



Church's Commitment to Mission Shares

Church Name Grace United Methodist Church, Denver

Contribution of mission shares allows 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 mission shares is the first missional priority of the local church.* (*Book of Discipline*, 247.14; 812)

Superintendent: We have been greatly blessed as participants in the story of Methodism through centuries and across the globe. We've learned what it means to be a connectional church, with a greater reach and impact together than in isolation. Even in the midst of disagreements, we are bound together by God's Spirit in Christ's body and in mission both locally and globally. Our Mountain Sky connection—spanning Colorado, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, and one church in Idaho—addresses 21st century challenges together. From disasters like war, fires, floods, and storms, to denominational unrest, to a rapidly changing cultural environment, we find common ground in the Wesleyan commitments to personal piety and social holiness. Through mission shares, each local church affirms its commitment to God's ongoing work through the Mountain Sky Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Pastor: As a spiritual leader to this/these congregation(s) 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 top priority for this community of faith.

Congregation: As United Methodists of the Mountain Sky Conference we commit to making participation in mission shares a top budget priority and will encourage our officers to do so. If we are unable to meet our full responsibility, which is 13% of adjusted revenue, we will set goals to increase our giving until we reach full participation.

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

Pastor *Daniel Seth O'Kealey-Gibson*

Treasurer *Carol Cole*

**"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)*