

**PETITION  
to the  
2022 MOUNTAIN SKY CONFERENCE**

*Please provide all information requested in this form.  
You may use "n/a" ("not applicable") if a particular section of this form  
does not apply to your petition.*

**TITLE: CLOSURE OF ELLICOTT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**ACTION TO BE VOTED ON:**

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED, that
- 2 The Mountain Sky Annual Conference Board of Trustees shall manage the disposition of assets and
- 3 property according to the provisions of the 2016 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church and
- 4 Conference policies on the use and disposition of closed local church property.

**RATIONALE (Not debatable):**

Ellicott UMC legacy congregation had been declining for years. The church was no longer sustainable because of losing its membership to natural processes of aging and dying. On a good Sunday, 3-4 people showed up for worship service. As such, despite the best effort by the small remnant, the church reached a point where renewal was not possible. There was a desire to continue to keep the door of the church opened but the congregation could not afford less than a quarter-time appointment and years of deferred maintenance led to some major problems, such as a pipe burst and a non-functioning HVAC. Sadly, the only option was to close it for good.

**EVALUATION (Not debatable): None. The church was closed *ad interim*, effective 1/10/22**

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

**PETITION DETAILS**

This petition is a

- Binding Action  
 Non-Binding Resolution

Effective Date: January 10, 2022

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, petitions will be effective January 1, 2023.

Termination Date: None

NOTE: Unless otherwise stated, petitions will terminate on December 31, 2026.

**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.*

Name 1	Clergy/Laity	Church/Location
Name 2	Clergy/Laity	Church/Location
Name 3	Clergy/Laity	Church/Location

Other Names as needed

**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: 09/30/2022

Included in proposed 2023 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