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Assembly Schedule

Friday			
Time	Details	Who	Location
5:30 pm	Welcome Table and Food available (for purchase)	Family Friendly	Su Teatro
6:30 pm	Chicano Music and Roots Festival “Resistance Jam Session” \$	Family Friendly	Su Teatro
Saturday			
8—9:30 am	Registration	ALL	FMC Lobby
8:00—9 am	Light Breakfast by MDS	ALL	FMC Community
9:30 am	Worship 😊V	ALL	FMC Sanctuary
11:00 am	Hope for New Growth Conversation 😊V	Adults	FMC Sanctuary
	Youth Visioning	Youth	B08 (MYF Room)
	Elementary Session I	5 year old—5th grade	FMC Basement Room
12:00 pm	Fundraising Lunch by Rocky Mountain Hmong MC (by donation)	ALL	FMC Community Center
1:00 pm	Delegate Session 😊V	Delegates and Anyone Interested	FMC Sanctuary
2:15—3pm	Breakout Session I 😊V	Youth, Adults	FMC
3:15—4pm	Breakout Session II 😊	Youth, Adults	FMC
1pm—4pm	Elementary Session II	5 year old—5th grade	FMC Basement Room
4:15 pm	RMMC Build-Your-Own-Snack Bags		FMC Community Center
Dinner	On your own	ALL	
6:10 pm	CO Rockies vs. LA Dodgers baseball game \$	ALL	Coors Field
Sunday			
8:30 am	Coffee & Donuts	ALL	FMC Community Center
9—9:30 am	Hymn Sing V	Anyone Interested	FMC Sanctuary
9:30 am	Worship 😊V	ALL	FMC Sanctuary
\$ - Requires additional cost, during registration		😊 - Childcare available	V– Available for Virtual



Come one, Come all to Assembly 2022!

This is a special invite to all the kids to join us. HUGE Thanks to Hannah Martin, Associate Pastor of Children at Beth-El MC. She will oversee our children's programming for the weekend.

Nursery – 0–4-year-olds

Care is available so adults can participate in all sessions, visioning, workshops, and worship services. Little ones will have the opportunity to play and learn with others, have snacks, and take naps as needed. First Mennonite Church's Sun Room / Nursery is perfect for them, with tables, kitchenette, baby changing table and supplies. Care is offered Saturday from 9:30am-12pm and 1-4PM. Sunday 9:30am-11am. Parents, this is your chance to participate without worrying about childcare!



Elementary – age 5 through grade 5



Children in the Elementary group will get the opportunity to play, learn and meet other kids their age during the morning session on Saturday, 11am -12pm. The afternoon session (1-4pm) will include outdoor play at the park, singing in a Children's choir that will perform during Sunday worship and snack time. Children in this age group are also welcome to join the Resistance Jam session at Su Teatro that includes the celebration of Chicano



music on Friday night or the Rockies baseball game Saturday night. Performing in the Sunday 9:30am worship will also be an opportunity.

Junior and Senior High Youth – grades 6 – 12



Junior and Senior High Youth are invited to kick-off the weekend with a Youth Visioning session Saturday at 11am. The session will allow youth the opportunity to interface with leaders from Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, Bethel College, Hesston College, and Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. (See page ## for more details) The reps will share opportunities for education, employment, and further engagement opportunities locally and nationally. The youth will also get to highlight their hopes and dreams for the future of Mennonite Church USA. We hear that swag will also be involved in the gathering. During the afternoon youth will have access to FMC's MYF room to enjoy snacks, hangout, and play games.

Additional opportunities include the Resistance Jam at Su Teatro Theatre Friday night and a Rockies baseball game on Saturday evening. Families are invited to bring their children to the Resistance Jam at Su Teatro theatre, celebrating Chicano music Friday night at 6:30pm. Students can share their talents at the Resistance Jam and are invited to bring them own musical instruments to jam or sing along.



Conference Minister's Corner

Amy's Summer Roundup

By Rev. Amy S. Zimbelman

Some interesting/funny/informative things I've come across recently that I thought y'all might also appreciate . . .

Best flow chart

Is it Work? A [flowchart](#) for pastors

As pastors, it's not always easy to know when we are "on the clock." What counts as work and what doesn't? "If I'm counseling someone about their marital difficulties in my office, that is work. But what if that person starts in on the same sensitive and private conversation in the middle of the grocery store while my peanut butter cup ice cream slowly melts in my cart? Is that work?"

[This flowchart by Rev. Joanna Harader](#) should help answer these questions.

Best event of the summer

ASSEMBLY 2022 at First Mennonite Church, July 29-31. Did you know we'll have speakers from across the country, authentic Hmong food cooked especially for you, a Chicano music jam session, never-before-publicly-shared hopes and dreams for the conference, lots of great activities for the kids (yes, parents: you get a break!), and music and worship led by none other than accomplished musician Pastor Randy Spaulding? So will it be the best event ever? I wouldn't doubt it, but you'll have to attend to find out. Register right [here](#).

Recent articles by credentialed ministers in our conference

Pastor Erica Lea-Simka writes in [this article](#): "To be human is to experience a wide variety of abilities and disabilities among our species. To celebrate the human Christ is to experience a Jesus with a wide variety of abilities and disabilities" and she encourages us to celebrate Jesus' body—"wrinkles, wounds, scars, limps, prosthetics, chemical imbalances, assistive devices and all."

Wilmer Villacorta [writes in Fuller Magazine](#) about power dynamics and social justice. In addition to naming the disproportionate injustices that BIPOC folks face in the U.S., he also shares that "We have a system of justice that treats you much better if you're rich and guilty than if you're poor and innocent. Wealth, not culpability, shapes outcomes." As an antidote to oppressive "I and It" relationships, Wilmer invites us to reclaim a "humble use of power" in "I and Thou" relationships with our Creator and one another—relationships that treat others as God's image-bearers and work for equal justice.

Mike Martin writes in [this article](#) the heartbreaking reality that "Gun violence is now the leading cause of death for children in the U.S., surpassing car accidents in 2020" and that "transforming guns into garden tools over the past nine years has completely transformed me."

A random quote

"And we pray, not for new earth or heaven, but to be quiet in heart, and in eye, clear. What we need is here." —Wendell Berry

Most anticipated family-friendly arts performance

[Su Teatro Chicano Music Festival](#). Wait, what? That's also part of Mountain States Assembly 2022? [Sign me up!](#)

Most thought-provoking religious book that is not for the faint of heart (Caution: Stories of abuse and F-bombs abound here.)

[Click here](#) to read full article online.



Evening Family Fun



Chicano Roots Resistance Jam Session

Friday, July 29 – 6:30 pm

Doors open and food available for purchase at 5:30pm
721 Santa Fe Dr. – 10 min drive or 3 min walk from
FMC

Bring your a84xe and your experience, for a jam session with top musicos!

The 26th Annual Chicano Music Festival is a roots music festival dedicated to celebrating music born on this side of the US-Mexico border. Featuring artists and their original work from California, New Mexico, and Texas, the Festival celebrates the music of the Southwest influenced by Mexico's traditions. The Roots Music Festival of the Region! Audience members 5 and older Must show proof of vaccination against Covid-19 and wear masks, indoors and outdoors.

<http://suteatro.org/> or specifically: <http://suteatro.org/cmf25-2021/>

Purchase tickets when you register for assembly.



Colorado Rockies versus LA Dodgers baseball game

Saturday, July 30—6:10 pm

\$22 per ticket, purchase when registering. Seats in Section 333. *There are a few tickets left if you register now.*

If you cancel, there is a \$3 fee for optional exchange for future game; no refunds.

Lodging

11th Avenue Hostel—All guests will enjoy free Wi-Fi, 24/7 front desk, linens, all new memory foam gel mattresses, air-conditioned rooms. In addition, enjoy access to a fully-equipped kitchen, towels, food storage, dining area, lounge, guest laundry and library. Fully renovated and reopened in 2022, our historic building offers beautiful accommodations, a community kitchen, lounge, library, and even an on-site cafe offering coffee, ice cream, pastries and sandwiches.

[MSMC 15% Discount](#) on the Following Selections:

2 Person Private Ensuite Room \$280.50 (only 1 available!)

2 Person Friends Room \$212.50 (only 1 available!)

Cozy private rooms designed for two people who don't mind sharing a room, but prefer their own sleeping space. Our Friend Rooms include a bunk bed for up to two guests, sink in room, all linens, shared bathrooms down the hall.

* There are 1 Double Ensuite and 1 Double Euro available for Thursday and Friday nights only (July 28-29).

Also Available (no discount, no deadline) —[Traditional Dorm Rooms](#)

You'll stay in a 4 or 6 bed, Male or Female Dorm Room \$100

Our uniquely decorated dormitories allow you to get the most bang for your buck. Guests receive a single twin bed in a share room, large lockers for luggage storage, linens, sink in room, complimentary toiletries, shared bathroom down the hall. all at the best price in downtown Denver.

Don't forget to [reserve your \\$10 parking space](#) only one block away!

Home Stays – we are compiling a list of people in the Denver metro area who have extra space for house guests. Thanks to participants from Glennon Heights and FMC for opening your homes!

If you are **looking for a home stay**, please email Jen, Conference Administrator at jen@mountainstatesmc.org with the following information: how many people need lodging together and how many nights needed.

If you have space available for house guests, please email Jen, Conference Administrator at jen@mountainstatesmc.org with the following information: how many people you have space for, which nights are available, your phone/email and address.

Breakout Sessions

All adults welcome (in-person and online registrants), options include:



*MC USA Session with Rachel Ringenberg Miller, denominational minister for Ministerial Leadership for MC USA — MC USA Update on MC USA delegate session and other important issues facing the denomination. Time for questions and answers will take place at the end of session. Saturday, *2:15pm and 3:15pm; *Available for Virtual Registrants*



MCC Session with Jordan Penner, MCC Donor Relations Associate - Jordan will give an overview of what is happening in MCC today, including an update on the Ukraine relief effort along with other important programs that local churches and individuals will want to support. Saturday, 2:15pm and 3:15pm



Lessons Learned from the Marshall Fire with Jill Minter of Boulder MC - Jill and Douglas Minter had to evacuate their Louisville home during the Marshall Fire. Jill will talk about the conditions that created the perfect storm for an urban wildfire, the warning and evacuation process, the fire itself, and lessons learned so far as they navigate the recovery process. Jill hopes this presentation will educate others on how to be prepared and what to do in the event their home is threatened by a fire. Saturday, 2:15pm and 3:15pm

Hope for New Growth Conversation

The Leadership Board has been dreaming together about what God might be calling us to next as a conference. Conference Moderator Ryan Koch and Conference Minister Amy Zimbelman would like to present two major initiatives and a plan for funding them. One initiative has to do with church planting (an idea that's been in the water of our conference for many years now), while the other has to do with how to keep our conference sustainable long-term. We don't want to give too many details now as we'd like to present the full proposals and have time for questions in person. Both proposals are contingent upon delegate approval--they will vote Saturday afternoon on these and other items. *Saturday, 11am—12pm*

Youth Visioning Session—AMBS, Bethel College, RMMC, Hesston College

Junior and Senior High Youth (grades 6—12) - The session will begin with presentations, followed by Q&A. *Saturday, 11am—12pm*

Bob Yoder, Director of Development, AMBS

Nate Kroeker, Admissions Counselor for Bethel College

Corbin Graber, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp Director

Lisa Longacher, Hesston Development Officer



But WAIT! There's More!

Food and Fellowship

Start each day with a quick breakfast bite before worship. Rocky Mountain Hmong MC will provide a special lunch Saturday (donations appreciated) and RMMC will treat us to an afternoon snack.

Worship

Saturday—Jordan Farrell, Pastor at Beth-El MC will be our keynote speaker and Hannah Martin, Associate Pastor of Children at Beth-El MC will offer a reflection on starting her ministry.

Sunday—We welcome three pastors who are leaving their MSMC churches: Jeni Hiatt Umble, Pastor at Living Light of Peace; Nick King, Pastor at Carlsbad MC; Zach Martinez, Pastor at Sojourn MC.

Musical / Artistic Participation in Worship—children and adults— all interest is welcome and requested! Please indicate your interest during registration. You can also email administrator@mountainstatesmc.org.

Virtual Assembly - Virtual Assembly provides online access to the following: Saturday morning worship, Hope for New Growth Conversation, Delegate Session, 2:15pm MCUSA Breakout session, Sunday Hymn Sing and Sunday morning worship. *Note: If any of these sessions are moved outdoors due to COVID, virtual quality may not be as good.

COVID-19 Considerations

Denver is currently in the high category for Covid. "Under a high COVID-19 community level, the CDC recommends people wear masks indoors and on public transit ([preferably a high-quality mask like a KN95 or N95](#)), stay up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccinations, and get tested if they start experiencing cold-like symptoms." We **highly** recommend everyone plan to wear masks indoors. We will have hand sanitizer and N95 masks available and use hygienic practices with food. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 level and CDC recommendations. Adjustments will be made for high risk activities (i.e. eating, hymn sing, etc.) as needed, which may include moving activities outdoors as much as possible. Stay tuned as we get closer to the event for any further Covid updates.

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MSMC Communication Updates

Zing! 2022 deadlines and schedule	
• Jan —Release Date: Jan 10; <i>submission deadline: Dec 31</i>	• July/Assembly Edition – Release Date: July 10; <i>submission deadline: Jun 30</i>
• Feb —Release Date: Feb 10; <i>submission deadline: Jan 31</i>	• Aug/Sept – Release Date: Aug 31; <i>submission deadline: Aug 15</i>
• Mar —Release Date: Mar 10; <i>submission deadline: Feb 28</i>	• Oct – Release Date: Oct 10; <i>submission deadline: Sept 30</i>
• Apr – Release Date: Apr 10; <i>submission deadline: Mar 31</i>	• Nov – Release Date: Nov 10; <i>submission deadline: Oct 31</i>
• May - Release Date: May 10; <i>submission deadline: Apr 30</i>	• Dec – Release Date: Dec 10; <i>submission deadline: Nov 30</i>
• Jun – Release Date: Jun 10; <i>submission deadline: May 31</i>	

Bulletin Announcements – We email MSMC congregations every Wednesday with bulletin announcements. If you have something to share out to our community, please email Jen, [MSMC Administrator](#), by 9am Wednesday morning.

Conference Calendar

July 29-31, 2022

Annual Assembly

Nov 11-13

Pastor Retreat

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