

**Yellowstone Annual Conference
DoubleTree, Billings, Montana
June 8-10, 2017**

Thursday, June 8

Plenary

4:58 Bishop - Call to Order

Adopt the Agenda - Anita

Set The Bar - Mark

Staff Introductions (5)

David

Jeff, Kama, Jeremy, Jan

Anita

Patty, Rochelle

Welcome visitors (10)

Paul Kotke

Marv Vose

Margaret

Kunle

Kristen Kinnesin

5:08

Stepen Dracler

5:12

Kim Woeste

Greetings from Rocky Mountain Colleg / Campus Ministry

Cokesbury Open

Nacy Cox

Robin Ridenour

Garth Books

Sami Pack-Toner

5:16 Intro to Legislation (10) (Mark Cumming)

Constitutional Ammendments

No Consent Calendars or Listening Groups

Petitions ~ Friday

Voting Cards

Microphones ~ 2

Voting Rules

Constitutional Ammendments

Don and Tyler

CFA (10)

5:22 Nominations Report (5)

Christina Ostendorf

5:24 Cabinet Report (10)

Jeff Rainwater

- David Welcoming Bishop Oliveto ~ Canadian Bacon and Pineapple Pizza
- Kama Episcopal Tours
- Jeff Vision for future - One Mountain Sky Area Cabinet
- David Implementation of Circuits and Other Shared Activities
- Jeff Transitions
- Deb Olenyik
- Kama Hamilton-Morton 20 years
- Jan Whitman - 33 years of service in YACUMC
- Jeff For What Is Past Thank You, For What Is To Come, YES!

Announcements (5)

5:49

Anita

- Ordination @ 7:30
- Joanna Griffin ~ Pottery Sales
- Mission Picnic
- 6:30 Shilo
- Tug o Love

5:55

Bishop

- Prayer
- Kama ~ Meal Blessing

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Friday, June 9

6:30-9:00 Blueprint for Wellness

7:00-8:00 Leadership Breakfast

7:30 Prayer Room opens for the day

8:00AM-5:30 Childcare Opens

8:15-8:30 Opening Worship Jeremy Scott & Dave Merkel

8:30-10:00 Mission Shaped Futures & CFA Report

8:30 Jeff and Jeremy Conference Crisis Report

Kay Lansverk BOS Response

9:10 Morie AG CFA Report Moved by Morie

9:27 Jeremy and Debbie Mission Shaped Future

9:46 Bishop Spirit Time ~ Hymn of Promise

9:48 David Burt Table Time ~ Reflection on Reports

9:58 Calvin Hill Personal Privilege ~ Spirit Time - Blackfeet Parish

10:08 Jeff \$10,000 pledge

10:10 Anita Announcements

10:12 Dawn Prayer

10:00-10:30 Break

Practice "Passing the Mantle"

10:30-12:00 Plenary with Legislation (30) Budget /Petitions

10:40 Cory Young Personal Privilege

10:42 Mark Cummings

Petition 301 ~ Budget

Moved Process Committee

Second - Not Necessary

Dave McConnel ~ Against

Calvin Hill ~ Clarification

Terry Turner ~ For

Passed ~ 7 gainst 1 abstention

Petition 302R

Moved Process Committee

Ammendment

Second Passed Unanimous

Passed Unanimous

Petition 201

Moved Process Committee

Don Mcammon ~ For

Passed ~ One opposed

Recognition of Ministry of Closed Churches (10)

Petition 402

Church Closing ~ Anaconda

Kama ~ Explanation - Speech for

David Anderson ~ Affirmation of Ministry

Vote to close Anaconda

Passed ~ One Opposed

Petition 403

Church Closing ~ Pendroy

Kama ~ Explanation - Speech for

Vote to close Pendroy

Passed ~ One Opposed

Petition 401 R

Moved Process Committee

Gary Lorenzen ~ Against

Jeremy Scott ~ For

Garvey Wood ~ Against

Chris Hagan ~ Clarification regarding a waiver

Jim Barth ~ Response

Chris Hagan ~ Ammendment - Waiver

Garvey Wood ~ Clarification on Accountability and Oversight Regarding Compliance

Postponed to Afternoon Plenary

Petition 501R

Moved Process Committee

Don McCammon ~ Explanation and Speech for

Clarification

Passed ~ One opposed

Video - "The Way Forward/Reflection" (25) Start at 11:30

11:30 Video

11:37 Bishop Karen

11:39 David Burt

Table discussion

11:49 Bishop Karen

11:52 Phaedra Raymond Personal Privilege

11:56 Debbie Schmidt Personal Privilege

12:00 Mark ~ Announcements

12:05 Christina ~ Prayer

12:00-2:00 Lunch (on your own)
Retired Clergy & Spouses Lunch
Ordination Rehearsal

2:00-3:30 Clergy Session

2:00-3:30 Lay Session

3:30-4:00 Break

4:00-5:30 Plenary

Commission Angola Travelers

3:58 Commissioning

Gloria Edwards

JoAnna Griffin

Order of the Day ~ Mark

Retirees Passing the Torch-Ordination questions & LLP's recognition (20)

Sami Questions

4:04 Mantle Worship

Retirees

David Anderson

Don Derryberry

Lee Disney

Tim Hathaway

Myrna Havner

Marianne Niesen

Licensed Local Pastors

Sarah Neff

Corey Young

Commissioned ~ Provisional Members

Dawn Skerritt

Keyoung Su Jung

Ordinand ~ Elder in Full Connection

Sami Pack-Toner

Legislation (45) Constitutional Amendments

4:25 Introduction ~ Mark Cummings

Ballots Handed out to voting card holders

Tyler Amundson ~ Explanation

Don McCammon ~ Explanation

4:38 Vote on 1 ~ Prayer

4:44 Vote on 2 ~ Prayer

Discussion

Calvin Hill

4:45 Vote on 3 ~ Prayer

4:47 Vote on 4 ~ Prayer

4:55 Vote on 5 ~ Prayer

Discussion

Tyler Amundson

Don McCammon

Dick Storment

Jeremy Scott

Against

Petition 401 R

4:58 Amendment

Moved ~ Chris Hagan ~ For

Second

Jim Barth Friendly

Jeff Rainwater Cabinet Clarification

Passed ~ 3 against

5:07 Main Motion

Christna Ostendorph ~ For

Tawna Groom-smith

5:12 Amendment

Terry Turner ~ Point of Order

Calvin Hill - Point of Order

5:16 Tabled

Motion and Second to Table

***Amendment Forms

CBOP Report (10)

5:17 Pam Dandrea

Adopt Report

Moved by Pam

Second

Discussion

Susan Oatey

Tom Boller

Darlene Clark

Passed ~ One abstension

Announcements/Prayer Sami

Anita

Harvest Time ~

5:32 Adjourned

5:30-7:00 Dinner Break (on your own)

5:30-7:00 UMW Dinner

7:30 Ordination Service / Retiree Recognition / Reception

Offering - Montana Food Network/Food Bank of the Rockies

7:15 Childcare available at Billings First

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7:00-8:00 Leadership Breakfast
7:30 Prayer Room opens for the day
8:00AM-12:00PM Childcare Opens
8:15-8:30 Opening Worship ~ Youth
8:30-10:00 Plenary

8:42 Petition 401 R - Parsonage Standards

Moved and Seconded to remove from the Table ~ **One Against**

Point of order removed

Amendment ~ Goodsmith

Jim Barth

Chris Hagar - Clarification

Butch Bennett -For

Travis Walker - Against

Matt White - For

Youth ~ Against

Sandy Storment -Against

Amendment Failed (visual)

Main Motion

Darlene Clark ~ Point of Clarification

Jim Barth

Darlene Clark - Against

Rom Boller -For

Personal Point of Privilege ~ Kama - Living Waters Charter

Prayer - Bishop Karen

Pendroy - Anaconda - Living Waters

Offering Update

\$1,190.00 **Offering - Montana Food Network/Food Bank of the Rockies**

\$2,658.00 **Offering-Quessua Methodist Mission Agriculture Program- Angola**

Vote on Nominations (5)

9:06 Christina Ostendorf

Sherry Hill self nomination Conam

Report affirmed - Unanimous

Telling Our Story (30) Introduction of Circuit Leaders (5) Youth

9:10 David Burt Intro

9:23 Kim Woeste ~ Campus Ministry

9:27 Abby Thompson ~ Conference Youth

9:31 Dave Anderson

9:38 Bill Mullette-Bauer ~ Anita Saas

Eagle's Hope Transitions (10)

9:44 Tawna Goodsmith and Matt White

Foundation Report (Bill Mullette-Bauer or John Evans) (10)

9:53 Bill Mullette-Bauer

9:58 Kristi Kinnison

"One Matters" Award

10:03 David Burt

Billings First ~ Rev. Tim Hathaway

Awards: Denman Clergy (10)

10:08 Kama

26 years ~ Rev. Marriane Neisen

2018 Annual Conference Announcements

10:12 David Burt

Video

Announcements

10:17 Anita

Youth Prayer

10:20

10:20-10:40

Break

10:30-12:00

Sending Forth Service - (Bishop Karen) - Reading of Appointments

Offering - Harvest Time Campaign

Noon

Adjourn

12:15-1:00

Leadership Lunch - Cabinet & BOS - Various

2018 General Policies

1. The General Conference has ordered these special offerings (2012 *Book of Discipline*, para. 263):

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY -- preferably on the Sunday before Martin Luther King, Jr's Birthday
UMCOR SUNDAY (formerly ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING) -- preferably on the fourth Sunday of Lent

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY -- preferably on the first Sunday of October (The local church also shall remit such portion of the Communion offering received at other observances of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as the local church may designate.)

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY -- preferably on the last Sunday in November

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY -- preferably on the first Sunday after Pentecost (The offering goes to Peace with Justice Ministries with fifty percent (50%) staying in the Annual Conference.)

NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS SUNDAY -- preferably on the third Sunday of Easter (Fifty percent (50%) of the offering will remain in the Annual Conference to develop and strengthen Native American ministries.)

2. Local Churches are asked to accept the following goals in addition to apportioned giving:

\$2.00 per member for the support of the Rocky Mountain College chaplaincy

\$2.00 per member for Campus Ministry

\$2.00 per member for Blackfeet United Methodist Parish

\$1.00 per member for the Congregational Development Fund

3. The following special offerings are authorized within the Yellowstone Annual Conference (2012 *Book of Discipline*, para. 265):

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SUNDAY -- Shall be observed during the month of September

CHRISTIAN UNITY SUNDAY -- Third Sunday in January during Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (offering to go to Idaho Council of Churches, Montana Association of Christians or Wyoming Association of Churches, as appropriate)

YOUTH SERVICE FUND -- Last Sunday in April

THE BLACKFEET PARISH SUNDAY -- First Sunday in November

INTERMOUNTAIN -- During Advent

DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY -- First Sunday of February

4. Local churches shall respond to emergency appeals from the denomination's General Council on Finance and Administration and the Council of Bishops (*Book of Discipline*, para.819).
5. The conference **shall list**, along with the regular Mission Shares, a "second mile" asking which is ten percent (10%) of the church's Mission Share. The asking is a voluntary contribution to the conference over and above the regular Mission Share.
6. The annual session of the Yellowstone Annual Conference shall be self-supporting.
7. It is suggested that the salaries of Assistant to the Bishop and the District Superintendents (DSs) consist of two parts: Base and Longevity.

Base: It is suggested that the base salaries for the Assistant to the Bishop, the Director of

Connectional Ministries (DCM) and the District Superintendents (DSs) be set at 1.07 X the Denominational Average Compensation (DAC) projected for the budget year being considered.

Longevity: It is further suggested that, effective January 1 of each year, a salary increase of 1% of DAC be given for each full year's experience for both the DCM and the DSs, up to 8%.

All increases in salary will be approved and distributed by the Council on Finance and Administration.

8. It is suggested that the base salaries for all staff other than Assist to the Bishop/DCM/DS consist of three parts: base, longevity and merit.

Base: It is suggested that the base salaries for Conference staff other than the Director of Connectional Ministries (DCM) and the District Superintendents (DSs) be set at their prior year base salary times the increase in the Denominational Average Compensation (DAC) for the budget year being considered

Longevity: It is further suggested that, effective January 1 of each year, a salary increase of 1% be given for each full year's experience, up to 8%.

Merit: When warranted, merit increases may be considered for the staff other than DS/DCM. The standards by which they are determined may be developed by the oversight committee/supervisor for each position.

All increases in salary will be approved and distributed by the Council on Finance and Administration.

9. Local churches shall provide health insurance coverage for their full time appointed clergy and deacons through the conference health insurance program.
10. Enrollment and eligibility for the health care program shall be governed by the health plan document on file in the Conference Office.
11. The Yellowstone Conference endeavors to provide a meaningful healthcare benefit in retirement to clergy and lay employees who have faithfully served our local churches and Conference.

An annual healthcare stipend of up to \$1,200 shall be provided, beginning January 1, 2011, to all eligible members. The annual healthcare stipend will be increased by the same percentage of increase as the Past Service Rate (PSR) of the Pre-82 Pension Plan, with the first such increase beginning January, 2012.

Eligibility is determined by membership in or employment to and years of service to the Yellowstone Conference and prior participation in the Conference HealthFlex Medical and/or HealthFlex Medicare Companion plans – as specified below.

Clergy members and lay employees of the Yellowstone Conference at the time of their retirement, or those on Incapacity Leave, who become Medicare eligible, will receive the stipend on a ratio based upon years of appointive service within, or employment to, the Yellowstone Conference. The ratio will be:

Less than 5 years = Ineligible

5–9 years	=	\$	352
10–14 years	=	\$	703
15–19 years	=	\$	1,054
20+ years	=	\$	1,405

- Those with 30 years of service within the denomination, with the last five (5) years before retirement served under appointment within, or employment to, the Yellowstone Conference, will be funded at the 20-year ratio.
- Surviving spouses will be entitled to receive the same level stipend as the retiree until such time as they remarry.

All clergy, surviving spouses and lay employees will be responsible for 100% of their health insurance funding until they become Medicare eligible.

12. Clergy and lay employees, who participate in the active HealthFlex insurance plan, will contribute \$50.00 per month towards their HealthFlex premium effective January 1, 2010.
13. Those included in the budget for payments of health insurance will be: Assistant to the Bishop, District Superintendents, and other conference staff working 40 hours a week and have reached age 18 and the Blackfeet Parish Pastor. Clergy on first year Leave of Absence, clergy on first year of Sabbatical Leave and clergy on Incapacity.
14. Also included in the budget will be CRSP/ CPP for the Blackfeet Parish pastor, CRSP-DB for clergy on extended active duty (Reserve and National Guard) and CRSP-DB for clergy on Incapacity.
15. The Yellowstone Conference is authorized to establish a conference endowment fund.
16. "Conference-wide appeals" include requests for financial support to all churches in the Yellowstone Conference (2012 *Book of Discipline*, para. 614.5). Conference-wide appeals do not include organization newsletters, which include a donation envelope, or those who work with churches in a specific geographic area. This authorization will be reviewed by the Council on Finance and Administration. The following organizations and groups may make conference-wide appeals.
 - Angola Partnership – Mission
 - Blackfeet United Methodist Parish
 - Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry (BHECM)
 - Camp on the Boulder
 - Camping Committee
 - Circle J Camp
 - Eagles Hope Transitions
 - Flathead Lake Camp
 - Luccock Park Camp
 - Idaho Council of Churches (Salmon/Lemhi Parish)
 - Intermountain
 - Montana Association of Churches
 - Mountain View Social Development Center
 - New Church Starts
 - Rocky Mountain College
 - Wyoming Association of Churches
 - Yellowstone Volunteers in Mission

Yellowstone Youth Ministries

Organizations and groups not included on the list who would like to request approval for a conference-wide appeal, must submit a request in writing to the Yellowstone Conference Council on Finance and Administration, PO Box 20335, Billings, MT 59104

PETITION REQUESTING ACTION OF 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

No. 201

Consent Calendar No. _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Carefully read the separate document containing important instructions for critical details. The submittal deadline is March 10. If possible, submit electronically.

1. SUGGESTED TITLE (optional):

Affirm and celebrate “Local Church Lay Servant”.

2. ACTION BLOCK (The specific action to be taken or approved by the Yellowstone Annual Conference)

Add to our Guiding Values: “We affirm and celebrate Local Church Lay Servants as described in PP 267 of the 2012 Book of Discipline”.

3. WHY IS THIS ACTION NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE?

Based on the changes to the Book of Discipline made at the 2016 General Conference, starting the first of the 2017 year, there will no longer be a recognized “Local” Lay Servant listed as a position in the Book of Discipline. Conferences, however, can choose to discontinue or to continue the title and recognition as they desire. Approval of this petition will continue the recognition of the individuals and the work they carry out in the local church.

4. ELABORATE FURTHER ON THE COST OF YOUR PROPOSED ACTION:

No cost to Yellowstone Conference.

5. IF POSSIBLE, SUGGEST SOME PERSON OR GROUP TO PERFORM THIS ACTION:

Our lay leadership is charged with creating a sustainable training program for laity in compliance with the Book of Discipline.

6. WHEN WILL THE PROPOSED ACTION BE COMPLETED: (Short-term? Long-term? Ongoing?)

Upon approval by the Yellowstone Conference.

7. IF ADOPTED, HOW CAN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION BE EVALUATED?

Increased number of local lay servants.

8. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP SUBMITTING THIS PETITION:

YAC Lay Leadership

9. IF GROUP, ALSO STATE NAME OF THE GROUP'S CONTACT PERSON (see Instructions):

Don McCammon Lay Leader

10. ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS OF SUBMITTER (OR CONTACT PERSON):

2616 Bonnie Court, Missoula, MT 59803, mccammond@montana.com

PETITION REQUESTING ACTION OF 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

No. 301

Consent Calendar No. _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Carefully read the separate document containing important instructions for critical details. The submittal deadline is March 10. If possible, submit electronically.

1. SUGGESTED TITLE (optional):

Adopt 2018 Yellowstone Conference Budget

2. ACTION BLOCK (The specific action to be taken or approved by the Yellowstone Annual Conference)

Yellowstone Conference Adopts the 2018 Yellowstone Conference Budget including Budget Notes and General Policies

3. WHY IS THIS ACTION NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE?

Mandated by ¶ 614 of **The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church 2016**

4. ELABORATE FURTHER ON THE COST OF YOUR PROPOSED ACTION:

\$1,292,886

5. IF POSSIBLE, SUGGEST SOME PERSON OR GROUP TO PERFORM THIS ACTION:

2017 Annual Conference Session

6. WHEN WILL THE PROPOSED ACTION BE COMPLETED: (Short-term? Long-term? Ongoing?)

Upon approval at 2017 Annual Conference Session

7. IF ADOPTED, HOW CAN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION BE EVALUATED?

8. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP SUBMITTING THIS PETITION:

The Yellowstone Conference Council on Finance and Administration

9. IF GROUP, ALSO STATE NAME OF THE GROUP'S CONTACT PERSON (see Instructions):

Morie Adams-Griffin, CFA President

10. ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS OF SUBMITTER (OR CONTACT PERSON):

728 Aspen Grove St, Whitefish, MT 59937, morie@whitefishumc.org, 406-600-0086

YELLOWSTONE CONFERENCE BUDGET FOR 2018					
	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
	2018	2018	2018	2017	2016
	Budget	Funding from Other Income	Total Spending Plan	Spending Plan	Actual Expenditures
1	Annual Audit	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,275
2	CRSP/PPP*	0	13,683	13,683	15,959
3	Health Insurance - Conference Staff	56,860	54,960	60,594	46,100
4	Health Insurance - Retirees	52,389	52,389	102,250	105,870
5	Blackfeet Parish	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
6	Campus Ministry - BHECM	36,000	34,000	34,000	31,530
7	New Faith Communities	4,000	4,000	30,000	30,038
8	Small Church Worship Developer (new)	26,000	26,000		
9	Conference Website	8,388	8,388	7,500	13,825
10	Video Conferencing	1,500	1,500	2,385	0
11	Office Expenses	61,500	61,500	62,000	61,817
12	Assist to Bishop/DS/Vital Congregations	313,055	312,516	297,488	301,893
13	Support/Program Staff	255,271	247,505	276,031	239,570
14	Circuit Elder Leaders	25,000	20,000	20,000	23,284
15	General / Jurisdictional Alternate Fund	2,400	2,400	2,400	6,978
16	Quadrennial Training	3,500	3,500	3,500	5,040
17					
18	General Church Apportionments	20% Paid from Reserves	70%	90%	90%
19	Africa University	4,897	979	3,428	4,265
20	Black College	21,881	4,376	15,317	19,058
21	Episcopal Fund	48,097	9,619	33,668	41,890
22	General Administration Fund	19,285	3,857	13,500	16,796
23	Interdenominational Coop Fund	4,290	858	3,003	3,737
24	Ministerial Education Fund - Conference	13,714	2,743	9,600	11,944
25	Ministerial Education Fund - General Church	41,141	8,228	28,799	35,832
26	World Service	162,411	32,482	113,688	141,451
27	Jurisdictional Apportionments				
28	Jurisdictional Administration Fund	8,105	1,621	5,674	7,574
29	Bishop Expenses				
30	Denver Area Expense Fund	7,000		6,250	7,000
31	Episcopal Residence	4,000		4,000	3,300
32	Council of Churches				
33	Montana Association of Churches (MAC)	6,000		5,000	4,860
34	Wyoming Association of Churches (WAC)	5,000		3,500	3,150
35					
36	Committee Travel/Expense Pool	26,530		10,000	9,906
37	Finance & Administration, Discipling Team,				
38	District Committee on Ministry, Guiding Values				
39	Team, Mission Team)				
40	Administrative Legal Fund	3,000		1,500	5,000
41	Board of Ordained Ministry	9,300		7,000	8,000
42	Healing Relationships	750		750	750
43	Leadership Development Fund	8,000		8,000	8,000
44	Mission Shaped Futures Transitional Expenses	15,000		8,000	10,000
45	Mountain Sky Leadership Collaboration	12,000		8,000	12,000
46	Minimum Salary			0	2,000
47	Missions Team Program	5,850		3,200	3,400
48	Cabinet Appointment Expenses	20,100		20,100	23,000
49	(Moving Expense, Recruitment Fund,				
50	Supervisory Expenses)				
51	Safe Sanctuaries	1,000		1,000	2,000
52	Spending Plan Subsidy				
53	Youth Leadership Team	6,000		5,000	6,000
54					
55	2018 Budget Requests	1,319,714		1,233,205	1,326,875
56	Funding from Other Income		66,072	-66,072	-88,519
57	20 % Paid from Reserves		64,764		
58					
59	2018 Spending Plan		1,167,133	1,238,356	2017 Spending Plan
60	2018 Spending Plan Subsidy		125,753	131,411	2017 Spending Plan Subsidy
61	2018 Total Amount to be Apportioned for Mission Shares		1,292,886	1,369,767	2017 Total Amount-Apportioned
	Lines 2 & 4 partially funded by Conference Board of Pensions				
	Lines 20-29 funded from Reserves. We will continue to pay General/Jurisdiction Apportionments at 90%, however, in 2018, 20% will paid out of Reserves				

Conference Budget for 2018

Description

- 1 Annual Audit**
Audit of the Conference books as required by Discipline
- 2 CRSP/PPP**
Pension Obligation for:
Blackfeet Parish pastor
Clergy on Incapacity
- 3 Health Insurance - Conference Staff**
Blackfeet Parish pastor
Assistant to the Bishop/District Superintendents
Conference Treasurer
- 4 Health Insurance - Retirees**
Retirees
Surviving spouses
Clergy on 1st year Leave of Absence/Sabbatical
Clergy on Incapacity
- 5 Blackfeet Parish**
Salary support for Blackfeet Parish pastor
- 6 Campus Ministry-BHECM**
Program/salary support
- 7 New Faith Communities**
New faith community startup expenses
- 8 Small Church Worship Developer**
Providing high quality worship materials for small/rural/isolated congregations
- 9 Conference Website**
Hosting, design, maintenance
- 10 Video Conferencing**
Cost for the software to conduct online meetings
- 11 Office Expenses**
Rent (Billings Conference Office)
Rent (Wyoming DS Office)
Utilities
Telephone
Postage
Supplies
Depreciation
Insurance
Maintenance/Janitorial
Software Support
- 12 / 13 Staff**
The table below shows the total staff salaries for

BISHOP / DS / VITAL	COMPENSATION	FICA/MEDICARE PENSIONS	HEALTH INSURANCE	TRAVEL	2017 TOTAL
Assist to the Bishop (David Burt - (10 years)	79,431	14,298			93,729
DS (Wyoming)	34,780	5,738			40,518
DS (Yellowstone)	75,116	13,521			88,637
Vital Congregations (Mountain Sky Area Staff)***	19,067	3,645	1,181		23,893
Worker Compensation				2,239	2,239
Staff Travel				63,500	63,500
STAFF TOTAL	208,394	37,202	1,181	65,739	312,516
T / PROGRAM STAFF	COMPENSATION	FICA/MEDICARE PENSIONS		TRAVEL	2017 TOTAL
Treasurer/CBO (26 years)	76,269.00	14,987.00			91,256.00

Assist to the Treasurer (6 years)	26,708.00	5,248.00			31,956.00
Admin Assistant (4 years)	25,458.00	5,002.00			30,460.00
Missions Coordinator (9 years)	27,552.00	5,414.00			32,966.00
Youth Ministry Coordinator (4 years)	7,714.00	1,516.00			9,230.00
DS Administration Assistant	5,597.00	428.00			6,025.00
Communications Director (Mountain Sky Area Staff)	14,580.00	2,849.00			17,429.00
Yellowstone Web Master (Mountain Sky Area Staff)	3,212.00	627.00			3,839.00
Worker Compensation/State Unemployment				2,844.00	2,844.00
Staff Travel				21,500.00	21,500.00
TAFF TOTAL	187,090.00	36,071.00		24,344.00	247,505.00

Staff Travel

Airline Travel
Books, Periodicals
Car Insurance/Depreciation
Car Expenses (gas/maintenance)
Continuing Education
Food/Lodging
School for Professional Ministry/Annual Conference Session Expenses

- 14 Elder Circuit Leaders**
Expenses related to the work of the clergy who serve as Circuit Elders, including travel, training and resources
- 15 General/Jurisdictional Alternate Fund**
Funding for alternate delegates to attend General & Jurisdictional Conferences
- 16 Quadrennial Training**
2020 quadrennial training
- General/Jurisdictional Apportionments will continue to be paid at 90%, however, in 2018 20% of that funding will come from Reserves**
- 19 Africa University - General Church**
Support for higher education in Africa
- 20 Black College Fund - General Church**
Support for African American Colleges
- 21 Episcopal Fund - General Church**
Bishop's salary
- 22 General Administration Fund - General Church**
Administration of the boards & agencies of the United Methodist Church
- 23 Interdenominational Cooperation Fund - General Church**
Support for world-wide ecumenical efforts
- 24 Ministerial Education Fund-Conference**
Continuing education for Yellowstone pastors
- 25 Ministerial Education Fund - General Church**
Financial support for United Methodist Seminaries
- 26 World Service - General Church**
Support for mission & ministry around the world
- 28 Jurisdictional Administration Fund**
Administrative expenses for the Western Jurisdiction/Korean American Churches
- 30 Denver Area Expense Fund**
Office expenses for the Bishop
(This is a shared expense with Rocky Mountain Conference)
- 31 Episcopal Residence - Bishop**
Utilities & maintenance of the Bishop's residence in Denver
(This is a shared expense with Rocky Mountain Conference)

- 33 Montana Association of Churches**
Financial support
- 34 Wyoming Association of Churches**
Financial support
- 36 Committee Travel Pool**
Pool of shared funding for travel and meeting expenses
- 40 Administrative Legal Fund**
Conference chancellor
Legal expenses
- 41 Board of Ordained Ministry**
Mentoring Retreat
Clergy Orders
Psychological Assessments
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- 42 Healing Relationships**
Resource for churches to connect with Reservations near them
- 43 Leadership Development Fund**
Developing principled Christian leaders to make and grow disciples
Leadership training and resources
- 44 Mission Shaped Futures Transitional Expenses**
Additional work/meetings with the possible merger of
Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain Conferences
- 45 Mountain Sky Leadership Collaboration**
Expenses related to Yellowstone Conference lay and clergy
leaders who are engaged in leadership functions with the
Rocky Mountain Conference such as Annual Conference,
Joint Area Leadership training, etc.
- 46 Minimum Salary**
Pastoral salary support for churches
- 47 Missions Team Program**
Institute for Peace Studies
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East Angola Partnership-UMVIM Trip
UMVIM program expenses
- 48 Cabinet Appointment Expenses**
Financial assistance for clergy moving with the change of appointment
Expenses to recruit qualified clergy to serve local churches

Professional mediation or evaluation
- 51 Safe Sanctuaries & Response Team**
Support background checks, misconduct & abuse education,
prevention and response systems in YAC ministries & churches.
- 52 Spending Plan Subsidy**
To compensate for churches that do not pay Conference Mission Shares in full
- 53 Youth Leadership Team**
Revitalization of youth ministries in local churches

PETITION REQUESTING ACTION OF 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

No. 302R

Consent Calendar No. _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Carefully read the separate document containing important instructions for critical details. The submittal deadline is March 10. If possible, submit electronically.

1. SUGGESTED TITLE (optional):

Clarify and improve efficiency of the handling of annual pension benefit financial and funding changes.

2. ACTION BLOCK

(The specific action to be taken or approved by the Yellowstone Annual Conference)
Amend F130 by adding "except those annual pension benefit changes mandated and managed by the Book Of Discipline, Yellowstone Annual Conference Rules or Wespath. Those changes will be included in the appropriate Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits reports read during Annual Conference. The endorsement of these changes will follow the approval or disapproval of the report as a whole.

3. WHY IS THIS ACTION NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE?

Current rules require all actions be initiated by petition. Financial or funding changes to pension benefits are a set formula performed annually and are included in the Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits report read during Annual Conference. Mandating petitions for this action is redundant and time consuming.

4. ELABORATE FURTHER ON THE COST OF YOUR PROPOSED ACTION:

No cost.

5. IF POSSIBLE, SUGGEST SOME PERSON OR GROUP TO PERFORM THIS ACTION:

Anita Saas.

6. WHEN WILL THE PROPOSED ACTION BE COMPLETED: (Short-term? Long-term? Ongoing?)

Upon approval of this petition.

7. IF ADOPTED, HOW CAN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION BE EVALUATED?

Time and energy is not expended by the Conference Treasurer to submit petitions.

8. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP SUBMITTING THIS PETITION:

Conference Board of Pensions and Health Benefits

9. IF GROUP, ALSO STATE NAME OF THE GROUP'S CONTACT PERSON (see Instructions):

Anita Saas

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PETITION REQUESTING ACTION OF 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

No. 401R

Consent Calendar No. _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Carefully read the separate document containing important instructions for critical details. The submittal deadline is March 10. If possible, submit electronically.

1. SUGGESTED TITLE (optional):

Replace Current Parsonage Standards

2. ACTION BLOCK (The specific action to be taken or approved by the Yellowstone Annual Conference)

Under Section 0, sentence two of introduction, delete "became effective January 1, 1974" and insert "are effective June 9, 2017 for new construction and June 9, 2020 for renovations." Under rule 0100 delete entire content and insert "Clergy Housing Handbook **Parsonages** modified from the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women for the Yellowstone Annual Conference (including required forms) will be the standards for parsonages." Delete rule 0110 through rule 0300 (including heading Ownership, Location and Maintenance). Renumber rule 0310 to 0110 (comments on parsonage location). Delete rule 0320 to rule 0410.

3. WHY IS THIS ACTION NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE?

Our current parsonage standards became effective January 1, 1974. This handbook is a needed improvement for the current parsonage standards. It keeps clergy living in acceptable housing and also holds them accountable for misuse of the property.

4. ELABORATE FURTHER ON THE COST OF YOUR PROPOSED ACTION:

Individual churches will be responsible for costs to bring their parsonages up to the new standard.

5. IF POSSIBLE, SUGGEST SOME PERSON OR GROUP TO PERFORM THIS ACTION:

Yellowstone Annual Conference Secretary.

6. WHEN WILL THE PROPOSED ACTION BE COMPLETED: (Short-term? Long-term? Ongoing?)

Upon acceptance by YAC for new construction and June 9, 2020 for renovations.

7. IF ADOPTED, HOW CAN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION BE EVALUATED?

By checking with clergy/local church leaders about the status of their parsonage.

8. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP SUBMITTING THIS PETITION:

Yellowstone Conference Board of Trustees

9. IF GROUP, ALSO STATE NAME OF THE GROUP'S CONTACT PERSON (see Instructions):

Jim Barth, 406-450-1170 or pastorjimbarth@gmail.com

Jim Barth Chairperson of YCBOT

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PETITION REQUESTING ACTION OF 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

No. 402

Consent Calendar No. _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Carefully read the separate document containing important instructions for critical details. The submittal deadline is March 10. If possible, submit electronically.

1. SUGGESTED TITLE (optional):

Resolution for the Discontinuance of the Anaconda United Methodist Church

2. ACTION BLOCK (The specific action to be taken or approved by the Yellowstone Annual Conference)

WHEREAS the district superintendent has recommended discontinuance of the Anaconda United Methodist Church and transfer of their members to the Butte Aldersgate United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS the consent to discontinue has been granted by the presiding bishop, all of the superintendents, and the district board of church location and building and all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Anaconda United Methodist Church be discontinued.

3. WHY IS THIS ACTION NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE?

The leadership of the Anaconda United Methodist Church formally met with D.S. Kama Hamilton Morton on February 11, 2017, and voted that their chartering as a United Methodist Congregation be officially voided as of June 30, 2017. Dwindling resources make maintaining the church property, paying pastoral support, and paying conference mission shares nearly impossible.

This congregation has celebrated over 125 years of ministry as a Methodist presence in the historic town of Anaconda.

4. ELABORATE FURTHER ON THE COST OF YOUR PROPOSED ACTION:

None

5. IF POSSIBLE, SUGGEST SOME PERSON OR GROUP TO PERFORM THIS ACTION:

The Yellowstone Conference Board of Trustees

6. WHEN WILL THE PROPOSED ACTION BE COMPLETED: (Short-term? Long-term? Ongoing?)

Final worship service will be June 25, 2017 with the church officially closed June 30, 2017

7. IF ADOPTED, HOW CAN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION BE EVALUATED?

With final disposition of all property handled according to Disciplinary requirements

8. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP SUBMITTING THIS PETITION:

Cabinet of the Yellowstone Conference

9. IF GROUP, ALSO STATE NAME OF THE GROUP'S CONTACT PERSON (see Instructions):

Kama Hamilton Morton
District Superintendent

10. ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, AND E-MAIL ADDRESS OF SUBMITTER (OR CONTACT PERSON):

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PETITION REQUESTING ACTION OF 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION

No. 501R

Consent Calendar No. _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Carefully read the separate document containing important instructions for critical details. The submittal deadline is March 10. If possible, submit electronically.

1. SUGGESTED TITLE (optional):

Create and implement a "Lay Servant Ministries Committee" as part of the Discipling Team of the Yellowstone Annual Conference

2. ACTION BLOCK (The specific action to be taken or approved by the Yellowstone Annual Conference)

Under A125: delete "Lay Speaking Ministries" and in its place insert "Lay Servant Ministries Committee". Between A130 and A140 insert: "**A135 Lay Servant Ministries Committee:**

The Lay Servant Ministries Committee implements Section XI (Lay Servant Ministries) of Chapter 1, the Local Church, of Part VI Organization and Administration of the 2016 Book of Discipline (pp 266-269). This committee fulfills laity's role in creating lay leadership to work with clergy in supporting our churches and enhancing the quality of ministry. Membership consists of: Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministry (Chair), Conference Assistant Director of Lay Servant Ministry (Vice Chair), Circuit Coordinators of Lay Servant Ministry (can also serve as Vice Chair), Conference Past Director of Lay Servant Ministry (can also be a Circuit Coordinator), Conference Lay Leader (non-voting member)."

Between H100 (Election of Circuit Lay Leader) and H110 insert: "**H105 Election of Circuit Coordinator of Lay Servant Ministry**

Circuit Lay members shall meet at Annual Conference (during the Lay Session) or during a meeting of the circuit lay members nearest the date of Annual Conference and elect from their membership a Circuit

Coordinator of Lay Servant Ministry who shall serve for the quadrennium. Circuit Coordinators of Lay Servant Ministry must be Annual Conference members by virtue of being elected by their local churches. Elections shall be by consensus of each Lay Circuit. A vacancy in the position of Circuit Coordinator of Lay Servant Ministry will be filled to complete the term by election of members of the Lay Circuit.

3. WHY IS THIS ACTION NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE?

The Yellowstone Annual Conference has not fully implemented this program and it is needed to continue the growth in our laity to fulfill the mission of “making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world” in our churches, communities and beyond. As Lay Servant Ministries is envisioned in the Book of Discipline, the level of engagement, discernment and support is beyond what one person can accomplish and a committee is necessary.

4. ELABORATE FURTHER ON THE COST OF YOUR PROPOSED ACTION:

No additional cost to the Yellowstone Conference. Budget set for the Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries is sufficient. An annual meeting will be conducted at Annual Conference. Other committee meetings will be conducted by conference call or similar available electronic communication.

5. IF POSSIBLE, SUGGEST SOME PERSON OR GROUP TO PERFORM THIS ACTION:

2017 Annual Conference and YAC Lay Leadership.

6. WHEN WILL THE PROPOSED ACTION BE COMPLETED: (Short-term? Long-term? Ongoing?)

The committee will be created upon approval by the Yellowstone Annual Conference. The committee will start

its activities when a majority of the Circuits name a Circuit Coordinator of Lay Servant Ministry.

7. IF ADOPTED, HOW CAN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROPOSED ACTION BE EVALUATED?

The effectiveness of this action will be measured by the increased number of Certified Lay Servants, Certified Lay Speakers and Certified Lay Ministers that are trained and qualified in accordance with the Book of Discipline as envisioned nationally by Discipleship Ministries and implementation of these programs in the Yellowstone Conference. Tracking the number of active people in the training and certification process and the number of circuits with active circuit level training programs will help enable us to evaluate the committee's level of success.

8. NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP SUBMITTING THIS PETITION:

YAC Lay Leadership

9. IF GROUP, ALSO STATE NAME OF THE GROUP'S CONTACT PERSON (see Instructions):

Don McCammon, YAC Lay Leader

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