



## ***MOUNTAIN SKY OUTLOOK***

Rocky Mountain Annual Conference &  
Yellowstone Annual Conference of  
The United Methodist Church

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### **The Journey of Healing Continues Elaine JW Stanovsky**

Rocky Mountain United Methodist Friends, many of you traveled to the site of the Sand Creek Massacre on June 20, and experienced the powerful presence and sharing of descendants of survivors of the Massacre. As you know, the Pilgrimage was one step on a long journey of learning about our history and building healing relationships with Native Americans. Many of you are asking, what's next. Where does this journey lead?

#### **1. Public commemoration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sand Creek Massacre**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. November 29 – December 3, 2014, the Sand Creek Massacre Spiritual Healing Run will follow the route from the Massacre site to the Colorado State Capital. I hope a crowd of United Methodists will join my family and me at the beginning and end of the run. We don't know all the details at this time. Watch the [Commemoration website](#) for details and related events. Individuals and local churches can support participation of Arapaho and Cheyenne runners and tribal people by contributing to the Bishops Fund for Native Peoples. Sponsorship for one runner costs \$500 for travel from Montana, Wyoming or Oklahoma, food and lodging. Gifts of any size are welcome. [Click here to donate](#).

In addition, there may be opportunities for individuals or local churches to help provide lunches or other support services for the run. If you are interested in attending or providing support services for the Healing Run, please let me know by sending an email message to [healing@mountainskyumc.org](mailto:healing@mountainskyumc.org).

#### **2. Intentionally building relationships with Native Peoples in each district.**

During the next year each District Superintendent will work with local church leaders to begin building or strengthening relationships with Native Americans in your area. This work will begin with relationship building and deep listening. If you are a person with interest in this work, and ability to make at least a 2-year commitment to on-going conversation, please let us know by sending an email to [healing@mountainskyumc.org](mailto:healing@mountainskyumc.org).

I plan to continue the [Sand Creek Massacre blog](#) into the future with reports from both the Yellowstone and Rocky Mountain Annual Conference session and news as it unfolds.

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