

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE

CONFERENCE CO-LAY LEADER APPLICATION

Return by April 10 to [nancyb@rmcumc.com](mailto:nancyb@rmcumc.com), or Nancy Butterfield, RMCUMC, 6110 Greenwood Plaza Blvd., Greenwood Village, CO 80111-4803. Please attach photo as well.

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Church Membership Park Hill United Methodist Church

Please list your experience Local Church: Lay Leader 2006-2012, Chair SPRC, Lead Disciple Bible Study

Metro District: District Co-Lay Leader 2000-2008, Chair Metro District Conference Planning Team

Annual Conference: Member Conference Structure Committee, Board of Stewards, Episcopacy Committee, Conference Imagine No Malaria Task Force, Imagine Team, Currently serving 2-year term as Conference Co-Lay Leader

Jurisdictional Conference: Vice Chair of Western Jurisdictional Leadership Team 2004-2008, Delegate Western Jurisdictional Conference 2004 (alternate), 2008 & 2012

General Church: Member Connectional Table, GCFA Economic Advisory Council, Association of Annual Conference Lay Leaders, General Conference Delegate 2008 & 2012

What is your vision for the laity in the Rocky Mountain Conference? --limit to 150 words

The Rocky Mountain Conference continues to grow in ministry partnership between clergy and laity. But we still have work to do in areas of laity empowerment, training and recognition as full partners in ministry. The current trajectory of the conference and some local churches is unsustainable. If the conference is going to achieve its mission goals, we have to align conference resources into fruitful mission and ministries. The local church is the setting where ministry takes place. The mission field has changed. It is the duty of the Annual Conference to direct its energy to meaningfully support and, where possible, encourage local churches to become outwardly focused. This is the work I want to join hands and hearts with you to do. We'll have to take calculated risks. We will stumble at times. That's okay, if it propels us to learn from our mistakes and be energized to find new paths forward.

What are your gifts to accomplish this vision?

My knowledge and understanding of UM church polity, the people and ethos of the West. The current co-lay leader and I have worked well in the past two years. We have complementary abilities that make our working relationship respectful, cordial and at times jovial which makes it a joy to work together. Above all, it is my ability to build consensus and my willingness to listen more than I speak that has served me well in this position. Let's continue to grow and learn together and from each other.

I have read the 2012 Book of Discipline pages 406-7, paragraph 607, and the RMC Annual Conference Standing Rules and Operational Procedures on the responsibilities and election of Conference Co-Lay Leaders. I have prayerfully considered this calling and commit to fulfill the responsibilities.

Signature

