



Summer Youth Special Edition!

*Calling all youth, parents, and youth leaders:
There are some exciting things happening in the
Rocky Mountain Conference just for youth this
summer.*

New: Youth Track at Annual Celebration

Annual Celebration is a time for community and connection, and this year our theme is particularly relevant to youth and young adults. Blessed Flexibility is about embracing what the Spirit is calling the Church to become.



Any effort to imagine and create the church of the future would be woefully incomplete without the voices of youth.

So, this year, for the first time in a long time, we are specifically inviting churches in the RMC to nominate 1 to 3 high school youth in their church to participate in Annual Celebration. There will be a separate youth track with intentional opportunities for youth to connect, have fun, and help create the culminating worship experience of the weekend for everyone. There will also be an opportunity for a couple of youth to participate in a panel on the topic of the future of the church. The intention is to give youth a real platform and voice to impact the whole of the RMC in a meaningful way.

Youth participation in Annual Celebration is sharply discounted at \$175 per person for those staying on-site (and \$100 for those who wish to stay off-site).

There are additional campership funds available if your church is unable

to sponsor the whole of your youths tickets. Contact Brooklyn McBride, brooklyn@plymouthucc.org, for more information. Please register via [Eventbrite](#).

Summer Camps for all Ages

For over a generation, the Rocky Mountain Conference has held transformational summer camps at La Foret. These camps are open to all youth and kids in grades 2-12 in the RMC and beyond, yet they include the progressive Christian values of the United Church of Christ. You can see more about the three theological pillars of these summer camps at www.laforet.org/events/camps

Elementary camps are July 7-13, and middle and high school camps are July 14-20. Registration is open and camperships are available, but space is limited, so register today! Registration closes June 24th.

New: Voyager Faith & Science Camp for Middle School Youth

For more than a generation, youth in grades 6-8 from the Rocky Mountain Conference of the UCC have been attending Voyager Camp for the second week of July. This is a time-honored and treasured tradition, and this year we are going above and beyond with something completely new. Introducing Voyager Faith and Science Camp!

Spirituality and science have for too long been seen as opposite ends of a spectrum, when really they are more like two lenses through which we can view the mystery and majesty of the universe. This year, La Foret has assembled a wonderful planning team to create a custom camp for our youth. Voyager Camp will still include all the usual fun: ropes course, camp fires, crafts, games... with an added science component. In a developmentally specific way, we will look at how faith, hope, and love equip us to face the climate crisis and act individually and as part of a community.

For more information, contact Rev. Logan Bennett at logan@laforet.org or 719-822-7243

Sneak Peek for Next Year

The UCC's General Synod will be in Kansas City, July 11-15, 2025, and the nominating committee is seeking youth delegates.

Age requirements: 16-21

Cost to youth = \$0

Registration, Travel and Accommodations are covered by conference.

For more information, contact Jenny Boteler wyorevjen@gmail.com. To nominate a youth delegate, please send the contact info (email, phone #) and local church they attend to Jenny Boteler.

Comments? Questions?

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