



# Mountain Sky Conference The United Methodist Church

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Dear colleagues,

Please share this invitation with your congregation during worship on Sunday, Feb. 10 and through other communications as appropriate. We invite you to put your love for The United Methodist Church and your hope for the future into action! As we continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's leading and guidance at General Conference 2019, we will contribute to an empowering, generative context for delegates and observers.

The plan to do this is for Mountain Sky volunteers and local helpers to offer radical hospitality – greeting all attendees outside the convention center in St. Louis with small goodie bags with candies and an invitation to enter into dialogue with people they do not yet know. Essentially, we will encourage participants to “Pass the Peace of Christ” with one another and begin forming relationships that embodies God's perfect love in casting out our fears and opening up new possibilities during this time of Holy Conferencing.

Here are the details:

1. Invite a group within the church (youth group, UMW, Sunday school class) or the whole congregation to participate in this project. Kit assembly should take place the week of Feb 11 to 18, including Sunday, Feb 17.
2. Produce 50 to 75 kits per group or church.
3. Kit is comprised of:
  - a. 1 snack-size Ziploc bag
  - b. 5 Hershey's hugs and/or kisses candies per bag
  - c. 1 print-out of the attached Mountain Sky UMC map/greeting\*
  - d. 1 “conversation starter” slip of paper\*\*
4. Mail all kits on or before Feb. 19 for delivery no later than Feb. 22 to: Trish Gunby, Manchester UMC, 129 Woods Mill Road, Manchester, MO 63011
5. As you assemble kits, please post photos to social media with these hashtags: #mtnskyumc #LoveInAction #BelovedCommunity #UMCGC
6. For questions, contact Margaret Gillikin at [mgillikin@mtnskyumc.org](mailto:mgillikin@mtnskyumc.org) or by text at 719-696-0354.

We look forward to seeing you and your congregation in action online.

With gratitude,

*Rev. Jeff Rainwater*

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*\* The two pages of print-outs attached to this email will need to be cut apart. Please print the map on white paper, in color ink if possible.*

*\*\* The conversation starter may be double-sided on the back of the map or printed separately on any color paper.*