



April 12th, 2024

Welcome to the Together Newsletter

Gearing up for Annual Celebration 2024

Hello everyone!

Annual Celebration is coming up. This year, we'll be gathering **June 6th - 8th** at **La Foret Conference & Retreat Center** in Colorado Springs. You can access relevant documents like the 2024 Resolution Form, Standing Rules, and the Nomination Form on the RMC website via the link below:



[Links + Information about Annual Celebration](#)

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

We're also looking for photo submissions to help us celebrate you, the churches of the RMC, at Annual Celebration. **We invite you to share photos that help tell the story of your congregation** and how it is meeting the needs of your neighbors and neighborhoods. We also hope that your photo submissions might speak to 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 answer the call of your community?

Please send your submissions to allison@rmcucc.org (and please also share a few words that give context to your photos). Thank you!

Finally, this week, we're excited to share a new post on the RMC blog. I had the chance to speak with members of the RMC's Conference Inclusion Team about the A2A Covenant process, disability inclusion, and how churches can expand their extravagant welcome. We encourage you to read more about it all on the blog, which you can reach via the link below:

[Read More about A2A](#)

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**. And, if there are other types of content or updates that you'd like to see more of in this newsletter, please reach out to Allison about those ideas too! I'd love to hear from you so that I can make this newsletter as helpful as possible.

Best,
Allison

News from Around the Conference

Announcements + Upcoming Events



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](#).

Now Hiring!

Rio Grande Hospital in Del Norte, CO is hiring a Director of Spiritual Care. Please visit their website to learn more about the position and [apply online](#).



First Baptist Church of Denver is also seeking an [Interim Minister](#). Interested parties should [email Rev. Dough Avilesbernal](#) to apply.

Register for the Western Regional Youth Event!

Join other UCC Middle and High Schoolers from the western half of the United States at California State University, Long Beach for music, service projects, workshops, inspiring speakers, worship, and a day at Disneyland! [Learn more](#) and [register today!](#) Questions? Email [Rev. Wally Hoeger](#).



2024 Dates for Boundary and Racial Justice Training

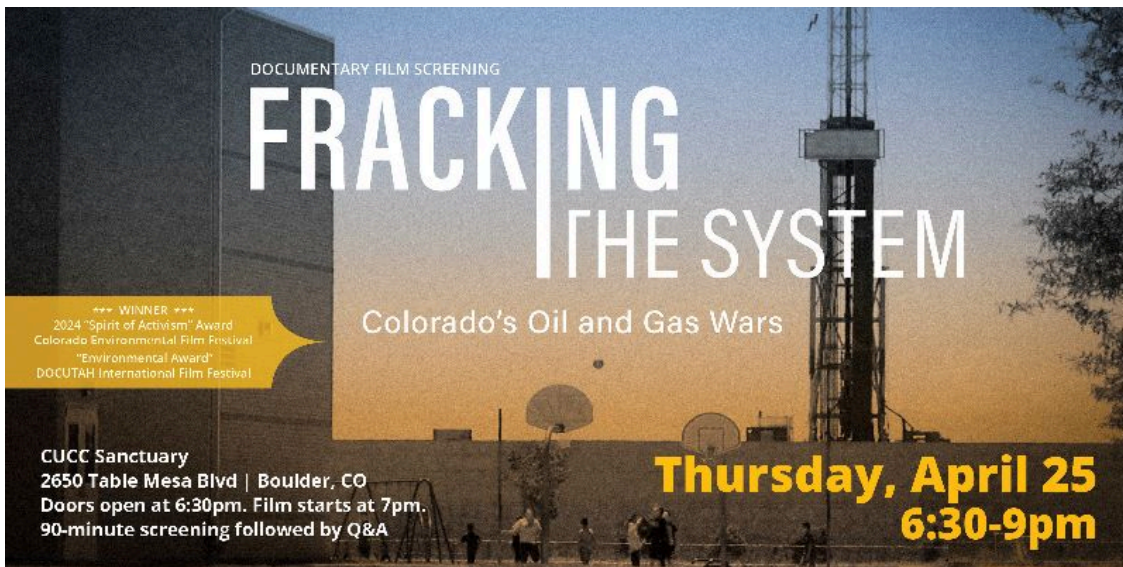
Enkei Resolutions has several sessions of [boundary training](#) and [racial justice training](#) throughout the year.

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.

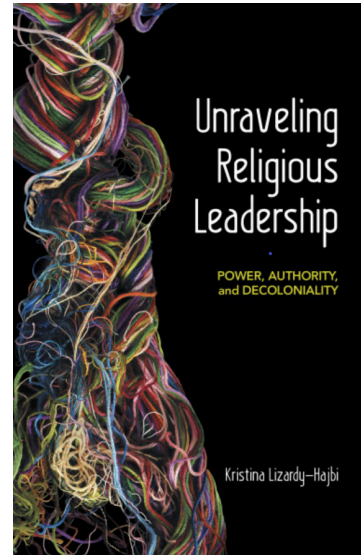
[Register today for this free event!](#)



On April 25th, you're invited to Community United Church of Christ in Boulder, CO for a screening of the documentary Fracking the System, which follows the frontlines of climate justice activism in Colorado. Visit Eventbrite to [get your tickets!](#)

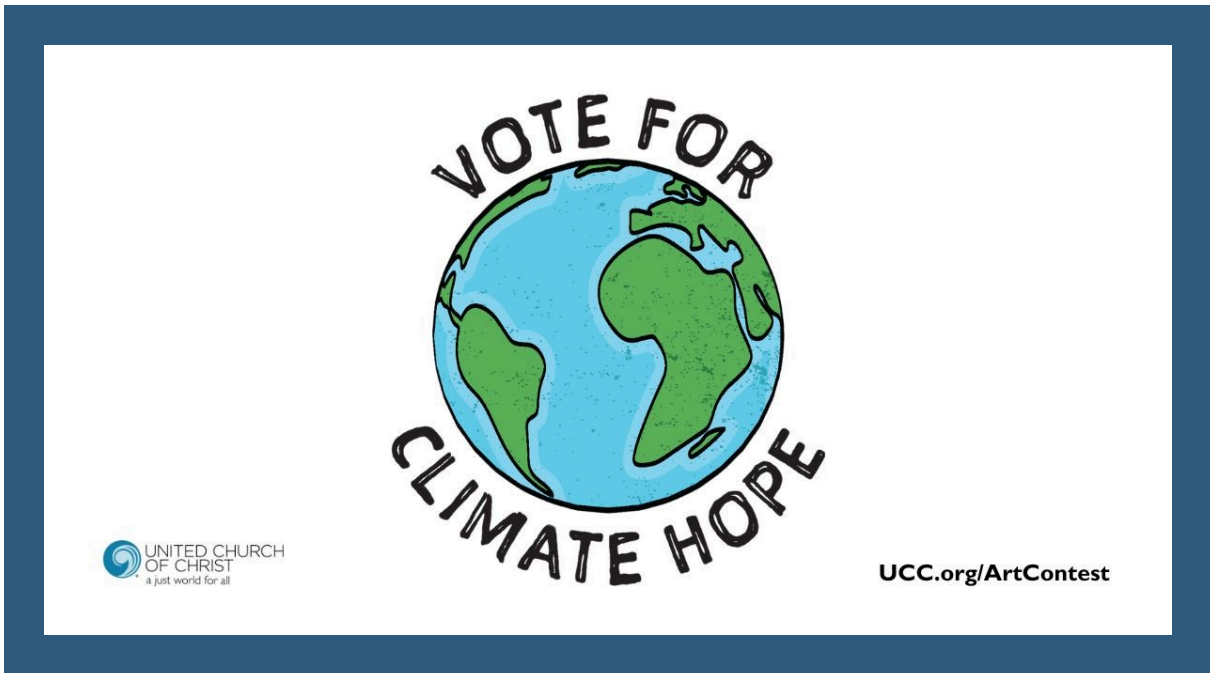
Congratulations!

Yet another UCC author is publishing a book this spring! We're thrilled to celebrate a new book by UCC Minister and Iliff School of Theology Professor, Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi! [Order your copy](#) of *Unraveling Religious Leadership: Power, Authority, and Decoloniality* today!



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!](#)



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](#).

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**

Comments? Questions?

Email Allison!

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