

**PETITION TO THE 2017 ROCKY MOUNTAIN ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

**TITLE: Closure of James Memorial United Methodist Church, Hudson, Colorado**

**ACTION TO BE VOTED ON:**

- 1 BE IT RESOLVED, that the local church known as James Memorial United Methodist Church, Hudson CO, be  
2 formally closed effective July 1, 2017, and that the Rocky Mountain Conference Board of Trustees continue to  
3 manage the disposition of the assets and property according to the provisions of the 2016 Book of Discipline of The  
4 United Methodist Church, and conference policies on the use and disposition of closed local church property.  
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**PETITION DETAILS**

This petition is a

- Binding Action  
 Non-Binding Resolution

Effective Date: July 1, 2017

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:

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.

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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 05/12/2017

Included in proposed 2018 budget

Yes  
 No

Amount if included N/A

May be considered for budgets in future years

Yes  
 No

Projected Amount N/A

Recommendation by CFA concerning funding

N/A

Reason for recommendation

No Rocky Mountain Conference 2018 operating budget impact.

**RATIONALE (Not debatable):**

1 WHEREAS

- 2 • the James Memorial United Methodist Church, located in Hudson, Colorado, has had a proud history, along  
3 with its antecedents, as a worshipping community since 1910 ; and
- 4 • the remaining members of the James Memorial United Methodist Church have worked with the Annual  
5 Conference in the closure process; and
- 6 • the congregation joined in the closing steps, and a final closing worship celebration was held on November  
7 20, 2016; and
- 8 • an assessment of future viability and missional potential was conducted in accordance to Paragraph 213 of  
9 the 2012 & 2016 the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church; 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
- 12 • the church's members have transferred their membership to Ft. Lupton, Keenesburg or other United  
13 Methodist Churches in the area; and
- 14 • the church no longer exists for the purpose for which it was organized; and
- 15 • the district superintendent has recommended the formal closure of the James Memorial United Methodist  
16 Church; and
- 17 • the consent to formally close has been granted by the presiding bishop, all of the superintendents, and the  
18 district board of church location and building and all proper Disciplinary requirements have been complied  
19 with.

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