

# Introducing New Leadership Board Members



**Connie Rempel**

*Beloved Community Mennonite Church*

Connie is a Kansas native, but has lived most of her life in Colorado (Joes, Walsenburg, and now Littleton for 24 years). Before that, she graduated from Hesston (KS) and Goshen (IN) colleges in Liberal Arts and German. She also spent a year in Switzerland and West Germany as a Mennonite Central Committee Trainee and another three months in East Germany on a Goshen College study service trimester. Connie was a volunteer for at the International Guest House in Washington, DC through Mennonite Board of Missions (MBM) for 15 months. It was in DC that she met her spouse, John

Beck, at a Mennonite Church-sponsored young adult square dance where they paired up for the Virginia Reel.

After several years of doing administrative assistant work at a nonprofit in DC (For Love of Children) and then at First Mennonite in Denver, she became a Zumba dance instructor and taught classes at the local rec center in Littleton until everything shut down for COVID. Connie enjoys traveling with John and being a cat mom to two kitties. John and Connie are both huge lovers of science fiction. She has also been using Duolingo to learn Spanish for over 5 years and loves to sing, enjoying almost any opportunity to do so.

There are many family gatherings with siblings, Vern (and Marilyn), and Carol; and many trips to Hesston, KS to see parents Ed and Kathrine in assisted living at Schowalter Villa. Our church, BCMC, is based in Littleton and is meeting in homes of participants. "I hope to be a helpful addition to the Leadership Board."

**Lue Xiong**

*Rocky Mountain Hmong Mennonite Church (RMHMC)*

Lue has lived in Colorado since 1996 and currently serves as an Elder at RMHMC. Lue is married with 4 children; 2 girls (14 and 7-yrs old) and 2 boys (3 yrs old and 8 months). His hobbies include kayak fishing, soccer, basketball and cornhole. Lue has a BS in Industrial Design from Metropolitan State University of Denver and is a co-owner of Kuluka Boba and Sweets, located in Westminster, CO.





**Kim Kauffman**

*First Mennonite Church of Denver*

Kim grew up and was baptized in FMC, Denver and has also raised her children there. She has been involved in many ways over the years at FMC including choir, teaching Sunday School / MYF, being an MYF sponsor and serving on the church board as youth advocate, as vice-chair and chair.

Kim has been engaged in the larger church groups as well, in capacities such as delegate to MCUSA, MYF sponsor to many conventions and a camp counselor at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Kim and husband Tim have 2 children; daughter Courtney lives in Castle Rock with her husband, Matt and son Tyler lives in Westminster.

Kim is a teacher in Jeffco Public Schools — currently teaching 3rd grade. With family and friends, Kim enjoys traveling, skiing, finding great restaurants, scrapbooking, and attending CU football games. Kim looks forward to serving on the Mountain States Mennonite Conference Board and supporting our group of churches.

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