

Grand Agenda

Annual Celebration* 2017

Cheyenne, WY • June 8-11, 2017

Thursday, June 8 2017

Guiding Scripture: Ephesians 18-19

Noon – 4:00	Boundary Training	Room 121
3:00 - 5:30	Association Meetings	
	MDA Meeting:	4:45 to 5:40 in Room 121
	SEA Meeting:	4:15 to 5:30 in Room 123
	PVA Meeting:	4:00 to 5:00 in Room 124
3:00 - 8:00	Registration	LCCC / Kiwanis Center
5:00 - 5:50	RMC 2016-17 Board Meeting	Kiwanis Center
6:00 - 8:00	WELCOME RECEPTION & REGISTRATION	Kiwanis Center
8:00 - 9:00	Covenant & Theme: Welcome to Beloved Community	Kiwanis Center

Friday, June 9, 2017

8:00 - 8:45	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00 - 11:30	Curating Stories of Beloved Community	Centennial Room
11:30 - 1:00	Lunch & Free Time	Dining Hall
1:10 – 1:55	“Mission Madness” Time	Display Tables
2:00 – 2:45	Engagement Sessions	Centennial Room
	Planned Giving - Mary Paxton, Office of Phil. and Stewardship	
	Conference Inclusion Team - Nadyne Guzman	
	Conference Minister Forum - Sue and Erin	
	Conference Resource Staff - Cory and Gigi	
3:00 – 5:00	Naming Believing Hope	Centennial Room
5:00 - 6:30	Dinner & Free Time	Dining Hall
6:30 – 8:00	Installation of the Rev. Erin Gilmore	Courtyard of Centennial Room
8:00 - 9:00	Reception for the Rev. Erin Gilmore	Centennial Room

Saturday, June 10, 2017

8:00 – 8:45	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00 – 11:30	Transforming Believing Hope into Embodied Action	Centennial Room
11:30 – 1:15	Lunch & Free Time	Dining Hall
1:15 – 4:00	Celebrating Embodied Action	Centennial Room
4:00 - 7:30	Dinner & Free Time (Go See Cheyenne!)	Dining Hall
	Dinner Available at 5:00 p.m.	
7:30 – 10:00	WRAP PARTY / DANCE	Kiwanis Center
	Recognitions and Awards	

Sunday, June 11, 2017

8:00 – 8:40	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:45 – 9:30	CLOSING WORSHIP	Centennial Room
10:00	Clean Up / Departure / Cheyenne PrideFest Parade!	



I pray that with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know the hope to which God has called you, the riches of God’s glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of God’s power for us who believe, according to the working of God’s great power.

That power is the same as the mighty strength.

Ephesians 1:18-19



2018 MINISTRY PLAN

WHERE DO OUR MISSION DOLLARS GO?

To Support the Health & Vitality of Our Churches, Lay, and Clergy

RMC Forward...



Church Vitality

In support of vitality, the Conference Office guides churches through the self-discernment process, manages search and call, and counsels in times of crisis. This facilitation comes from our Conference Ministers—Rev. Sue Artt and Rev. Erin Gilmore—who protect, sustain, and develop our churches. With Erin’s Installment, we’ll see an even stronger focus on church vitality.

Conference vitality IS church vitality, and the health of our churches is priority #1. If you need assistance with church vitality, email us at search@rmcucc.org.

UCC Covenant & Mission

In 2018, we will once again support our RMC-Affiliated Ministries:

- La Foret Conference and Retreat Center (Black Forest, CO)
- Archway Housing & Services (Denver, CO)
- RMC Endowment Fund (CO, WY, and UT)

We also provide staff time and resources including video production, meeting spaces and supplies, promotion, event sponsorship, and more! Your dollars also support non-RMC ministries such as:

- CUE Seminaries (Chicago, United, Eden)
- United Church of Christ Global Ministries
- Organizations like the Wyoming Association of Churches, Colorado Council of Churches, camp scholarship funds, Iliff Seminary scholarship funds, UCC Disaster Relief, and more.



Faith Development

In 2017 and 2018, we’ll continue to offer Boundary Training, Association Leader Events, Outdoor Ministry, and more. In addition, we will ramp up our communications and technology support through Association-Level workshops, beginning with two workshops in 2017. As you’ll see on the next page, we have also launched our IGNITE Leadership Initiative!



“In the Mud” Mission Grants

Historically, churches sent money to the Conference Office, and the Conference Office turned around and send funds to organizations that we’d always supported. We are proud to have supported those groups, but something BIG was missing in the whole process: Our churches.

How can we ask churches to change their community if we don’t let them identify the greatest needs? How are churches supposed to build relationships with organizations if they never interact?

2017 is the inaugural year of our “In the Mud” Grants. So far, we’ve given \$10,000+ OCWM dollars back to churches to fulfill our Mission—and we’ll award another \$10,000 in September. Already, we’ve seen churches help their communities and make new connections, and we can’t wait to see what the future holds. To apply for the Fall 2017 “In the Mud” grant, visit RMCUCC.org.

2018 “In-Spirit” Budget

Sources:

OCWM	\$400,000	52%
Friends of the Conference	\$30,000	4%
Per Capita	\$121,800	16%
Faith Development	\$126,895	16%
Endowment	\$13,500	2%
Rent & Miscellaneous	\$54,810	7%
21st-Century Leadership Fund	\$24,250	3%
Total	\$771,255	100%

Uses:

Faith Development	\$295,412	38%
Ministry Development	\$261,806	34%
UCC Covenant	\$127,202	17%
Mission Outreach	\$45,301	6%
Building Expenses	\$39,350	5%
Total	\$769,071	100%

IGNITE: A Leadership Initiative from the RMC

*How do we faithfully lead when old solutions no longer work?
How do we evolve our faith community and culture for times like these?*

We are living in a rapidly changing and increasingly complex world. The challenges we face today are immense, and faith communities are where many go to make sense of such times.

IGNITE is an initiative that seeks to cultivate the kind of leadership that can adequately meet this new era, and help forward our vision of the church: Church as one of the most life-giving forces in our culture for the century ahead.

During this 9-month program, participants will be immersed in a collaborative, participative, and innovative learning community, designed to deepen one’s capacity to be a courageous and wise leader for times such as these. For more information, visit RMCIGNITE.com.

