\$ 76,194	
855830	Mountain View UMC, Woodland Park	\$ 9,000	
852186	Parker UMC	\$ 148,312	Yes
855282	Peoples UMC	\$ 13,105	
850473	Pikes Peak UMC	\$ 1,221	
851433	Rush UMC	\$ 600	
851557	Simla UMC	\$ 347	
851455	Smoky Hill UMC	\$ 55,402	
851320	St Andrew UMC, Highlands Ranch	\$ 244,290	
852038	St James UMC, Central City	\$ 10,148	Yes
851295	St Luke's UMC, Highlands Ranch	\$ 100,672	
855145	St Paul's UMC, Colorado Springs	\$ 32,819	
855156	Stratmoor Hills UMC	\$ 9,905	
855043	Sunrise UMC	\$ 151,723	Yes
850132	Tapestry UMC - Parker	\$ 520	
850894	Tri-Lakes UMC	\$ 96,699	Yes
855180	Trinity UMC, Colorado Springs	\$ 3,392	
852027	United Church of Idaho Springs	\$ -	
850405	Wilson UMC	\$ 36,694	Yes
850575	Zion UM Fellowship	\$ -	
<b>Mile High/Pikes Peak District Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,827,926</b>	

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Peaks & Plains District			
<u>GCFA Number</u>	<u>Church Name</u>	<u>Tithe Plus Mission Giving</u>	<u>Connectional Giving Certificate Awarded?</u>
852541	Akron UMC	\$ 8,678	Yes
852905	Alger Memorial UMC	\$ 4,987	Yes
850303	Brighton UMC	\$ 41,195	Yes
850347	Broomfield UMC	\$ 211,653	Yes
852780	Brush UMC	\$ 2,687	
850837	Christ UMC, Fort Collins	\$ 47,246	Yes
854380	Christ UMC, Sterling	\$ 11,000	
853660	Community UMC, Keenesburg	\$ 8,268	Yes
852940	Erie UMC	\$ 13,197	Yes
850201	Estes Park UMC	\$ 28,664	Yes
852984	Evans UMC	\$ 1,727	Yes
851570	Faith UMC, Sterling	\$ 2,502	
850198	First UMC, Berthoud	\$ 12,271	
852701	First UMC, Boulder	\$ 72,488	Yes
853066	First UMC, Fort Collins	\$ 44,015	
853146	First UMC, Fort Lupton	\$ 23,814	
853261	First UMC, Greeley	\$ 11,000	
853421	First UMC, Holyoke	\$ 7,072	
853740	First UMC, Lafayette	\$ 20,512	
853900	First UMC, Longmont	\$ 54,305	Yes
853988	First UMC, Loveland	\$ 91,378	Yes
854221	First UMC, Pierce	\$ 5,938	Yes
854265	First UMC, Platteville	\$ 8,873	Yes
854540	First UMC, Windsor	\$ 15,600	
853022	Fleming UMC	\$ 2,067	
853181	Fort Morgan UMC	\$ 38,739	Yes
853341	Haxtun UMC	\$ 18,212	
853875	Howard UMC, Woodrow	\$ 8,290	Yes
853465	James Memorial UMC	\$ 3,648	Yes
853625	Julesburg UMC	\$ 4,935	
851034	Kirk UMC	\$ 2,587	Yes
851114	LeRoy UMC	\$ 1,215	
851158	Longs Peak UMC	\$ 59,152	Yes
853944	Louisville UMC	\$ 14,300	
854026	Lyons Community Church	\$ 9,063	Yes
851273	Mead UMC	\$ 7,060	Yes
852723	Mountain View UMC, Boulder	\$ 53,470	Yes
851318	Niwot UMC	\$ 21,030	Yes
854141	Ovid UMC	\$ 4,246	Yes
851375	Peetz Community Church	\$ 240	
853603	Pleasant Valley UMC	\$ 5,692	Yes
854301	Rinn UMC	\$ 15,847	
852734	St Paul's UMC, Boulder	\$ 12,757	
851193	Trinity UMC, Loveland	\$ 13,931	
853545	UMC of Hygiene	\$ 11,815	Yes
853580	UMC of Johnstown	\$ 24,279	
850677	Wellington Um Fellowship	\$ -	
854505	Willard UMC	\$ 1,985	
854584	Wray UMC	\$ 13,668	
854620	Yuma UMC	\$ 16,955	Yes
<b>Peaks &amp; Plains District Total</b>		<b>\$ 1,114,250</b>	

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Trinity District			
<u>GCFA Number</u>	<u>Church Name</u>	<u>Tithe Plus Mission Giving</u>	<u>Connectional Giving Certificate Awarded?</u>
856207	Adriance UMC	\$ 7,912	
856993	Avondale UMC	\$ 6,911	Yes
854788	Beulah UMC	\$ 7,268	Yes
850278	Blue Cliff UMC	\$ 2,721	Yes
856060	Bowen Community UMC	\$ 2,186	Yes
854868	Bristol UMC	\$ 1,944	Yes
852825	Burlington UMC	\$ 23,459	Yes
854983	Center UMC	\$ 16,304	Yes
855021	Cheraw UMC	\$ 2,552	
852860	Cheyenne Wells UMC	\$ 6,227	Yes
888888	Community UMC, South Fork	\$ -	
857144	Community UMC, Westcliffe	\$ 12,725	
855305	Eads UMC	\$ 650	
854744	First UMC, Alamosa	\$ 9,266	
854948	First UMC, Canon City	\$ 20,000	
855384	First UMC, Florence	\$ 8,688	Yes
853864	First UMC, Limon	\$ 15,653	Yes
856300	First UMC, Pueblo	\$ 15,402	
856504	First UMC, Rocky Ford	\$ 12,267	
856628	First UMC, Salida	\$ 18,974	Yes
856708	First UMC, Springfield	\$ 15,692	Yes
855464	Fowler UMC	\$ 8,466	Yes
850872	Genoa UMC	\$ 5,585	Yes
850495	Grace UM Faith Community, Buena Vista	\$ 8,330	Yes
855544	Granada UMC	\$ 2,868	Yes
855668	Haswell UMC	\$ 605	
855704	Holly UMC	\$ 5,642	
856548	Home UMC, Rye	\$ 8,314	
853501	Hugo UMC	\$ 9,162	Yes
853705	Kit Carson UMC	\$ -	
855783	Lamar UMC	\$ 610	
855828	Las Animas UMC	\$ 6,492	Yes
855863	LaVeta UMC	\$ 10,278	
855943	Manzanola UMC	\$ 2,652	Yes
857190	McClave UMC	\$ 4,750	
856025	Monte Vista UMC	\$ 7,996	Yes
856105	Mosca UMC	\$ 2,347	
856140	Olney Springs Community UMC	\$ 2,900	Yes
856184	Ordway UMC	\$ 6,379	
856583	Saguache UMC	\$ 1,611	Yes
856663	Sargent Community Church	\$ 8,466	
851397	SonRise UMC	\$ 22,792	
851592	Stratton UMC	\$ 3,375	
856823	Swink UMC	\$ 2,943	Yes
856903	Trinidad UMC	\$ 11,723	Yes
856947	Two Buttes UMC	\$ 2,157	Yes
855748	UMC of La Junta	\$ 16,972	Yes
856982	Vineland UMC	\$ 14,486	Yes
857020	Walsenburg United Church	\$ 2,567	
857064	Walsh UMC	\$ 8,152	Yes
856388	Wesley UMC, Pueblo	\$ 23,192	Yes
857188	Wiley UMC	\$ 7,191	Yes
<b>Trinity District Total</b>		<b>\$ 425,804</b>	

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Utah/Western Colorado District			
<u>GCEA Number</u>	<u>Church Name</u>	<u>Tithe Plus Mission Giving</u>	<u>Connectional Giving Certificate Awarded?</u>
858640	Aldersgate UMC	\$ 6,767	
850143	Aspen Community UMC	\$ 31,110	Yes
850223	Basalt Community UMC	\$ 6,460	Yes
850427	Carbondale UMC	\$ 8,438	Yes
857348	Cedaredge Community UMC	\$ 10,178	
858946	Centenary UMC	\$ 10,140	Yes
858981	Christ UMC, Salt Lake City	\$ 88,721	Yes
858822	Community UMC, Ogden	\$ 45,347	
858104	Community UMC, Pagosa Springs	\$ 29,688	Yes
858423	Crawford Community UMC	\$ 5,959	
857383	Crossroads UMC, Grand Junction	\$ 39,755	Yes
858081	DeBeque Community UMC	\$ 487	
857543	Delta UMC	\$ 8,851	
858503	Eureka Community UMC	\$ 935	Yes
857428	First UMC, Cortez	\$ 30,150	Yes
857623	First UMC, Dove Creek	\$ 4,522	Yes
857667	First UMC, Durango	\$ 84,104	
851865	First UMC, Glenwood Springs	\$ 16,673	
857747	First UMC, Grand Junction	\$ 68,048	Yes
857986	First UMC, Montrose	\$ 57,264	Yes
858786	First UMC, Ogden	\$ 18,980	
859028	First UMC, Salt Lake City	\$ 2,000	
857350	Friendship UMC	\$ 2,987	
857703	Fruita UMC	\$ 11,994	Yes
857827	Grand Valley UMC	\$ 14,933	Yes
859132	Ha'amonga 'O Kalaisi UMC	\$ 1,000	
858707	Hilltop UMC	\$ 40,183	
858582	Hotchkiss Community UMC	\$ 6,379	
857587	Johnson Memorial UMC, Dolores	\$ 5,626	
857862	Mancos UMC	\$ 7,456	
857907	Marvel UMC	\$ 7,284	
857678	Mesa UM Fellowship	\$ -	
848696	Mountain Vista UMC, West Jordan	\$ 22,929	
858068	Olathe UMC	\$ 8,635	
858148	Palisade UMC	\$ 9,035	
858183	Paonia UMC	\$ 9,462	Yes
858866	Park City Community UMC	\$ 84,972	Yes
852404	Parowan UM Congregation	\$ 2,453	
858902	Price UMC	\$ -	
857601	Redlands UMC	\$ 2,535	
999807	Rifle United Methodist/Presbyterian Church	\$ 8,255	
858731	Shepherd of the Hills UMC	\$ 47,562	Yes
858343	St Paul UMC, Copperton	\$ 4,251	Yes
850655	The United Church of the San Juans	\$ 3,660	
858046	Thomasville UMC	\$ 751	
858616	To Ae Ofa UMC	\$ 1,170	Yes
859030	Tongan UMC, Salt Lake City	\$ 13,128	
859108	Tooele UMC	\$ 2,862	
858605	Trinity UMC, Kearns	\$ 14,672	
851821	UMC of Eagle Valley	\$ 20,270	
857918	UMC of Meeker	\$ 16,844	Yes
859848	UMC of Steamboat Springs	\$ 54,711	Yes
858651	United Church of Kanab-Fredonia	\$ -	
Utah/Western Colorado District Total		\$ 1,000,572	

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<b>Wyoming District</b>			
<b><u>GCEA Number</u></b>	<b><u>Church Name</u></b>	<b><u>Tithe Plus Mission Giving</u></b>	<b><u>Connectional Giving Certificate Awarded?</u></b>
859520	Berta A Penney Memorial UMC	\$ 5,282	
859347	Carpenter UMC	\$ 3,680	Yes
859371	Christ UMC, Casper	\$ 6,733	Yes
859451	Chugwater UMC	\$ 3,840	
850358	Faith UMC, Cheyenne	\$ 8,977	Yes
859393	First UMC, Casper	\$ 71,346	Yes
859416	First UMC, Cheyenne	\$ 70,262	
859495	First UMC, Douglas	\$ 12,922	Yes
854072	First UMC, Gillette	\$ 30,630	
859622	First UMC, Laramie	\$ 28,263	Yes
859553	First UMC, Medicine Bow	\$ 300	
859666	First UMC, Newcastle	\$ 17,919	Yes
859768	First UMC, Rawlins	\$ 9,170	Yes
859804	First UMC, Rock Springs	\$ 11,604	Yes
850360	Frontier UMC	\$ 28,418	Yes
859438	Grace UMC, Cheyenne	\$ 17,999	Yes
859358	Hillsdale UMC	\$ 4,278	Yes
852563	Midwest Community UMC	\$ 1,875	
859941	North Park Community Church	\$ 4,524	Yes
859724	Pine Bluffs UMC	\$ 5,933	
859360	Pleasant View UMC	\$ -	
859861	Sundance UMC	\$ 12,536	Yes
859906	Torrington UMC	\$ 18,028	Yes
859928	Upton UMC	\$ 8,849	Yes
859963	Wheatland UMC	\$ 10,111	Yes
<b>Wyoming District Total</b>		<b>\$ 393,483</b>	
<b>Conference Total</b>		<b>\$ 5,597,704</b>	

## CONFERENCE STATEMENT OF REVENUE

Contributions Received  
For the Year 2015

Tithe Plus Mission Giving \$5,562,680.71

Special Sundays & Advances

Youth Service Fund	1,486.25
Peace With Justice Sunday	14,028.45
Native American Ministries Sunday	22,169.43
RMC Global AIDS Fund	6,023.59
One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday	75,015.89
World Communion Sunday	18,991.10
United Methodist Student Day	11,978.36
Human Relations Sunday	12,791.95
General Advance	288,970.15
Black College Fund	110.00
Denver Inner City Parish	175.00
Denver Urban Matters	875.00
Global Hope	347.21
Habitat for Humanity Denver	50.00
Kenya Methodist University	800.00
La Puente	678.00
UNICEF	92.38
Warren Village	635.21
World Service Blanket Fund	510.00
Imagine No Malaria	6,987.00
<b>Total</b>	<u><u>462,714.97</u></u>

Designated Funds

Golden Cross Sunday	300.00
Camp Joy	50.00
AfterHours Denver	105,377.25
Bishops' Native Peoples Fund	1,223.00
Bridge of Love	15,950.57
Camp Hope	50.00
Charge Conference Metro	249.00
Charge Conference Mile High Pikes Peak	1,875.50
Charge Conference Peaks & Plains	1,572.48
Charge Conference Sunshine	722.00
Charge Conference Utah/Western Colorado	1,021.87
WY Sub District Offering and Events	387.61
Northern Cheyenne (Lame Deer) Fire Protection	12,732.04
Disaster Fund	8,943.38
Clergy Covenant Fund	2,346.00
Hispanic Ministry Special Offering	220.00
Metro District Annual Conference	752.00

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Metro United Methodist Men	1,980.00
Mission Itineration	175.00
Native American Ministries Sunday, RMC	619.00
Rod Anderson Lay Scholarship	1,137.31
United Methodist Men	202.00
Volunteers in Mission	200.00
Episcopal Residence	13,000.00
Historical Society	45.00
Annual Conference	25.00
<b>Total</b>	<u>171,156.01</u>
Miscellaneous Contributions	<u>669.33</u>
<b>Total Contributions</b>	<u><u>\$6,197,221.02</u></u>

The Auditors Report for the year ended December 31, 2015, is to be received after the publication of the 2016 Journal edition. It may be found on the Rocky Mountain Conference Website (as of November 1, 2016) and will be published in the 2017 Journal edition.

Richard A. Vickery, Jr., Rocky Mountain Conference Journal Editor