

Alaska United Methodist Conference
Winter Rendezvous and Special Called Session

Evaluation Form

We welcome your feedback on the Winter Rendezvous and Special Called Session. We read your comments in an effort to improve as we plan our next activities. Please answer the questions below. If you would like, you can choose to fill out this evaluation form online: <https://forms.gle/ws3het1RmWEhSLfs7>

1. **Sessions:** Please give feedback on the Winter Ronly workshop sessions. On Thursday, we reviewed our 20/20 vision, mission statement, and 5 Conference priorities. In the next session we discussed things we can let go of and compost. In the following session, we talked as a whole group and as regions about the “who, what, and where” of God’s call to us now. On Friday, we discussed factors that limit and encourage ministry in Alaska, then we examined the current AUMC structure and worked in table to groups to discern how we could organize for ministry in the future. Lastly, we shared how we envision the Methodist movement in Alaska for the next quadrennium.

What was helpful in these workshop sessions? What needs to be explored in more detail? What was missing?

Please share other useful feedback about the facilitation and process of the sessions.

2. **Town Hall Meeting:** This was one more opportunity to ask questions and share concerns with the Leadership Team, the Future Visions Task Force, the Bishop and ministry representatives in the PNW about the decisions we were to make at the Special Called Session.

Please give feedback on the format and content of the Town Hall.

3. **Worship:** In our 6 worship services, we journeyed from Famine to Fullness using the story of Ruth as the framework. Each worship service had an experiential component. In “We Who Are Hungry,” we acknowledged our individual and collective hunger by placing personal statements in an empty basket. In “We Who Are Letting Go,” we entered into an extended time of silence and discernment, then we “pruned” the tree and composted

the dead leaves. In “We Who Are Family,” we placed buds of new life on the tree and celebrated our connection and call to journey together. In “We Who Are Planting,” we placed blossoms on the tree trusting that God will bring our work to fruition as our legacy to the next generation of Alaskan Methodists. The final two worship services bookended the Special Called Session, first recapping the whole worship journey and then ending with closing communion with Bishop Elaine presiding.

How did worship support our work? What was meaningful to you about the worship services?

Please share other useful feedback about worship leadership, music, preaching, movement, visuals, etc.

4. **Special Annual Conference Session:** Please share any useful feedback about how the conference was conducted.

5. **Logistics:** Please give affirmations or suggestions for improvement on the following:

Meals

Set-up

Facility

6. **What are other comments or suggestions you would like to share?**

7. What was the highlight of your Winter Rendezvous/Special Session experience?