

**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 CARPENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ~ CARPENTER, WYOMING

ACTION TO BE VOTED ON:

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED,
- 2 that the Carpenter United Methodist Church be declared closed, effective November 1, 2022,
- 3 and that the Mountain Sky Annual Conference Board of Trustees manage the disposition of the assets and property
- 4 according to the provisions of the 2016 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church and conference policies
- 5 on the use and disposition of closed, discontinued, or abandoned local church property toward continued conference
- 6 partnerships with consideration given to vital mission and ministry in the Wyoming District.

RATIONALE (Not debatable):

- 1 The congregation has experienced a consistent trajectory of slow decline in participation for more than a decade.
- 2 Since having their pastor reappointed in 2020, the congregation persevered until the three remaining professing
- 3 members made the decision to discontinue meeting for worship, discipleship, and acts of justice and mercy. Decline
- 4 in local population and many elements of an ever-shifting geographic context have impacted the congregation's
- 5 ability to engage various aspects of mission and ministry in the area.
- 6 Carpenter United Methodist Church has remained steadfast, for decades, in its joy-filled pursuit to make disciples of
- 7 Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Over many, many years, dedicated members, committed pastoral
- 8 leaders, and friends of the congregation, through their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, have given of
- 9 themselves through acts of piety, justice, and mercy to grow in faith and transform the community around them.
- 10 May their care for one another, for others, and for the Kingdom of God be recalled, remembered, and live on in the
- 11 hearts, minds, and gentle spirits of those who were faithfully formed through this beloved body of Christ. Grief is a
- 12 stranger to this moment, for we do not share in sorrow, but rejoice in a life well lived through the transformative
- 13 work of Carpenter United Methodist Church.
- 14 Lord, in your mercy... hear our prayer.

EVALUATION (Not debatable):

- 1 *How will we know when the Mountain Sky Conference has done this?*
- 2
- 3 Following annual conference ratification of this closure, the Conference Trustee Board will execute and monitor
- 4 steps necessary to finalize the closure of Carpenter United Methodist Church and the liquidation of property and
- 5 assets, and report back to the Annual Conference at its 2023 session.

ATTACHMENTS (Additional Information / Not Debatable)

PETITION DETAILS

This petition is a

XX Binding Action
 Non-Binding Resolution

Effective Date:

Effective upon vote to ratify the closure.

Termination Date:

This matter terminates upon performance of all outstanding matters set forth in the closure process.

Does this petition modify the Annual Conference Standing Rules and Operational Procedures (SROP)?

Yes
 No

Conference Agency responsible for implementation and termination review: **Conference Trustees**

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.

No remaining, gathered congregation

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Will there be any identifiable financial impact to the Conference?

Yes
 No (The only financial impact will be to the Conference Trustees regarding Building Maintenance/Sale)

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: 10/14/2022

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