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Welcome from Bishop Karen P. Oliveto



Karen P. Oliveto

Resident Bishop

Nancy Cox

Executive Assistant

Dear siblings of the Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone conferences,

Welcome to Ogden! As I prepare for our time together, I have been praying the words to a hymn:

*We've come this far by faith
Leaning on the LORD
Trusting in His Holy Word
He never failed me yet
Oh' can't turn around
We've come this far by faith*

I continue to be inspired by the histories of both conferences, and the stories of faithful ministries that have occurred throughout our region through our local churches. I give thanks for the generations who have come before us, who boldly shared the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the region, establishing churches, hospitals, schools, and missions. We are here today because of their faithfulness.

As we gather in Ogden, it will be a time to celebrate the ways that God has led us and to recognize the ministries that have transformed lives and communities. We will remember those who have served faithfully who now rest from their labors, honor those who are entering into a season of retirement, and affirm those who are being called to a life of service through ordination and commissioning.

We will pray together, inviting the Holy Spirit to move in, through, and among us. We will serve as Christ's hands in the Ogden region, showing the power that is present when United Methodists join together to share the love of God in tangible ways. We will learn together, deepening our discipleship. We will worship, worship, worship! We will join our hearts and voices so that all the work we do at Annual Conference will be on Holy Ground.

We've come this far by faith! Trusting in God, we will continue to boldly move into the future together. There's no turning back from this calling God has placed on our hearts and on our churches. During our time in Ogden, we will make decisions together and create ministries that lay a firm foundation for those who will come after us. We will respond to the Spirit's leading, knowing that God will continue to equip us for the challenges and opportunities that require our engagement.

I look forward to greeting you at Annual Conference. May God bless our time together!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen P. Oliveto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bishop Karen P. Oliveto
Mountain Sky Episcopal Area

Mission Shaped Future Executive Summary

Mission Shaped Future (MSF) — named so because of the need to keep the Mountain Sky Area's mission in mind as leadership casts visions and goals for the future in our geographic areas — emerged from years of discussion about joining the Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone Conferences of The United Methodist Church. The goal of a new Mountain Sky Conference is to re-energize a Christian movement that begins with grace, offers abundant life, and reclaims the life-changing love of Jesus Christ for all people. The history of Mission Shaped Future, as well as team reports and details, can be found at www.mtnskyumc.org/missionshapedfuture.

The charge of the Mission Shaped Future teams is to create a plan for a new conference that helps us live into a more vital future together. It has required balancing many different priorities and opportunities, along with conversation, thought, and prayer. As the plan reaches its final form, it will soon become the task of the members of the Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone conferences to perfect and approve or disapprove the plan through our legislative process. While numerous laity and clergy from both conferences have worked tirelessly to bring us to this point, it is ultimately up to those gathered in Ogden to decide if the vision and plan for the new Mountain Sky Conference is one we want to embrace.

This plan for creating a new conference was not done hastily but is the latest step in a process that started more than a decade ago. In 2004 during the Western Jurisdictional Conference, a team was formed to study the boundaries of all its annual conferences and was close then to recommending the combining of Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone. In response, the Mountain Sky Area began a process of creating more permeable boundaries that included placing all of Wyoming in a single district, the hiring of area-wide staff, and more cross-conference appointments. All of these efforts have benefited the area as a whole. Today, we take the next logical step in our development together.

From 2014-16, two teams laid the ground work for what would ultimately become the Plan of Union. Their task was to secure permission from the jurisdiction for the creation of a new conference, which we received. They also identified a set of priorities that the plan for a new conference would live out. They were:

- Strengthen lay and clergy partnership
- Strengthen districts and circuits
- Reduce institutional burden
- Free people and teams for transformational action

For the last two years the various Mission Shaped Future teams have endeavored to embrace these priorities as they drafted the plans. By refocusing work at the district and circuit level instead of the conference level we are strengthening our districts and circuits. By creating the new Mountain Sky Roundtable and District Table, we are putting lay and clergy leaders — working in partnership — at the center of decision-making. And by reducing our committees and focusing on action-oriented teams we are freeing people from supporting the institution.

Only with a strong belief in the power of the Holy Spirit, the grace offered to all through Jesus Christ and the love of God, can we even dare to dream of this future. In the end, that is the most important choice we will need to make. Do we, as Jesus told us to, have faith to move a Mountain (Sky)?

Visit the Mission Shaped Future booth in the display area.

2018 Joint Annual Conference Proposed Agenda

Thursday, June 7

24 hours

Prayer Room open; *2nd Floor Business Center*

8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Annual Conference Registration; *2nd Floor Lobby*

8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Circuit Leaders Training; *Ballroom 1*

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Council on Finance and Administration; *Eccles Boardroom*

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Annual Conference Orientation; *Ballroom 2*

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Young Clergy Luncheon; *Peery's Theater Stage*

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Special Meals - Lunch

- Fellowship of Local Pastors and Associate Members; *Meeting Room 201, 202*

- Friends of Claremont School of Theology; *Meeting Room 203*

- United Methodist Women; *Meeting Room 100*

- Post AC Orientation gathering: no-host lunch; *Brixton's Baked Potato*

12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Childcare; *Hampden - Weber & Bonaventure Rooms*

1:00 p.m.

Call the Annual Conferences to Order; *Grand Ballroom*

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Opening Worship; *Grand Ballroom*

- Laity Address

- Young People's Address

- Episcopal Address

- Communion

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Theme Presentation; *Grand Ballroom*

- Keynote: Erin Hawkins

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Mission Shaped Future Introduction and Process; *Grand Ballroom*

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Plenary; *Grand Ballroom*

- Organization of the Annual Conferences

- Agenda Presentations

- Adoption of Rules

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

District Dinners

- Metro; *Executive Room 100*

- Mile High/Pikes Peak; *Meeting Room 201, 202*

- Montana; *Meeting Room 100*

- Peaks and Plains; *Ballroom 1*

- Trinity; *Meeting Room 203*

- Utah Western Colorado; *Ballroom 2*

- Wyoming; *Ballroom 3*

6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Family Gathering; *Gallery (left of Peery's Theater)*

7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Worship: Celebrating the Saints; *Peery's Egyptian Theater*

- Preacher: Rev. Walter "Skip" Strickland

9:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Reception; *Main Entry Lobby South*

9:00 p.m.

Young People's Lounge *Rehearsal Room*

Friday, June 8

24 hours

Prayer Room open; *Alcove Opposite Meeting Room 201*

5:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Health Screening; *Bigelow Hotel - Reed Room*

7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Office Open; *Coat Room by 201*

7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Annual Conference Registration; *2nd Floor Lobby*

7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Childcare; *Hampden - Weber & Bonaventure Rooms*

7:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Ministry Immersion

- Gathering and Worship (7:45 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.); *Grand Ballroom*

- Depart for Immersion Project Sites (8:45 a.m.)

- Housing, Safety & Justice Education & Advocacy: Crossroads; *Meeting Room 100*

- Family Promise; *Bus at North Entry (24th St.) past Elevators*

- Help Red Cross Sound the Alarm; *Exit at Peery's Theater Lobby*

- Serving Seniors and the Elderly in Ogden: Westwood Village; *Bus at Main Entry (Washington Blvd.)*

- UMCOR West Depot; *Exit Kiesel Ave. past Room 103*

- Children's Mental Health: Intermountain; *Meeting Room 200*

- Community Shelters and Housing Organizations; *Stay in Grand Ballroom for instructions*

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12:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Office Open; <i>Coat Room by 201</i>
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Clergy Session ; <i>Ballroom 1 and 2</i>
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Yellowstone Laity Session ; <i>Ballroom 3</i>
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Rocky Mountain Lay Leader Election ; <i>Grand Ballroom</i>
2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Joint Laity Session ; <i>Grand Ballroom</i>
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Worship: Tent Revival ; <i>Amphitheater</i>
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Mission Dinner and Celebration ; <i>Amphitheater</i>
9:00 p.m.	Young People's Lounge; <i>Rehearsal Room</i>
Saturday, June 9	
24 hours	Prayer Room open; <i>Alcove Opposite Meeting Room 201</i>
5:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Health Screening; <i>Bigelow Hotel - Reed Room</i>
6:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Special Meals - Breakfast <ul style="list-style-type: none">- United Methodist Association of Retired Clergy; <i>Meeting Room 201, 202</i>- Commission on the Status and Role of Women; <i>Meeting Room 101, 102</i>- New Church Development; <i>Bigelow Grandview</i>
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.	Provisional Members Breakfast; <i>Evan Stevens Sandwiches</i>
7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Friends of Bill W.; <i>Meeting Room 103</i>
7:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Office Open; <i>Coat Room by 201</i>
7:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Childcare; <i>Hampden - Weber & Bonaventure Rooms</i>
8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.	Bridge of Love Offering; <i>Entering Grand Ballroom</i>
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Plenary ; <i>Grand Ballroom</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mission Shaped Future Petition (Plan of Union)
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Special Meals - Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Laity; <i>Ballroom 1, 2</i>- Retiree/Retirement; <i>Meeting Room 201, 202</i>- Friends of Iliff School of Theology; <i>Meeting Room 101, 102</i>- Order of Deacons; <i>Meeting Room 103</i>
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Theme Presentation ; <i>Grand Ballroom</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- A Way Forward: Donna Prichard- Telling the Story
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Reading of Appointments ; <i>Grand Ballroom</i>
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Plenary ; <i>Grand Ballroom</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Plan of Union (continued as needed)- Vote on Constitutional Amendment- 50th Anniversary of The UMC - Video- Staff Recognition- Announcement of 2019 AC Dates and Location
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Special Meals - Dinner <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Celebrating Hispanic/Latino Ministry; <i>Meeting Rooms 101, 102</i>- Mountain Sky Reconciling Ministries; <i>Ballroom 1, 2</i>- Becoming One Nation, One Community Healing for the Future: CONAM; <i>Ballroom 3</i>- Board of Ordained Ministry; <i>Meeting Room 200</i>
9:00 p.m.	Young People's Lounge; <i>Rehearsal Room</i>
Sunday, June 10	
7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Robing; <i>Meeting Room 200</i>
7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Storage for Luggage; <i>Ballroom 3</i>
7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Childcare; <i>Hampden - Weber & Bonaventure Rooms</i>
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Office Open; <i>Coat Room by 201</i>
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Worship: Celebrating and Ordering Ministry ; <i>Grand Ballroom</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Bishop Karen preaching- Ordination and Commissioning
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Reception; <i>2nd Floor Lobby</i>
11:00 a.m.	Pre-ordered Lunch To-Go; <i>Lower Lobby</i>
12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Buses Depart; <i>Hotels and Convention Center</i>

Speakers

Bishop Karen P. Oliveto **Resident Bishop, Mountain Sky Episcopal Area**



Bishop Karen P. Oliveto serves as the leader of the Mountain Sky Episcopal Area of The United Methodist Church, which includes the Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone annual (regional) conferences.

Bishop Oliveto was elected to the episcopacy after serving as the first woman pastor of the 12,000-member Glide Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco, Calif.

She is the first woman to serve as senior pastor of one of The United Methodist Church's 100 largest

congregations. She served Glide from 2008 until her election as bishop.

Bishop Oliveto earned her B.A. in Psychology, cum laude, from Drew University, Madison, N.J., in 1980. She earned her Master in Divinity from Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., in 1983, a Master in Philosophy from Drew University in 1991, and a PhD in Sociology of Religion from Drew University in 2002.

Rev. Walter "Skip" Strickland **Superintendent, Peaks and Plains District of the Rocky Mountain Conference**



The Rev. Walter "Skip" Strickland is a United Methodist minister and current superintendent of the Peaks and Plains District of the Rocky Mountain Conference.

He attended the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash. for his undergraduate studies, and later attended the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado for his Master in Divinity.

He was ordained a deacon in 1979 in the Pacific Northwest Conference and then ordained an elder in

1981 in the Rocky Mountain Conference. Skip served as a pastor at various churches in the Rocky Mountain Conference.

At the conference-level, Skip was the Director of Mission & Ministry from 2007 to 2012 and has been a District Superintendent since 2012. He will retire this summer. Skip has also been involved at the jurisdictional and general church level, serving as a member of numerous boards and agencies and was a delegate to the General and Western Jurisdictional conferences in 2012 and 2016. Communications has been a passion for Skip, and he was a commissioner for the UMC General Commission on Communications from 2012 to 2016.

Speakers

Erin M. Hawkins

General Secretary, General Commission on Religion and Race



As the general secretary of the General Commission on Religion and Race (GCORR), Erin is the team leader, coach, learner and teacher, leading the staff and board of directors on a journey of discovery of God's call for this agency.

Erin builds on the solid history of GCORR by helping to make The United Methodist Church relevant to the times in which we are now living. The United Methodist Church and the world are more globally focused, more multicultural, and more multi-textured and complex than

at any point in our history. GCORR must be about creating a culture at all levels of the church that welcomes that complexity and is focused on engaging more people, more young people and more diverse people.

Erin leads the GCORR team in understanding, interpreting and fulfilling the church's mandates to engage United Methodists in the work of reconciliation beyond race, culture, ethnic, tribal and national biases and institutional discrimination and division.

Rev. Donna M.L. Pritchard

Ordained Elder, Oregon-Idaho Conference of The United Methodist Church



The Rev. Donna Pritchard is an ordained elder in the Oregon-Idaho Conference of The United Methodist Church, currently serving as Senior Pastor of Portland First UMC.

Donna also served eight years as a District Superintendent in southern Oregon, and pastored churches in the Willamette Valley.

She is also the clergy delegate from Oregon-Idaho to the General Conference, a member of the Western Jurisdiction Episcopacy Committee, the chair of the

Western Jurisdiction Leadership Team, and a member of the Council of Bishops' Commission on a Way Forward.

In her laity workshop, "**Holy Conversations for a Way Forward**," Donna will help attendees explore some new ways of engaging in difficult conversations, especially in light of The United Methodist Church's current conflict around human sexuality and inclusiveness. As a member of the Commission on a Way Forward, Donna will share a short report during the afternoon of Saturday, June 9.

“Safety, Homelessness, and Justice”

As we gather together as a Mountain Sky Area for the 2018 Annual Conference Session, we will continue to focus on our quadrennial theme of "Living Into Beloved Community" and explore what it means to engage with our neighbors who experience homelessness and insecurity in their lives. As part of the Annual Conference theme “Safety, Homelessness, and Justice,” we will engage in education, direct service, and advocacy.

Reports and information posted online:

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