

ANNUAL CONFERENCE
PETITION TO THE 2006 ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

TITLE: BISHOP'S YOUNG ADULT INITIATIVE

ACTION TO BE VOTED ON:

1 The Rocky Mountain Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church encourages each local
2 church to identify ways to become involved in and provide support to GraceWorks Community:
3 The Bishop's Young Adult Initiative, including but not limited to:
4 encouraging young adults in the congregation with gifts and interest to apply as
5 volunteer participants;
6 providing spiritual support by praying for the program, staff, volunteer participants, and
7 affiliated organizations and individuals;
8 becoming a Covenant Congregation, pledging \$1000 per year for at least three years to
9 support program and administrative expenses of the Initiative;
10 providing support in the form of human or material resources in the areas of advisory or
11 campaign committee involvement, volunteer training, household items for the
12 volunteers, or connections with local agencies and funding sources;
13 providing additional financial support through special projects, offerings, or whatever
14 way each local church deems best over the next four years, beginning in 2006.
15 Additionally, the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference will provide office space and equipment
16 to the Young Adult Initiative as a sign of its support and commitment to the Initiative. This shall
17 include use of a computer and telephone, and access to printer, fax, and copier.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2006

TERMINATION DATE: July 1, 2008

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FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None. The costs of office space and supplies are minimal and will not require additional support, as they are included in the Annual Conference building operations budget. Local church support of the Initiative is on the basis of voluntary, “second-mile” giving.

RATIONALE: Not debatable

18 The 2004 General Conference of the United Methodist Church recognized the importance of
19 ministries with youth and young adults in its creation of the new church-wide Division on
20 Ministries with Young People. Rocky Mountain Conference has already shown great support for
21 such ministries through the youth and young adult conferences and retreats offered each year,
22 demonstrating a commitment that is ahead of the curve in comparison to many other annual
23 conferences, and now has an opportunity to support a new venue for young adult leadership
24 development and spiritual formation through service. Grace Works Community: The Bishop’s
25 Young Adult Initiative seeks to encourage young adults in personal growth and social awareness,
26 through reflection on full-time service, simple living, and intentional community; to strengthen
27 host communities through providing full-time workers to non-profit human service agencies; and
28 to strengthen the United Methodist connection across the Denver Episcopal Area through mutual
29 support in this common cause.