

PETITION TO THE 2016 ROCKY MOUNTAIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE

TITLE: DISCONTINUANCE OF THE MERRITT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ACTION TO BE VOTED ON:

1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the Merritt Memorial United Methodist Church organization be discontinued effective
2 July 1, 2016, and that the Rocky Mountain Conference Board of Trustees continue to manage the disposition of the
3 assets and property according to the provisions of the 2012 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, and
4 conference policies on the use and disposition of discontinued or abandoned local church property.
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PETITION DETAILS

This Petition is

- A Legislative Petition (Binding on the Annual Conference)
 A Resolution (Not Binding)

Effective Date: July 1, 2016

Termination Date: Not Applicable

Does this Petition modify the Annual Conference Standing Rules and Operational Procedures (SRQP)?

- Yes
 No

If "Yes," please complete the information below.

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

Conference Agency responsible for implementation and termination review:

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

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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 04/22/2016

Included in proposed 2017 budget

Yes
 No

Amount if included \$

May be considered for budgets in future years

Yes
 No

Projected Amount \$

Recommendation by CFA concerning funding: N/A

Reason for recommendation:

RATIONALE (Not Debatable):

1 WHEREAS

2 • the Merritt Memorial United Methodist Church, located in Denver County, Colorado, has had a proud
3 history, along with its antecedents, as a worshipping community since 1902; and

4 • the remaining members of the Merritt Memorial United Methodist Church have worked with the Annual
5 Conference in the discontinuation process; and

6 • the congregation joined in the closing steps, and a final closing worship celebration was held on January 31,
7 2016; and

8 • an assessment of future viability and missional potential was conducted in accordance to Paragraph 213 of
9 the 2012 United Methodist Discipline; and

10 • the assets and property have been transferred by the congregation to the Conference Trustees, including title
11 to all of the Church's real and personal, tangible and intangible property; and

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- the church's members have transferred their membership to Highlands United Methodist Church, Denver, Colorado ; and
 - the church no longer exists for the purpose for which it was organized; and
 - the district superintendent has recommended the discontinuance of the Merritt Memorial United Methodist Church; and
 - the consent to discontinue has been granted by the presiding bishop, all of the superintendents, and the district board of church location and building (December 8, 2015), and all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied with:

ATTACHMENTS (For Information / Not Debatable):

None