

2017 MSF Update Outline

The Most Important Things

After getting more feedback about this issue than any other, we switched the direction of the rivers.

The Purpose

The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ of the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.

Paragraph 601 of the 2016 Book of Discipline

MSF Goal

Our goal in creating a new conference is: The Mountain Sky Conference will re-ignite a Christian movement that begins with grace, offers abundant life, and reclaims the life-changing love of Jesus Christ for ALL people; Our goal is for this to be the prevailing Christian theme in our area by 2030.

MSF Values

As we work to develop a plan for the new Mountain Sky Conference, we keep the following values in front of us at all times: As disciples of Jesus Christ in the Mountain Sky Area, we value operating in simplicity and with transparency, breaking barriers and crossing boundaries for the sake of unity and love, and seeking consensus as we honor diverse voices and ideas.

The Guiding Team

The Structure

Guiding Team

Keeps the overall vision of the process. Works on areas that span the purview of the various working teams.

Working Teams

Develop individual portions of the plan for the Mountain Sky Conference. Six teams are

1. Leadership Excellence
2. Congregational Development
3. Clergy Excellence
4. Connection and Communication Team
5. Conference Organization
6. Asset, Property, & Legal

Timeline

- * *Spring 2017 - Working teams organized and commence.*
- * *Annual Conference 2017*

- * *Report on progress.*
- * *Outline of the process for distributing plans as they emerge.*
- * *Invite people to identify areas of interest.*
- * *Winter 2018, publish plan for organizing the Mountain Sky Conference.*
- * *Annual Conference 2018, approve plan.*
- * *Annual Conference 2019, Meet at Mountain Sky Conference*
- * *2019-20, legal incorporation and other technical details.*

Sharing the Plan

- * *Released on a regular schedule at: www.mtnskyumc.org/missionshapedfuture*
- * Each piece will include
 - * What question guided this recommendation?
 - * How is this recommendation in keeping with the values and goal of the Mission Shaped Future process?
 - * Who is affected by this recommendation?
 - * What is the timeline for this recommendation?
 - * Specific details of the recommendation including how it differs from current practice.

Why a Mission Shaped Future

Since the approval of this process last summer much has developed in the United Methodist church as a whole. The announcement of a special general conference in 2019 to hear a proposal from the Bishop's Commission on the Way Forward has left many people wondering what the state of the United Methodist Church will be in the years to come. Right now, it is too early to predict exactly what will happen in 2019 so many have adopted a wait and see approach. This is something we as an area cannot afford to do if we are serious about bringing a renewed Wesleyan spirit to the people of Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, and Utah.

Not matter the outcome of the general conference in 2019, being a more streamlined, agile, and missionally focused conference that offers abundant life, and reclaims the life-changing love of Jesus Christ for ALL people, can only be a good thing. While we may have to adapt our plans to the new reality of the United Methodist Church post 2019, we will be far better off if we are already living into our missional values than starting from scratch in two years.

This is about resurrection