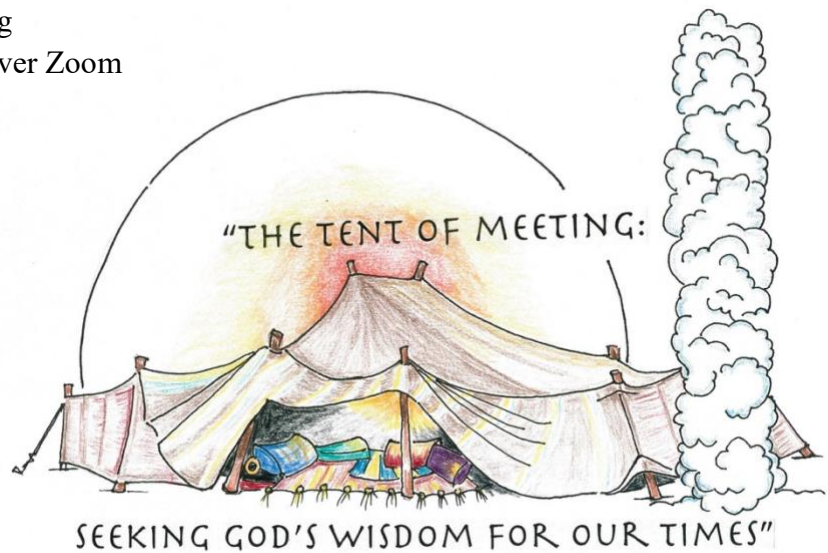


135<sup>th</sup> Conference Annual Meeting  
It's our first virtual CAM, held over Zoom  
September 18-20, 2020

## Theme



7 Now Moses used to take a tent and pitch it outside the camp some distance away, calling it the “tent of meeting.” Anyone inquiring of the Lord would go to the tent of meeting outside the camp. 8 And whenever Moses went out to the tent, all the people rose and stood at the entrances to their tents, watching Moses until he entered the tent. 9 As Moses went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and stay at the entrance, while the Lord spoke with Moses. 10 Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance to the tent, they all stood and worshiped, each at the entrance to their tent. Exodus 33:7-10 NIV

## Format

The format is highly interactive, everything, even the agenda itself will be derived from the wisdom and energy of the gathered group. We are excited to work with Rev. Dr. Sara Rosenau, a “Design Workshop” facilitator using Open Space Technology and the Circle Way.

The priorities we develop from this gathering will inform the Conference budget and planning.

Sunday worship, featuring Rev. Traci Blackmon as preacher, will be available to all churches through virtual streaming such as FaceBook, SKYPE, or YouTube.

## Registration Process

Registration costs are per church rather than per person. Any number of members or friends are invited to participate. Churches with participating members or friends will receive an invoice based on the church membership size:

Less than 30 members: \$25 total per church  
30 – 55 members: \$35 total per church  
56 – 100 members: \$45 total per church  
101 – 150 members: \$65 total per church  
151 – 200 members: \$95 total per church  
More than 200 members: \$125 total per church

All participants are asked to pre-register (<https://www.mnwcucc.org/cam2020>) by September 3, in order to access and be included in:

1. the interactive and group work we will be doing with Rev. Dr. Sara Rosenau
2. the Montana – N.Wyoming UCC Association and Conference Business Meeting

After September 7, pre-registered participants will receive Zoom registration information. Participants should register with Zoom before September 15 to receive a link that can be used to join by computer, tablet, smart phone, or dial-in phone. Registrations will not be able to be processed after September 15.

### **Meeting Virtually using Zoom**

Zoom (see [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)) is a way to meet together using a computer with internet connection, tablet, smart phone, or dial-in phone. The preferred connection is through the video and audio capabilities of a computer, tablet, or smart phone. It is the intent that all members of the Conference who desire to participate will be afforded access. The national United Church of Christ Wider Church Ministries office has provided us a grant to help us cover some expenses for our rural churches to develop their virtual connections. Please contact the Conference Office if you need computer, video, audio or internet equipment to connect: [ucc@mnwcucc.org](mailto:ucc@mnwcucc.org)

Technical support will be coordinated by Conference Administrator, Jennifer Penfield, throughout all steps of the registration process and during the meeting: [jpenfield@mnwcucc.org](mailto:jpenfield@mnwcucc.org)

### **Agenda: 15 minute breaks will happen every 60 – 90 minutes**

Friday, September 18

12:00 noon Virtual lunch Gathering for informal conversations  
12:45 pm Introducing Virtual Technology procedures for the day,  
1:00 pm - 4:30 pm Introductions and Business Meeting  
6:15 pm After dinner Gathering for informal conversations  
6:30 pm – 8:45 pm Design Workshop with Dr. Sara Rosenau

Saturday, September 19

8:00 am	Virtual Coffee Gathering for informal conversations
8:45 am	Introducing Virtual Technology procedures for the day
9:00 am	Design Workshops with Dr. Sara Rosenau
Noon	Virtual Lunch option for informal conversations
1:30 pm	Design Workshops with Dr. Rosenau (TBD)
5:00 pm	Conclusion for the day

Sunday, September 20

Worship will be presented online through the Conference Facebook page at 10 am. It will also be sent to churches as a YouTube link several days before CAM.

Local churches may also choose to offer the worship at their own scheduled time using their own streaming technology.

### **Requests of Local Churches**

1. Create a 15-30 second video “Hello from \_\_\_\_\_ UCC, where we’re home of the (or proud of the) \_\_\_\_\_ and happy to be here!” Please use landscape mode and tripod for filming. Email to [Graham@uccmissoula.org](mailto:Graham@uccmissoula.org) by August 31.
2. Create another 15-30 second video “Hello from \_\_\_\_\_ UCC, we lift up God’s blessing that we may together (as a conference) be \_\_\_\_\_” Please video in landscape mode using a tripod or stand. Email to [Graham@uccmissoula.org](mailto:Graham@uccmissoula.org) by August 31.
3. Fill your full delegate allocation, 5 – 8 delegates depending on church size according to the Conference Bylaws. See the “Official Call to the 135<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting” or Article VI:B:1 [https://7783299a-7caf-4579-8419-bebee58bda2f.filesusr.com/ugd/60b4d1\\_e9d8bf8476b347c2aa7650d2ef241393.pdf?index=true](https://7783299a-7caf-4579-8419-bebee58bda2f.filesusr.com/ugd/60b4d1_e9d8bf8476b347c2aa7650d2ef241393.pdf?index=true)
4. Invite all your church members and friends to participate
5. Inform the Conference Office of any technical and equipment needs for your church’s virtual participation.
6. Invite your church to the Sunday virtual worship, or download and present as your church worship for the day.
7. Invite your musicians to participate in a possible virtual choir, by indicating interest on pre-registration form.