



RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP NEWS

April 2021

Happy Easter!

We wish you all many blessings as you celebrate Easter.

Please note that the Conference office will be closed Friday, April 2.

Online Giving: Options, Advantages & Disadvantages

Tuesday, April 13, 11:00am

Join us for our April webinar on Tuesday, April 13 at 11:00am. We will discuss all aspects of Online Giving and help you discover what may work best for your congregation. Register here, a link will be emailed to you the day before the webinar.

<https://www.mtnskyumc.org/responsiblestewardship>

Fraudulent Unemployment Claims



There have been many reports of local churches receiving fraudulent unemployment claims. They may be for an employee who left your church recently or years ago or for people who have never been on your payroll. It's always best to report these to appropriate authorities.

Action Steps: What the Employer Does

1. File a Fraud Report with your state agency.
In Colorado: Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) here <https://cdle.colorado.gov/fraud-prevention>. Click on the "Employer Reporting Identity Theft" button.
In Idaho: email to Fraud@labor.idaho.gov.
In Montana: <https://dli.mt.gov>.
In Utah: <https://jobs.utah.gov/department/contact/fraud.html>.
In Wyoming: <http://doe.state.wy.us/uifraudreporting/>.
Filing this form will hold payment from being issued on the claim, pending investigation. The church may continue to receive automatically generated paperwork even though your claim has been reported. Employee SSN's are generally masked, only showing the last four numbers.
2. If the person listed in the claim is known to you, please notify the employee of the claim so they can take immediate precautions.

Please welcome Laura Winberg to the Conference Finance and Administration team.



Laura joined the Conference staff as our Senior Accountant the first of March after providing us with accounting assistance as an independent contractor for the last year. She brings many years experience in local church finance offices, having served six congregations in Mile High Metro and Peaks and Plains Districts. Laura and her husband Scott have two young adult children and live in Arvada. She is a lifelong member of Wheatridge UMC. Laura may be reached at lwinberg@mtnskyumc.org.



Save the Date:

Mountain Sky Conference Responsible Stewardship May Webinar:

Donations:

Designated, Restricted or Unrestricted and How to Handle Them

Tuesday, May 11 at 11:00am

<https://www.mtnskyumc.org/responsiblestewardship>

Discipleship Ministries WEBINAR:

May 11, 2021 - Adaptive Stewardship in the Post-Pandemic Church

5:30pmMDT

Helpful links:

Mountain Sky Conference

<https://www.mtnskyumc.org/responsiblestewardship>

Mountain Sky Conference Ministry Financials

<http://umcdata.net/sky>

UMC General Council on Finance & Administration/ group ruling

<https://www.gcfa.org/services/legal-services/group-ruling/>

Church Mutual Insurance

<https://www.churchmutual.com/>

Wespath Benefits / Investments

<http://www.wespath.org/>

Discipleship Ministries

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/equipping-leaders/stewardship>



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