



In the midst of joy there is also the reality of continued grief. As we continue to hold St. Paul's UCC and the friends and loved ones of Rev. Ken Ingram in prayer, I want to let you know that a Service for the Celebration of Life of Rev. Ken Ingram will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 11 am. We will continue to share more details as they emerge.

Finally, I wanted to clear up any confusion about the sale of the conference office. We did have an offer on the building but unfortunately the buyer backed out and so we are back to having the office on the market. We as a staff will continue to explore options for where we land post sale, as well as continue to work on cleaning out the office and preparing to move.

I pray the presence of God is with you in the complexity and depth that this season can bring, and that you find yourself met by the love and grace of Emmanuel, God with Us.

With love,  
Rev. Erin Gilmore  
Acting Conference Minister  
Rocky Mountain Conference, UCC

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## Next Moderators Meeting

Church Moderators (and co- and vice- and -elect, etc!) are invited to join us for our monthly Moderators gatherings on Zoom! Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 2 from 6:30-8pm on Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89579238876>) and will be an open conversation. Please bring your questions for other lay leaders and join us as we share ideas, questions, and solutions from across the conference! For more information, please reach out to Lay Leader Liaison, Laura Gurney ([laura@firstconggreeley.com](mailto:laura@firstconggreeley.com)).



## For All Lay Leaders - Save the Dates!

Please save the following dates for two upcoming Moderators gatherings, which will be open to all lay leaders!

- Wednesday, January 31, 6:30-8pm: Caring for our pastors well
- Thursday, February 29, 6:30-8pm: Your Church's Values in Action, with special guest Rev. Dr. Jason Whitehead, Juniper Formation

## Lapp Lodge Capital Campaign

We have launched our Capital Campaign to raise funds for Lapp Lodge. This new “home away from home” with 15 private rooms will offer quality family and adult lodging options with a variety of beds and configurations. Best of all, each private room will have its own bath! Lapp Lodge also includes meeting and community space.



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If you knew there was a Place . . .  
 Not very far away . . .  
 Where your body and soul could rest, renew,  
 rejuvenate . . .  
 In a safe space. A Sacred Place . . .

A Place where Love is found . . .  
 where strangers transform into friends,  
 Where “You all are a part of me I don’t yet  
 know.”  
 Would you long to go there?  
 Long to bathe in the forest, commune at the  
 Table . . .  
 Walk the Labyrinth, center with the Source of  
 All Life in the Chapel . . .  
 Hike the meandering trails, through ravines  
 and hilltops,  
 finding perspective restored . . .  
 Take off your shoes and know you were  
 surely on Holy Ground?

Once you found yourself Home, would you wish you could stay a day, a week . . .  
 and be comforted in the knowledge that . . .  
 You can return, again and again, for a very long time?

[Rev. Rebecca Kemper Poos](#) from Congregational UCC of Buena Vista, and [Debbie Harrington](#) from First Plymouth UCC in Englewood are piloting our Capital Campaign efforts.

Watch for letters, emails and social media posts which will share the many ways you can be a part of this opportunity to create memories today, tomorrow, and forever at La Foret! We hope you will contemplate the many ways La Foret has been a part of your personal journey, or your family’s history, or in whatever way our lovely forest has touched you when you consider what and how you will give. We encourage you to prayerfully consider how to support this effort, at whatever level you feel able. We hope you will want to be a partner in the construction of Lapp Lodge and take pride knowing you helped to make a difference! Gifts of all sizes from recurring monthly donations to one-time gifts, investment transfers, bequests and estate plans are all appreciated. Together we can do this!

We hope you will choose to be part of these exciting times and the building of the future of La Foret!

If you knew there was a Place . . . .

Click [HERE](#) for the full introduction to our campaign!

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## 2024 Boundary Training & Racial Justice Training Dates

Dates for Enkei Resolutions' 2024 Boundary and Racial Justice Trainings have been scheduled. Please see dates, links for registration and for more information below. Each training will be held via Zoom from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Pacific Time) on each of two days. Participants who complete all six hours of their selected training will receive a certificate of completion. Please verify with your judicatory body if this training meets your requirements. I am happy to send information if necessary to have these trainings approved if they are not already.

### **Boundary Training**

- February 13-14
- April 10-11
- September 10-11

[Information](#) [Register](#)

### **Racial Justice Training**

- March 19-20
- May 14-15
- October 8-9

[Information](#) [Register](#)

Questions? Email [dweible@enkei-resolutions.com](mailto:dweible@enkei-resolutions.com). Cost for training is \$60 per person per training.

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