

PETITION TO THE 2026 ALASKA CONFERENCE

TITLE: _____ PETITION # _____

ACTION TO BE VOTED ON: *(Please state the motion in its simplest form, addressing one issue only, exactly what action is required. If you wish to submit additional supporting rationale, it must be typewritten on additional, separate sheets. Copies of up to two pages will be included in the Pre-Conference Handbook. Members will vote only on the action as boxed below.)*

RATIONALE:

TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY: _____
(Name of committee, board, commission, agency)

COSTS: _____ If a cost is involved, what committee/board/agency will be responsible for including this cost in its budget? _____

If this cost impacts the Conference Budget, has approval been received from the Council on Finance and Administration? _____
If not, then from whom? _____

When will it be completed? _____ How will you judge its effectiveness?
(be specific) _____

CONTACT PERSON INITIATING THE PETITION: _____

Contact person's phone #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

GROUP REFERRING PETITION TO ANNUAL MEETING: _____

Group Leader responsible: _____

Group leader's phone # _____

E-Mail Address _____

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MUST BE RECEIVED BY
April 30, 2026

Whereas the Alaska Annual Conference is a missionary conference with limited financial and staffing resources, and

Whereas the ministry context of Alaska, including an annual apportioned spend of less than \$500,000 and a simplified financial structure, differs significantly from that of other conferences within the Greater Northwest Area, and

Whereas the imposition of administrative processes, structures, and software tools without consultation has increased cost and workload, diverting energy from ministry and mission,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Alaska Annual Conference affirms that any implementation of new processes, structures, or software tools originating from Greater Northwest Area staff must receive prior consultation with and approval from Alaska Conference staff; and

Be it further resolved, that final approval for such changes shall rest with the Alaska Annual Conference in session, or with the Leadership Team acting on its behalf between sessions; and

Be it further resolved, that all shared work across the Area be grounded in mutual respect, contextual awareness, and a commitment to practices that support, without burden, the unique mission and ministry of the Alaska Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Kristin McGuire
Alaska UMC Conference Superintendent and Director of Connectional Ministries