

**PETITION**  
**to the**  
**2021 MOUNTAIN SKY CONFERENCE**

**TITLE: Recognizing the “Mountain Sky Conference Disability Committee” (MSCDC)**

**ACTION TO BE VOTED ON:**

- 1 The Mountain Sky Conference hereby approves the official status of the “Mountain Sky Conference  
2 Disability Committee (MSCDC) as a Conference Committee as required by Discipline ( ¶ 653).

**RATIONALE (Not debatable):**

1 Currently, the Mountain Sky Conference’s Disability Committee is not an officially recognized Conference  
2 Committee. While we have the unofficial committee that gathers regularly to fulfill our ever-growing desire  
3 for inclusion and call for accessibility, we are unrecognized and operating outside of Discipline satisfaction  
4 in a way that harms our Conference.

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6 We need a supported Disability Committee to meet and anticipate the needs of disabled members of our  
7 Conference and those with whom we serve. Without recognition, there is no representation. Without the  
8 recognition, there is no support--financially or otherwise--to empower our disabled neighbors and siblings  
9 to live their lives and calls to ministry to their fullest (laity AND clergy).

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11 We are a Conference seeking to live our call through inclusive and intersectional ministry; we cannot talk  
12 about diversity while failing to include disability.

**EVALUATION (Not debatable)**

1 We will know that Mountain Sky Conference has fulfilled this action item when the MSCDC is officially  
2 recognized as a committee per the standards of the Book of Discipline. The MSCDC will be included on  
3 committee lists and given the opportunity to speak about the committee and our mission at Conference  
4 gatherings. The MSCDC will have secured financial support as negotiated and will be included under the  
5 “Inclusive Ministries” umbrella of our Conference Ministry structure.

**ATTACHMENTS (Additional Information / Not Debatable)**

N/A

**PETITION DETAILS**

This petition is a

- Binding Action  
 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**

*This person will be the contact person for the Petition before and during the annual conference session and will be responsible for overseeing the presentation of the Petition in Hearing Groups and Plenary.*

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**PETITION SUPPORTERS:**

*Names of additional persons who wish to be identified in support of the Petition.*

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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: mm/dd/yyyy

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