



MOUNTAIN SKY

 CONFERENCE

2022 Episcopal
Nominee Profiles

Mountain Sky Annual Conference 2022 Episcopacy Nomination & Endorsement Process

How we got here:

1. There will be up to twenty-two open bishop positions across the UMC in the United States, including up to four positions in the Western Jurisdiction.
2. The Judicial Council ruled that the Council of Bishops could call for regular Jurisdictional Conferences in the United States for the purpose of electing bishops. The Judicial Council clarified that the 2016 process to determine the bishop count, election process, assignment process, and roles and responsibilities of the Episcopacy are still in effect.(1)
3. Bishops will be elected November 2-5, 2022 and assigned as resident bishops beginning January 1, 2023.

Western Jurisdictional Process:

The Western Jurisdiction will elect up to four of its five bishops in November 2022. Given this unique opportunity, leadership from across the jurisdiction has proposed a new process for annual conferences and the jurisdiction to work through a discernment process culminating in the election of its bishops.

- Step 1 – Individuals can be nominated or self-nominate to the jurisdictional discernment process.
- Step 2 – Each annual conference will have its own process for nominating Elders in Full Connection having the call, gifts, and graces for the work of a bishop into the jurisdictional discernment process.
- Step 3 – Those names will be sent to the Western Jurisdictional Episcopacy Committee and invited into the discernment process.
- Step 4 – Names of clergy who have declared a willingness to be a candidate for the 2022 election of bishops will be made public on September 1, 2022.
- Step 5 – Annual Conference delegations are invited to meet with the candidates prior to the Western Jurisdictional Conference in November 2022.
- Step 6 – Bishops are elected at the Western Jurisdictional Conference November 2-5, 2022.
- Step 7 – Bishops begin their assignments January 1, 2023.

Recommendations for Mountain Sky Annual Conference:

June 2022 Annual Conference Session:

Representatives of the delegation address the body and explain the process.

1. Motion to suspend all of Section F of the Mountain Sky Annual Conference Guiding Policies and Procedures titled "Nominations for Episcopal Elections" and replace it with the process summarized below in this document.(2)
2. Take nominations from the floor, including self-nominations, of Elders in Full Connection in the Mountain Sky Conference to the jurisdictional discernment process.
3. Only those nominated in June will be considered for MSC endorsement in October.
4. Affirm the list of nominees to move forward in the jurisdictional episcopacy discernment process. This will take the form of a single vote to affirm the entire list of nominees.

5. While Mountain Sky Conference's episcopal nominees engage in the Western Jurisdiction episcopal discernment process, the Mountain Sky Annual Conference will engage in its own discernment process. Interview teams will be invited to engage in this process as well. The interview team's work will culminate in a report to the annual conference for the purpose of informing its decision whether or not to endorse at the October session.

6. As the nominees engage in the discernment process, if an individual chooses to remove their name from the pool of candidates, that person will contact the annual conference secretary and have their name removed before the October Annual Conference session.

October 2022 Annual Conference Session:

Question is put before the body on whether it wants to endorse one or more individuals for the WJ episcopacy election, from the pool of Mountain Sky Conference clergy who completed the aforementioned jurisdictional discernment process.

1. Question is put before the body - Does the Mountain Sky Annual Conference want to ballot for the purpose of endorsing one or more candidates for the Western Jurisdiction episcopal elections? (vote)
2. If no, the annual conference session moves on to other business.
3. If yes:
 - a. Each candidate offers a two- five-minute speech.
 - b. There will be one vote per candidate, and each candidate receiving a majority (i.e., yes vote) of those voting on that candidate's ballot will be endorsed.
 - c. If no candidate receives a majority on their ballot, then no candidates will be endorsed, and no name will be forwarded as an endorsed candidate.

November 2022 Western Jurisdictional Conference Session:

Election of up to four bishops to the Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops.

Endnotes:

(1): Judicial Council Decision 1445 and was issued on May 20, 2022. Judicial Council Memorandum Number 1446 issued on June 1, 2022 further clarified and amended its ruling in Decision Number 1445. Memorandum 1446 may require slight alterations to what is presented here, however, due to timing challenges between this memo being released and the distribution deadline for this letter, those alterations will need to be communicated at a later date.

(2): The Mountain Sky Annual Conference Guiding Policies and Procedures rule F100 states that, in the year prior to the year the Jurisdictional Conference meets to elect bishops, the annual conference membership must vote on the question: "Shall the Annual Conference Secretary distribute forms for the nomination of Episcopal candidates to the lay and clergy members of next year's Annual Conference, provided there is to be an Episcopal election?" Because this did not occur at the last annual conference session, in order for the Mountain Sky Annual Conference to have the opportunity to engage in the nomination of episcopal candidates, some set of these rules must be suspended. This suspension will be for this year only. The Mountain Sky Delegation is proposing the process outlined above which will suspend section F in its entirety and replace it with the new process for this year only.



Calvin Hill

Elder in full connection,
Mountain Sky Conference

Ethnicity

Full Blooded Navajo

Gender and Age

Male, 59 years of age

Ministry moment that
highlights my vision
as an Episcopal
leader

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Service Record

2014- present - Blackfeet United Methodist Parish, Mountain Sky Conference, Western Jurisdiction

2010 – 2013 - St. Paul United Methodist Church, New Mexico Conference, South Central Jurisdiction

2003- 2005 - Stockbridge United Methodist Church, Northwest United Methodist Church, West Michigan Conference, North Central Jurisdiction

1999 – 2002 - Oakdale United Methodist Church, Salem Indian Mission, Bradley Indian Mission, West Michigan Conference, North Central Jurisdiction

1997 – 1998 - Kewadin Indian Mission, West Michigan Conference, North Central Jurisdiction



Elizabeth Tay Mcvicker

Elder in full connection,
Mountain Sky Conference

Ethnicity

Asian American

Gender and Age

Cis- Female, 53 years of age

Ministry moment that
highlights my vision as an
Episcopal leader

<https://youtu.be/geu77qYspVI>

Service Record

1997 - Provisional Elder, Desert-Southwest

1997-1999 - Asbury UMC, Phoenix, AZ, Associate Pastor

1999 - Elder, Desert-Southwest

1999-2002 - Christ UMC, Phoenix, AZ, Senior Pastor

2004-2007 - Willowbrok UMC, Sun City, AZ, Associate Pastor

2007 - Native American Fellowship, Tempe, AZ, Senior Pastor

2009-2016 - First UMC, Cheyenne, WY, Associate Pastor

2010 - Full Member, Mountain Sky

2016-2020 - First UMC/Centenary UMC, Salt Lake City, UT, Senior Pastor

2020-present - District Superintendent of Utah and Western Colorado



Jessica Rooks

Elder in full connection,
Mountain Sky Conference

Ethnicity

White

Gender and Age

Female, 45 years of age

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<https://youtu.be/zkdNZE7Onrs>

Service Record

Appointments

2002-2008 - Arvada UMC, Associate Pastor
2008-2010 - Lamar UMC, Pastor
2010-2016 - Cameron UMC, Pastor
2015-2016 - St. Paul's UMC, Pastor
2016-2020 - St. Luke's UMC, Co-Pastor
2020-Present - District Superintendent; Dean of the Cabinet

Credentials

2002 Licensed Local Pastor
2004 Commissioned Probationary Elder
2007 Ordained Elder in Full Connection

Annual, Jurisdictional and General Conference

- 2008-2020, Board of Ordained Ministry; Chairperson, Conference Relations Chairperson, RIM Chairperson
- 2012, General Conference and Jurisdictional Conference Delegate
- 2012, Western Jurisdiction Nominations Committee
- 2012-2016, United Methodist Communications, Board of Directors
- 2012-2018, Rocky Mountain Conference Conflict Transformation Team
- 2013, Exploration 2013 Workshop Presenter
- 2014-2018, Rocky Mountain Conference Clergy Young in Ministry Academy Design Team
- 2016, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate; General Conference Reserve Delegate
- 2020, Jurisdictional Conference Delegate; General Conference Reserve Delegate

Education

Master of Divinity, Iliff School of Theology, 2002
Bachelor of Arts, Economics; Western State College, 1999



Service Record

Student Pastor, Burns Memorial UMC - 1996-1998
 Local Pastor, Tongan Fellowship, BMUMC - 1998-1999
 Associate Pastor, Springfield/Walsh & Two Buttes - 1999-2001
 Associate Pastor, Korean-American UMC - 2001-2002
 Colorado Springs (English Speaking)
 Senior Pastor, Calhan and Rush UMCs- 2002-2004
 Senior Pastor, Stratton and Kirk UMCs - 2004-2008
 Senior Pastor, FUMC Rock Springs, WY - 2008-2012
 District Superintendent Utah/Western Colorado District- 2012-2016
 Senior Pastor, FUMC Greeley, Colorado - 2016-2021
 Senior Pastor, Tongan UMC SLC, Utah - 2021-

Sione Teiapa'a Tukutau

Elder in full connection,
 Mountain Sky Conference

Ethnicity

Tongan (Pacific Islander)

Gender and Age

Male, 60 years of age

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My Primary Function

As a pastor of the Tongan United Methodist Church of Salt Lake City, Utah; my primary function is to create a relevant ministry which fits the church and community culture. In the midst of COVID-19 and the uncertain future, I plan to connect with the congregation and beyond through social media.

My Responsibilities

1. I am called to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, and to serve my parishioners in a way that they meet their spiritual needs.
2. I am called to communicate with the church staff and with other parishioners so that we would be able to work together and build a healthy community.
3. I am called to lead my parishioners according to Jesus Christ's teachings so that they would be able to meet our common ministry's goal.
4. I am called to organize and improve the system of the United Methodist Church to meet the physical, mental, and spiritual needs of the parishioners.
5. I am called to create relevant ministry programs which fit the culture of both church and community so that they would be able to grow healthy in different areas.