

**PETITION
to the
2021 MOUNTAIN SKY CONFERENCE**

TITLE: Endorsing the Christmas Covenant

ACTION TO BE VOTED ON:

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED that the Mountain Sky Conference of The United Methodist Church endorses the
2 Christmas Covenant legislation, including the creation of a U.S. Regional Conference, and urges all legacy
3 Rocky Mountain and legacy Yellowstone delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conference, including
4 alternates, to support the Christmas Covenant and to make such legislation a priority for the delegations;
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- 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mountain Sky Conference recognizes and supports the leadership
8 of our Central Conferences in the creation and furtherance of the Christmas Covenant legislation; and
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- 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mountain Sky Conference directs the relevant conference teams to
11 identify annual conference resources to support the Christmas Covenant legislation and create relationships
12 with Christmas Covenant leadership; and
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- 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mountain Sky Conference urges the Commission on the General
15 Conference to take such action as is necessary for the full consideration of legislation related to the
16 Christmas Covenant from the Philippines by a Committee of the Whole, and General Conference 2020; and
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- 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the conference secretary shall send copies of this resolution to all
19 legacy Rocky Mountain and Yellowstone delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences, including
20 alternates, and to the Commission on the General Conference.

RATIONALE (Not debatable)

- 1 WHEREAS the seven Central Conferences and five U.S. Jurisdictions of The United Methodist Church
2 engage in mission together in 136 countries; and
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- 4 WHEREAS the connectional ties between the church in the United States and the Central Conferences
5 are of sacred worth and vital to the ministry of the global United Methodist Church; however,
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- 7 WHEREAS the existing global structure of The United Methodist Church has historically prohibited
8 each region from effectively tailoring its ministry to its specific local context; and
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- 10 WHEREAS because the existing structure of the United Methodist Church diminishes our ability to be a
11 vital and effective church, that structure should be revisioned; and
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- 13 WHEREAS the creation of a U.S. Regional Conference and the conversion of the Central Conferences to
14 Regional Conferences, as outlined in the Christmas Covenant, would establish structural parity throughout
15 the global church; and

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17 WHEREAS the creation of a U.S. Regional Conference, as outlined in the Christmas Covenant from the
18 Philippines, will establish the governance necessary to allow the Mountain Sky Conference to design
19 ministry for our particular contexts, and thus more effectively make disciples of Jesus Christ for the
20 transformation of the world; and

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22 WHEREAS the Mountain Sky Conference of the United Methodist Church continues to work toward
23 inclusion and justice for all God's people; and

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25 WHEREAS the Mountain Sky Conference contains vital, thriving, multicultural, and diverse ministries that
26 are open to all people and can be a beacon of hope for the worldwide United Methodist Church;

EVALUATION (Not debatable):

1 We will have achieved this when the delegates of our two legacy conferences vote to adopt the Christmas
2 Covenant; when the relevant conference teams have identified resources to support the CC legislation, and
3 have established relationships with CC leadership; when the Commission on the General Conference has
4 been urged to provide full consideration of this legislation by the committee of the whole General
5 Conference; and when the Conference Secretary has sent this resolution to all delegates and alternates from
6 our two legacy conferences. Finally, this will have achieved its goal when the Mountain Sky Conference
7 supports the leadership of the Christmas Conference leadership in creating the appropriate legislation for
8 the establishment of this reorganization.

ATTACHMENTS (Additional Information / Not Debatable)

“A CHRISTMAS COVENANT: OUR GIFT OF HOPE” document

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION MAY BE FOUND AT WWW.CHRISTMASCOVENANT.COM/PAGECC

PETITION DETAILS

This petition is a

Binding

Non-Binding Resolution

Effective Date:

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, petitions will be effective November 1, 2021.

Termination Date:

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, petitions will terminate on June 30, 2025.

PETITION ADVOCATE

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Will there be any identifiable financial impact to the Conference?

Yes

No

If "Yes," please complete the information below.

To Be Completed by the Originator of the Petition

Cost: \$

Over what span of time (check one):

One Time

One Year

Multiple Years

To Be Completed by Conference Council on Finance and Administration (CFA)

Review by CFA on: 09/27/2021

Included in proposed 2021 budget?

Yes

No

Amount if included \$

May be considered for budgets in future years?

Yes

No

Projected Total Amount \$

Recommendation by CFA concerning funding

Reason for recommendation