

PETITION
to the
2018 ROCKY MOUNTAIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE (RMC-07)
2018 MOUNTAIN SKY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (MSC-07)

TITLE: Closure of Blue Cliff United Methodist Church

ACTION TO BE VOTED ON:

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED,
2 that the Blue Cliff United Methodist Church be declared closed, effective July 1, 2018, and
3 that
4 [RMC-07] the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference Board of Trustees
5 [MSC-07] the Mountain Sky Annual Conference Board of Trustees
6 manage the disposition of the assets and property according to the provisions of The Book of Discipline of The
7 United Methodist Church 2016 and conference policies on the use or disposition of property of a closed local
8 church.
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PETITION DETAILS

This petition is a

- Binding Action
 Non-Binding Resolution

Effective Date: July 1, 2018

Termination Date: None

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

- Yes
 No

If "Yes," please complete the information below.

- This petition will modify Section x.x.x
 This petition will create a new Section x.x.x

Conference Agency responsible for implementation and termination review: Conference Board of Trustees

NOTE: All paragraph numberings within the SROP and the final designation of the Conference Agency responsible for implementation and termination review are subject to review by the Rules Committee.

ORIGINATOR OF THE PETITION (individual, church, or organization):

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Will there be any identifiable financial impact to the Conference?

Yes
 No

If "Yes," please fill in the information below.

To Be Completed by the Originator of the Petition

Cost: \$
Period
 One Time
 One Year
 Multiple Years

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

Review by CFA 04/20/2018

Included in proposed 2019 budget

Yes
 No

Amount if included \$

May be considered for budgets in future years

Yes
 No

Projected Amount \$

Recommendation by CFA concerning funding

Reason for recommendation

RATIONALE (Not debatable):

- 1 The Blue Cliff community building is located in the open Plains of eastern Colorado outside of Karval, Colorado.
- 2 Founded as an Evangelical United Brethren congregation in the 1920s, the Blue Cliff United Methodist Church has
- 3 been renting space in this location (the country school at the time) since its inception. A small group of faithful
- 4 disciples has maintained the functioning of this church for many years.
- 5 During the past year it has become evident that the congregation is no longer able to sustain itself financially. Given
- 6 the dwindling number of members and the commitments required to continue in ministry as a lay-led congregation,
- 7 the members have decided instead to close through appropriate Charge Conference vote on January 28, 2018. A
- 8 final worship service was held on Sunday, April 8, 2018.

ATTACHMENTS (Additional Information / Not Debatable)