



March 29th, 2024

# Welcome to the Together Newsletter

## *All About Annual Celebration 2024*

Happy Spring, everyone!

In this edition of the Together Newsletter, we're excited to share more details about Annual Celebration 2024. Rev. Erin Gilmore has lots to share about this year's theme, as well as a snapshot of the Grand Agenda and some details about registration and discounts.



[Read More about Annual Celebration 2024](#)

Registration for Annual Celebration is now live on Eventbrite. Please [visit our Eventbrite page](#) to register.

As Annual Celebration approaches, we hope that you'll prayerfully consider [volunteering your talents](#) on behalf of the Conference. Please read more about the RMC's many positions and fill out the 2024 Nomination Form via the link below.

[Elected RMC Positions + Nomination Form](#)

For additional news from around the conference, we invite you to follow the RMC on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

To share your good news, prayer requests, volunteer opportunities, and upcoming events with the rest of the conference, **please send your submissions to** [allison@rmcucc.org](mailto:allison@rmcucc.org). We'd love to include your stories in this newsletter and on social media.

Wishing Easter blessings to you all,  
Allison

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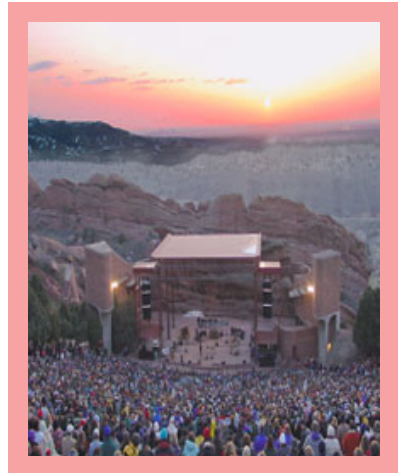
## *News from Around the Conference*

# Announcements + Upcoming Events

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### **Rev. Erin Gilmore Preaching on Easter Sunday at Red Rocks!**

That's right, folks! Our very own Rev. Erin Gilmore is preaching at the Colorado Council of Churches' Easter Sunrise Service at the iconic Red Rocks Amphitheatre. [Visit the CCC website](#) to make plans to be there in-person or livestream the service on the [CCC YouTube Channel!](#)



### **2024 Dates for Boundary and Racial Justice Training**

Enkei Resolutions has several sessions of [boundary training](#) and [racial justice training](#) throughout the year. Please click the links to learn more and register!



The UCC's second annual Earth Summit will feature celebrated author Bill McKibben along with award-winning activists who are waging a David-versus-Goliath struggle against the pollution of Formosa Plastics, one of the world's largest plastics producers. The Earth Summit will take place on April 20th via Zoom.

[Register today for this free event!](#)

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## Call for Church Photos + Reflections

At this year's Annual Celebration, we're excited to honor the 50th anniversary of the RMC, and we want your church's story to be part of our conversations and celebrations! Clergy and church members are encouraged to send photos and written reflections about their church to [allison@rmcucc.org](mailto:allison@rmcucc.org).

When you send your photos, which can feature church members, church events, or just about anything related to the life of your church, **please provide a caption with some context about the image** (for example, "Here's a snapshot of the members of Community Spirit UCC on Easter morning!").

In your written reflections (which can be as long or as brief as you like), we'd love for you to speak to some of the following questions: **What aspects of your church are you most proud of? What achievements would you like to honor? And, how has your congregation changed over the years to meet the needs of your community?**

Your stories, reflections, and photos will be shared in various ways over the

course of Annual Celebration, and we'll also be sharing your photos on social media as part of our virtual celebration.



## Upcoming Ecclesiastical Council for Samantha Bronson

All members with standing in the RMC and Lay Delegates from every member church are encouraged to attend and offer support to Samantha as she continues the journey toward ordination in the United Church of Christ. **This event will be happening via Zoom on April 23rd at 7 PM.** Please [register](#) to participate, and please take some time to [learn more about Samantha](#).

## Calling All Mathematical Minds!

The RMC Finance Committee is seeking a couple of new members ahead of the regular nominating cycle for the Annual Celebration, and in the interest of diverse representation, we are particularly interested in volunteers from outside of the MDA. Interested? Please contact RMCUCC Treasurer, [Rev. Kari Collins](#).

## Create! Family Retreat

*Registration Closes on April 5th*

Join La Foret for the upcoming [Create! Family Retreat](#), a collaborative weekend of exploration and creation for families of all dynamics. [Visit the La Foret website](#) to **register by April 5th!** Plus, check out a special event with [John Philip Newell](#) coming up in May.





## Check out the ONA Podcast!

Looking for a new podcast for your listening rotation? Check out "The Intersection," a podcast from the UCC's ONA Coalition. Check it out on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), or Google Podcasts.

Plus, keep an eye on the ONA website for even [more webinars and events](#).

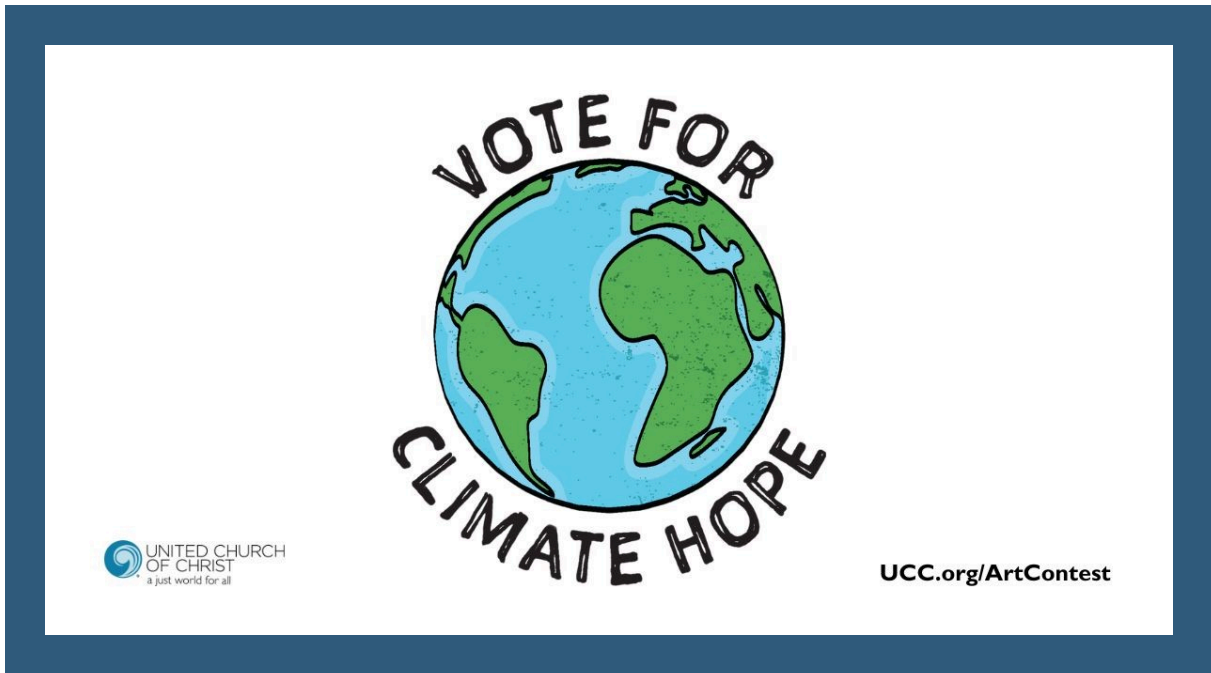
## Share the Celebration!

First Congregational UCC in Colorado Springs is celebrating their 150th year as a congregation, and special events will be happening throughout the year. If you find yourself near Colorado Springs on any Sunday morning, you're invited to join for Worship at 10 AM, or you can [visit their website](#) to learn more about upcoming events.



## Got a New Moderator?

Please be sure to share the contact information for your Moderators and Assistant Moderators with [Laura Gurney](#) so that they can be included in all future Moderator communications. Thanks!



## For Children and Youth: UCC Climate Hope Art Contest

To give our children and youth a voice this election season, while also reminding adults of their responsibility for the next generation, the UCC is conducting a *Vote for Climate Hope* Art Contest. Submissions will be accepted until April 16th.

[Register today!](#)



## Now Hiring!

Highlands Church Denver is hiring a new Co-Pastor. [Visit their website](#) to learn more about the position.

## The Rocky Mountain Conference office has a new mailing address!

As you may know, the RMC office is in the process of moving to a new location. We're excited to report that our current building is once again under contract, and the tentative closing date is April 1st. We hope that we'll be moving into our new temporary space at 6th Avenue UCC soon.

*Going forward, we ask that you use the following mailing address:*

**303 S. Broadway**  
**Ste 200-330**  
**Denver, CO 80209**

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*Comments? Questions?*

**Email Allison!**

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