

**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: Approve Changes to Articles of Incorporation by Luccock Park Methodist Camp Association Board of Trustees**

**ACTION TO BE VOTED ON:**

- 1 *What do you want the Mountain Sky Conference to do?*
- 2 Approve the action of the Luccock Park Methodist Camp Association Board of Trustees to amend their
- 3 Articles of Incorporation in indicated articles as follows:

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATIONS  
OF  
LUCCOCK PARK METHODIST CAMP ASSOCIATION**

- 4 KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:
- 5 That we, the undersigned, have this day voluntarily associated ourselves together for the purpose of
- 6 forming a non-profit corporation, a religious church camp, a part of the Mountain Sky Conference of The
- 7 United Methodist Church. In accordance with the provisions of the Montana Non-Profit Corporation Act,
- 8 Section 35-2-213, MCA, et seq., we do hereby make, execute and adopt the following Articles of
- 9 Incorporation, to-wit:

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

- 10 The name of this corporation is: LUCCOCK PARK METHODIST CAMP ASSOCIATION

**ARTICLE II  
PERIOD OF DURATION**

- 11 The period of duration of this corporation shall be perpetual.

**ARTICLE III  
LOCATION**

- 12 The location of the Luccock Park Methodist Camp Association shall be Luccock Park Methodist Camp,
- 13 Park County, Section 7, Township 4 South, Range 10 East, MPM.

**ARTICLE IV  
PURPOSES**

- 14 The purposes and objectives of this corporation are:
- 15 A. To establish and maintain a Methodist camp where Christian camping may occur in natural
- 16 surroundings.
- 17 B. To conduct and transact the business affairs of such camp and to maintain offices for the transaction of
- 18 such business.
- 19 C. To take and hold by purchase, gift, devise or bequest real or personal property or both to carry out the

20 obligation or provisions of any trust imposed by will or deed of trust where the trust is created for  
21 a religious or charitable purpose.

**ARTICLE V**  
**POWERS**

22 This corporation shall have the following powers:

- 23 A. To provide camp facilities on a non-profit basis where Christian camping may occur in natural  
24 surroundings.
- 25 B. To construct, operate, maintain and improve, and to buy, own, plat, sell, convey, assign, mortgage or  
26 lease any real estate and personal property necessary or incident to the conducting and transacting  
27 of business affairs of such camp.
- 28 C. To purchase, sell, convey, improve, mortgage, lease or otherwise dispose of any real estate or personal  
29 property that it may acquire only when in accordance with the Discipline of The United Methodist  
30 Church. Additionally, in regard to real estate, these actions may be transacted only after receipt of  
31 written consent of the District Superintendent of the Mountain Sky Conference of The United  
32 Methodist Church under whose jurisdiction the camp falls and a resolution is passed by vote of the  
33 corporation authorizing the proposed action. The resolution must direct that any contract, deed,  
34 sale, mortgage or other necessary written instrument involving real estate transactions be executed  
35 by and on behalf of the Luccock Park Methodist Camp by any two of the officers of its Board of  
36 Trustees.
- 37 D. To enter into any kind of activity, and to perform and carry out contracts of any kind necessary to, or in  
38 connection with, or incidental to the accomplishment of anyone or more of the non-profit purposes  
39 of this corporation, except in the case of real estate where the provisions of Article V, paragraph C  
40 take precedence.
- 41 E. To make by-laws and rules for said corporation which are not inconsistent with the purposes herein set  
42 forth.
- 43 F. This corporation shall also have all the powers now or hereafter conferred by Montana law upon  
44 corporations of this character.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**TITLE TO PROPERTY**

- 45 A. Title to the property, real and personal, shall be vested in the said corporation which shall hold the  
46 property in trust that said premises shall be kept, maintained and disposed of for the benefit of The  
47 United Methodist Church and subject to the usages and the Discipline of The United Methodist  
48 Church as it is or as it from time shall be established, made and declared by lawful authority of  
49 said Church.
- 50 B. Upon the dissolution of the organization, all assets of the organization remaining after all liabilities and  
51 obligations of the organization have been paid, satisfied and discharged, will be transferred,  
52 conveyed, and distributed to the Mountain Sky Conference. If on the date of such proposed  
53 distribution, Mountain Sky Conference is no longer in existence or does not qualify for exempt  
54 status under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future  
55 federal tax code, the assets of the organization shall be transferred, conveyed, and distributed to  
56 the United Methodist entity (the "Successor Organization") entitled under The Book of Discipline  
57 of The United Methodist Church, or by other General Conference, Jurisdictional Conference,  
58 Annual Conference, or District action, to receive the assets of Mountain Sky Conference upon its  
59 dissolution. If pursuant to the preceding paragraphs, the organization's assets are to be distributed  
60 to the Successor Organization, but on the date of the proposed distribution, the Successor  
61 Organization is no longer in Application For Inclusion In The United Methodist Church Group  
62 Tax Exemption Ruling (Category II Organizations) Page 9 (Rev. 3/2017) existence or does not  
63 qualify for exempt status under §501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding  
64 section of any future federal tax code, the assets of the organization shall be transferred, conveyed,

65 and distributed to such other United Methodist related organization(s) as may be specified in, or  
66 provided for, under a Plan of Distribution adopted by this organization; provided, however, that in  
67 any event, each such distributee organization shall be exempt under the provisions of §501(c)(3) of  
68 the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**PROFIT-MAKING ACTIVITIES PRECLUDED**

69 This corporation is organized as a nonprofit corporation within the meaning of the Montana Nonprofit  
70 Corporation Act and does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profits to its members, directors, or officers.  
71 No part of the net income or profit or assets of this corporation shall be distributable to or inure to the  
72 benefit of any member, officer, trustee, or director thereof. However, only such powers shall be exercised  
73 by the corporation as are in furtherance of the tax exempt purposes of the corporation and as may be  
74 exercised by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as  
75 amended, or any successor provisions.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**GOVERNMENT**

- 76 A. The government of this corporation shall be vested into a Board of  
77 Trustees which shall consist of eighteen (18) members. These trustees shall serve in accordance  
78 with the by-laws of the corporation and the rules of the Mountain Sky Conference of The United  
79 Methodist Church as they now are or as they from time to time may be amended. When in  
80 conflict, the rules of the Mountain Sky Conference of The United Methodist Church will take  
81 precedence.  
82 B. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial Board of Trustees until the  
83 Annual Conference of the Mountain Sky Conference of The United Methodist Church when the  
84 Board of Trustees will be elected are;

85	Amestoy, Austin	1661 Shindig Dr. Apt. 201, Missoula, MT 59808
86	Anton, Jeri	3479 White Buffalo Rd, Huntley, MT 59037
87	Bergeson, Dave	532 Ave. B, Billings, MT 59102
88	DeBree, Su	428 Wilder Ave., Helena, MT 59601
89	Erickson, Nina	2415 Bluebell Ave., Bozeman, MT 59718
90	Johnson, Frank	6410 Buffaloberry Ln, Bozeman, MT 59718
91	Poling, Brad	3968 Rifle Creek Trail, Billings, MT 59102
92	Wilgus, Josi	2010 Virginia Lane, Billings, MT 59102

**ARTICLE IX**  
**SHARES OF STOCK**

93 There shall be no capital stock and no shares of stock in this corporation.

**ARTICLE X**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

94 The corporation shall have no voting members excepting those persons who are members of the Board of  
95 Trustees.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**AMENDMENTS**

96 These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Trustees

97 providing that there be twenty (20) days notice in writing mailed to each Trustee at the last known address  
98 of each. These Articles of Incorporation may not be amended without the written consent of the Mountain  
99 Sky Conference of The United Methodist Church, or its successor.

**RATIONALE (Not debatable):**

*Why do you want the Mountain Sky Conference to do this?*

This change of language is required to maintain our tax-exempt status under the United Methodist Church umbrella, according to correspondence with Judy Johnson, the Risk Management and Legal Services Specialist at GCFA.

**EVALUATION (Not debatable):**

*How will we know when the Mountain Sky Conference has done this?*

When we receive the verification letter from GCFA.

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

SEE ATTACHED CERTIFICATE AND BYLAWS

**PETITION DETAILS**

This petition is a

Binding Action  
 Non-Binding Resolution

Effective Date: IMMEDIATELY

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

Termination Date: Not Applicable – Amended Articles will remain in effect until amended further.

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.*

The Luccock Park Methodist Camp Association Board of Trustees listed above

**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: NONE \$

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