



CENTRAL ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

Regional Assembly—Family Coming Together

Growing up in the Disciples of Christ, I've attended a lot of regional assemblies over my years. Sardines in churches I'd never been to before, kids coming back together like it's church camp all over again, mission opportunities for all ages to work together and get to know each other, an amazing keynoter who can bring it all together.

But the best part was always feeling like family coming together for one big reunion.

I haven't been in the Central Rocky Mountain Region for long, and I started my ministry here at probably the worst possible time ever, June 1, 2020. I attended the Fall Feast in 2021 in Salt Lake, but I wasn't able to make many connections there. I still feel like I'm learning so much about this region and the people who encompass it.

If there's one thing that I've observed about this region in the last three years, it's that we are fractured. We're not a family that's worked through some of our conflict—and yes, we have conflict. We're not a community anymore.

And I in no way think this was because of the pandemic. From the conversations I've heard, this started well before the pandemic, and the fractures and pain have only been deepening and widening for years.

But we can become a community again. We can become friends and family again. My kids can grow up in a region that loves them and that supports them and

where they have the same experience of family that I did growing up.

This isn't going to be easy. I

know there's a lot of travel and time and expenses involved. But those of us on the planning committee for this assembly have hope that we can come together and start to mend and heal and hope for the future that we have together.

We want to get to know each other again.

We want to learn who everyone is.

We want to have fun and joy together.

So I ask you to take the risk to come to Cheyenne in October. Come and visit and see if maybe we can find some healing together, if maybe we can start to find the semblance of family that I know we have. Let's come together, have fun, laugh loudly and boldly, and build those relationships we've been yearning for.

Rev. Aerii Smith



Keynote Speaker



The Central Rocky Mountain Region is excited to welcome Rev. Dr. Dawn Darwin Weaks to our Regional Gathering Party (Assembly) to gather as our Keynoter/Preacher/Storyteller.

Dawn's passion is to see Church connect with Community in such a way that both are changed. Connection Christian Church, where she copastors with her husband Joe, is the third century-old congregation she has led to discover a bold new purpose in ministry.

She will be leading us in three interactive gatherings as we explore who we are as people of

faith connected together in churches and communities, coming together in healing and hope as we move forward to be God's church in the Central Rocky Mountain Region and beyond.

Come meet Dawn at our Regional gathering in October!

Rev. Dr. Weaks wrote the book "Breakthrough—Trusting God for Big Change in Your Church." Dawn preaches and leads events for congregations, regions, and other communities throughout the US.

Rev. Dr. Weaks's spouse is Rev. Dr. Joe Weaks, and they have two double preachers kids who are fab young adults.

Rev. Dr. Weaks is the co-pastor of Connection Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ), in Odessa, Texas, a vibrant and trusted community leader in Texas's Permian Basin. She received her undergrad degree from Baylor University, her master's from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University, and her doctorate from Saint Paul School of Theology.

Clergy Convocation

Gathering and Connecting through the Gift of Art

October 25, 2024 - 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

All clergy are invited for a day shared together in worship, connection and reconnection, and playful learning. We will spend our time together exploring various forms of art and how they connect us to God, to one another, to our faith, to our communities, and to our broader world.

Our Convocation will include presenters and hands-on experiences from the worlds of pottery, music, and visual arts.

The cost, which includes lunch and snacks, is \$50 per person. Our hope, though, is that no clergy will be left out for financial reasons. If \$50 is not a possibility, there are options available so that all clergy can join us in this experiential gathering.

Flexible Schedule

8:30-9:00 a.m.—Registration, coffee and snacks

9:00 a.m.—Opening Worship

9:30 a.m.—Community Building

10:00 a.m.—Art Experience One

10:45 a.m.—Break

11:00 a.m.—Art Experience Two

Noon—lunch

1:00 p.m.—Art Experience Three

2:00 p.m.—Community Connections

2:30 p.m.—Break

2:45 pm - Art Experience Four and closing worship and Communion

3:30 p.m.—Going Forth

Fall Retreat

Grades 6-12

Oct 25-27

As a mission-oriented retreat for youth, we'll be working with our hands to help the local community and learning and growing together.

This year's Fall Retreat is expanded to include grades 6-12. Come join us in Cheyenne as we discuss our theme, "Gather Us In" and 1 Corinthians 12:27.

The cost for the event is \$40, which includes all meals, snacks, mission supplies, and activities.

Gather Us In
You are all a part of the body of Christ. - 1 Cor 12:27



When: October 25-27
Where: FCC, Cheyenne, WY
Who: Grades 6-12
How Much: \$40

Registration Information

Regular Registration

\$125.00 (early bird before July 15)

\$150.00 (after July 15)

This registration fee includes dinner on Friday, lunch and dinner on Saturday, snacks, and the attendance of the event. Please indicate if you will be joining for meals or not so we can plan.

Clergy Convocation

\$50.00

This registration fee includes lunch on Friday and snacks on Friday.

Fall Retreat

\$40.00

This registration fee includes all meals, supplies, and activities for the youth. Youth who pay this fee are welcome to attend any other part of the assembly they so choose with permission from their leader.

Hotel

Hotel Block at Fairfield Inn & Suits Cheyenne Southwest/Downtown Area - \$139 per night

Hotel Block at TownePlace Suites Cheyenne Southwest/Downtown Area for \$139 per night

Block dates – October 24 to October 27, 2024

Last day to book – Tuesday, September 24, 2024

[Booking Link Here](#) or call and use the code First Christian Church Regional Assembly

CRMR Regional Assembly 2024—Registration Form

Central Rocky Mountain Region Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

All forms and payments due by July 15, 2024, for Early Bird and by October 1st, 2024, for Regular Registration.

Make checks payable to: CRMR (put your name and home church in the memo).

Mail completed forms along with payment to: Rhonda Padilla, Central Rocky Mountain Region, 9250 E. Costilla Ave. Ste. 605, Greenwood Village, CO 80112.

I am registering for (please check all that apply):

- Regional Assembly—Early Bird Registration—\$125
- Regional Assembly—Regular Registration—\$150
- Clergy Convocation—\$50
- Fall Retreat—\$40

Registrant Information

Full Legal Name _____ Preferred Name _____
Home Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Email _____ Phone _____
Home Church _____

Emergency Contact Information

1st Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____
2nd Emergency Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Photograph Reproduction Consent

I give my consent for photographs to be taken of myself/my child during events sponsored in whole or in part by the Central Rocky Mountain Region (Disciples of Christ) to be reproduced and/or used in printed materials and websites which are the property of the CRMR (DOC) or other partner agents. I am aware that these photos will not be sold or used for profit other than for their presence in promotional materials, and I am aware that I will receive no compensation for the use of these photos.

Signature (parent or guardian if attended under 18 years) _____ Date _____

Meal Selection & Dietary Restrictions

Please indicate which meals you will participate in.

- None
- Friday Dinner
- Saturday Lunch
- Saturday Dinner

Please list any restrictions or food allergies and their severity.

Please note if this section is left blank we will assume there are no dietary restrictions or allergies.

_____ Vegan _____ Vegetarian _____ Omnivore _____ Gluten Free

_____ Peanut Allergy: _____

_____ Celiac Disease: _____

_____ Lactose Intolerant: _____

_____ Other: _____

Activity Release & Emergency Medical Authorization

Liability and Activity Release/Parental Liability and Activity Release:

I/My child, _____ will cooperate with the staff, the rules, and programs of the Regional Assembly/Fall Retreat. I understand that I am responsible for my/my child's action and will be held financially responsible for any damage done by me/my child. I will pay for any and all repairs incurred by such damage. I acknowledge that some activities of the assembly may contain inherent risk of injury. Any controversy or claim arising out of or related to my/my child's participation in the assembly shall be settled by binding arbitration pursuant to the applicable rules of the American Arbitration Association. I also give consent for myself/my child to go on authorized trips away from assembly grounds.

Registrant/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Authorization for Emergency Medical Care:

It is understood that CRMR, First Christian Church of Cheyenne and Assembly Staff will make a conscientious effort to locate contacts listed on the form before any actions is taken. I understand that my own insurance is primary, the CRMR insurance is secondary, and FCC Cheyenne's insurance is third. I hereby consent to myself/my child participate in all activities during regional assembly/fall retreat. I consent to any treatment deemed advisable in an emergency by an EMT, nurse, medical doctor, or other first-aid personnel. I will accept the expense of emergency medical or surgical treatment.

Registrant/Legal Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____



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