



**OFFICIAL CALL TO 135th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
MONTANA – N. WYOMING ASSOCIATION AND CONFERENCE UCC
to be held virtually, September 18-20, 2020**

July 24, 2020

**To: Pastors, Churches, Delegates, and Friends,
From: Rev. Lynne Spencer-Smith, Moderator**

Pastors, please especially distribute to your MT-NWy UCC Delegates:

In accordance with Article VI of the by-laws of the Montana-Northern Wyoming Association and Conference of the United Church of Christ this is the official notice of the 135th Conference Annual Meeting which will be hosted virtually on Zoom, September 18-20, 2020. Pre-registration and final Zoom registrations will be required by September 15, after this date registrations cannot be processed.

A CAM informational packet with reports will be emailed in early September to each church, as well as made available on the website. Please email the Conference office at ucc@mnwcucc.org if you would like to receive one hard copy for your church. Pre-registration will be required and can be found at www.mnwcucc.org/cam2020.

Delegate Rules

Please contact your delegates to have them set aside the meeting dates and times on their calendars. The names of your delegates should be sent to the Conference office by August 31. Each church's number of delegates, between 5 and 8 delegates, is stipulated by our Conference Bylaws, Article VI 1:

A MT-NWY Conference UCC church is eligible to have three (3) lay delegates for its first one hundred (100) members or portion thereof, and a total of two (2) youth and/or young adults delegates (ages up to 25), and one (1) additional lay delegate for every one hundred (100) members or major fraction thereof, above the first one hundred (100) members, to a maximum of eight (8) lay delegates. It is recommended that local churches elect lay delegates and such alternates as they desire at the annual meeting or a duly called meeting of the congregation.

Each church should consult its bylaws regarding how delegates are elected or appointed. In the UCC delegates are free to vote their own conscience and faith.

Other delegates include all authorized ministers of the MT-NWy Conference, including retired, plus members of the Board of Directors. These delegates do not count against a local church's delegate allocation.

Our Conference bylaws do not permit proxy voting.