

**Resolution of the 51st Annual Celebration
of the Rocky Mountain Conference
of the United Church of Christ**

Eliminating Ecclesiastical Councils as part of the process for welcoming congregations and new church starts into the Rocky Mountain Conference of United Church of Christ:

Whereas

The draft Manual on Local Church delineates a process for welcoming new congregations into the UCC which does not include an Ecclesiastical Council;

And, Whereas

The standard procedure for welcoming new churches is done at Annual Celebration;

And, Whereas

The Rocky Mountain Conference desires to fully live into the values of the united and uniting diversity of the United Church of Christ;

And, Whereas

The Rocky Mountain Conference desires to fully live into affirming the responsibility of the Church in each generation to make this faith its own in reality of worship as per the preamble to our Constitution;

The Board, with a request from the Committee on Ministry, does move to amend the by-laws:
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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the delegates of the 51st Annual Meeting of the Rocky

Mountain Conference of the United Church of Christ, hybrid meeting (in person and virtual video conferencing) under the non-profit meeting voting guidelines of the State of Colorado, on Saturday, June 20, 2025, shall eliminate the requirement of Ecclesiastical Councils for existing congregations and new church starts to become members of the Rocky Mountain Conference by amending the wording as follows:

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Summary information

The above will incur no financial consequence to the Rocky Mountain Conference.