

# Simpson News

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## Mountain Sky Annual Conference Updates

Each year an equal number of clergy members and lay members attend their conference's annual conference session for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference. These sessions include reports of past and ongoing work; adoption of future goals, programs, and budgets; ordination of clergy members as deacons and elders; and election of delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences. This year, the Mountain Sky Annual Conference will complete the conference business during two sessions.

The first session was held on June 16-19, 2022. The June session included opening worship, clergy session, laity session, a plenary session for legislative business, vision exploration with Bishop Karen, district lunches, the memorial worship service, and the Ordination worship. The second session will be on **October 21 – 22, 2022**.

The second session will include:

- Presentations on the mission and ministry of the Mountain Sky Annual Conference
- Annual legislation, including the budget, nominations report, and guiding policies
- Voting on petitions, including church disaffiliations
- Confirming episcopal nominees for the upcoming Western Jurisdictional Conference (Nov 2-5th in Salt Lake City, UT)
- Visioning and commitment toward the future of the MSC

The Western Jurisdiction will elect up to four of its five bishops in November 2022. Given this unique opportunity, leadership from across the Western Jurisdiction has proposed a new process for annual conferences and the jurisdiction to work through a discernment process culminating in the election of its bishops. At the October session, the body will be endorsing one or more candidates for the Western Jurisdiction episcopal elections. Currently, there are six nominees that the body will consider for endorsement. You can review the nominee's profile and interview at [Mountain Sky Conference | MSC Episcopal Candidates \(mtnskyumc.org\)](https://mtnskyumc.org).

Differences over same-sex marriage and the ordination of LGBTQ clergy have simmered for years in the United Methodist Church, coming to a head in 2019 at a conference in St. Louis where delegates voted 438-384 to strengthen bans on LGBTQ-inclusive practices. Most U.S.-based delegates opposed that plan and favored LGBTQ-friendly options; they were outvoted by U.S. conservatives teamed with most of the delegates from Methodist strongholds in Africa and the Philippines. In the aftermath of that meeting, many moderate and liberal clergy, churches, and conferences made clear they would not abide by the bans. Various groups worked on proposals to let the United Methodist Church split along theological lines. These disputes continue today, leading to various legal decisions.

More detailed information can be found on the Mountain Sky Conference website: [Mountain Sky Conference | Annual Conference 2022 \(mtnskyumc.org\)](https://mtnskyumc.org) and [Western Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church | Where Love Lives \(westernjurisdictionumc.org\)](https://westernjurisdictionumc.org).

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# Simpson News and Events

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## Ohagi/Botamochi Workshop

You may have wondered about the two names for the delicious sweet rice balls. That's because we call these balls differently in the spring and autumn. The Botamochi is named for the spring flower, peony and Ohagi is named for the autumn flower, hagi (bush clover).

Ruth Shinto taught 20 workshop participants the art of making this great dessert on Saturday, August 27.

We ate 1 Ohagi and took home 4! Thank you to Ruth for her leadership and thanks to her helpers, Cindy Kondo and Carol Tsutsui the workshop was a success and fun! "



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Mark Your Calendars for

Simpson Virtual Bingo

September 23rd (Friday)

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## Prayer and Care Ministry

Join Pastor Leah on  
Thursday, Sept. 29 at 6:00 p.m.  
(via zoom)

To be part of Simpson's new  
ministry



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## COVID Study

Simpson is participating in a study called, "Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations." This study explores the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on thousands of Christian churches in the United States. It includes in-depth studies of churches like Simpson to explore how congregational members and their pastors engaged with the challenges and opportunities presented by the Covid-19 pandemic and how they continue to adapt and change.

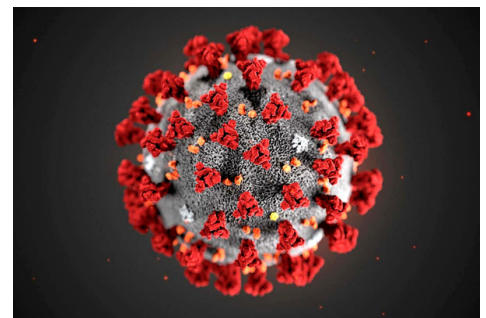
This survey asks questions about your congregations' patterns of attendance, budget and giving for the previous two years, religious education patterns, partners in ministry, and programs/ministries, and response to the pandemic, among other topics. It will take approximately 20-25 minutes to complete. Your participation in the research is voluntary. There is no penalty if you choose to not join research study. You are free to skip any question that you might not feel comfortable answering or may stop your participation at any time.

Your responses are anonymous and confidential. No one will be able to identify you or your answers, and no one will know whether or not you participated in the study. This research is no more than minimal risk. The level of risk is expected to be about the same as risks of daily life. This study will offer no direct benefit to you. Your church will get a copy of the overall findings. Likewise, sharing your experiences and thoughts will help us to better understand congregational life and the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. We would love to hear your thoughts and experiences during this trying time for America and its churches.

We are asking you to participate in the study. Please access the study at the following link:

[Qualtrics Survey | Qualtrics Experience Management](#)

Thank you for your help!



# GOCHISO

## SIMPSON JAPANESE FOOD FESTIVAL

Simpson United Methodist Church • 6001 Wolff Street, Arvada, CO 80003

**Saturday, October 1, 2022**

Pick up time: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**ORDER TODAY! Must be in by September 18 (see order form) ORDER TODAY!**



Use this QR code to access the order form

Order form/checks payable to SUMC must be received via mail by Sept 18, 2022

**PRE-ORDERS ONLY THIS YEAR**

### Japanese Food from Simpson United Methodist is Back!!

This year for pre-order and carry-out only. Featuring: Teriyaki Beef Bowl with rice, Teriyaki Chicken - Leg and Thigh Quarter with rice, Chinese Chicken Salad, Green beans w/miso sauce and sesame seeds, Edamame, Maki Sushi Roll, Inari Sushi, California Roll, Spam Musubi!! **MAIL IN YOUR ORDER TODAY!!**



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# Open Position - Japanese Language Instructor

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**Job Description**  
**Japanese Language Instructor**  
**Simpson United Methodist Church**  
**6001 Wolff Street, Arvada, CO 80003**

**Identity Statement of Simpson United Methodist Church (SUMC):**

Simpson is a multi-culture church that embraces the Japanese American heritage and is committed to the continued existence of its history and traditions.

**Job Summary:**

1. Simpson is hiring a long-term Japanese language instructor to teach Japanese learners.
2. There are three class levels (min 15 years old): beginning, intermediate, and advanced. The class sizes vary from 1 to 10 students.
3. Each level meets for one hour on Saturday mornings (starting at 9 a.m., ending at 12 p.m.) at the SUMC building in Arvada (remote only when necessary).
4. There are Spring and Fall semesters, each with approximately 18 classes. There is a 3-month break in the summer and a short break over the holidays.
5. The position will begin in August 2022.

**Responsibilities:**

1. Maintain a friendly, fun, and positive experience for both the learners and instructor.
2. Be responsible for deciding the learning materials, curriculum, and teaching techniques to ensure engaging, fun, and effective Japanese classes.
3. Coordinate substitute teachers and makeup classes.
4. Help SUMC coordinate the administration of the classes.
5. Be a friendly, supportive, and patient teacher to learners and advisor to SUMC.

**Qualifications:**

1. Japanese fluency and knowledge of Japan.
2. Teaching experience (preferably in Japanese for adults).
3. Strong communication and interpersonal skills.

**Pay Rate:** This position pays \$25/hour.

Please submit your resume to Rev. Leah Coleman ([pastorleahcoleman@gmail.com](mailto:pastorleahcoleman@gmail.com))

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Coleman at 307-214-0871.

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# Thank You Very Much

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We are grateful for the many ways people support our church with generous gifts. It is part of our tradition to publicly thank those who give special gifts. Please note that as some prefer to donate anonymously, this is not a complete list of donors. Giving information as of August 28, 2022.



## In Memory of

Asako Oka by May Aoyagi

Dan Goto by Patty & Allyson Goto

Jan Ito by Curtis Higuchi, May Aoyagi, Nan Kazmerski

### **Asian Camp**

Julia Kamura

Robin Miyahara

Calvin Yukihiro

### **Church Utilities**

Go For Broke Education  
Center

### **Utilities**

Charlotte & Ken Namba

### **O.N.E. Committee**

Chen Wu

### **Simpson Youth**

Ruth Shinto

Anonymous donation

### **Special donation/offering**

Sam Owada

### **Trustees Account – Bush Trimming**

Charlotte & Ken Namba

Appreciation of support to Nichigo and Nichigo Bench

Ritsuko Munn, Julia Kamura, Anonymous donation, Robin Miyahara

## SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 9:00 am Taiko
4 10:00 am WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6	7	8 5:30 Finance Stewardship Mtgs.	9	10 9:00 am Taiko
11 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE Keiro no Hi	12 Ukulele 10-Noon Memorial Lounge	13	14	15	16 Kitchen/FH Prep for Food Festival	17 9:00 am Taiko Kitchen/FH Prep for Food Festival
18 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE	19	20 Kitchen/FH Prep for Food Festival	21 Kitchen/FH Prep for Food Festival 7:00 pm Trustees	22 Kitchen/FH Prep for Food Festival	23 Kitchen/FH Prep for Food Festival Bingo via Zoom	24 9:00 am Taiko Kitchen/FH Prep for Food Festival
25 8:30 am S.P.RC. 10:00 WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00 am Ad Council	26 Ukulele 10-Noon Memorial Lounge	27 Kitchen/FH Prep for Food Festival	28 Kitchen/FH Prep for Food Festival	29 Kitchen/FH Prep for Food Festival	30 Kitchen/FH Prep for Food Festival	OCTOBER 1 Simpson Food Festival

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Or current resident

