

2026 Church's Covenantal Commitment to Connectional Identity ~ Generosity Through Mission Share Participation ~

Church Name Grace United Methodist Church, Denver, CO

As an extension of our connectional identity, contributions of mission shares allow us to participate in Christ's healing and transforming work all over the world. Foundational to our identity as United Methodists, this connection enables us to do so much more together than we could ever do alone. Therefore, participation in connectional generosity through mission shares is a fundamental missional priority of the local church.* (<u>Book of Discipline</u>, 247.14; 812)

Presiding Elder: We have been greatly blessed through centuries and across the globe as participants in Christian traditions alive today in United Methodism. We've embodied what it means to be a connectional church, with greater reach and impact together than in isolation. Even in the midst of varied cultures and contexts, we are bound together by God's Spirit in Christ's body and in mission both locally and around the world. Our Mountain Sky connection—spanning Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, and one church in Idaho—addresses 21st century challenges together. We find common ground in Wesleyan commitments to personal piety and social holiness, inspiring us to equip laity and clergy as we raise up and nurture followers of Jesus Christ. By participating in connectional generosity through mission shares, each local church affirms its commitment to God's ongoing work through the Mountain Sky Conference, the Western Jurisdiction, and the United Methodist Church worldwide.

Pastor: As a spiritual leader to this congregation, I commit to keep informed regarding the missional reach of the Mountain Sky Conference and United Methodist Church. I also pledge to emphasize our connectional ties through participation in mission shares as a continuing priority for this community of faith.

Congregation: As United Methodists of the Mountain Sky Conference, and participants in the life of this congregation, we commit to active connectional engagement through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. We covenant to make participation in conference mission shares a priority and pray that our generosity will foster our ongoing connectional capacity to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

All: May God help us to be generous people, richly blessed to be a blessing.

Lay Leader

Ad. Board Chair

Pastor

Presiding Elder

^{*&}quot;Conference benevolences represent the minimum needs for mission and ministry in the annual conference. Payment in full of these apportionments by local churches is the first benevolent responsibility of the church." (BOD 247.14; 812)