



Montana Synod Weekly Announcements September 27, 2021

The Spirit of the Rockies: UM MOLLI course (over 50)

Thursdays, 09/30/2021 - 11/04/2021, 9:00AM - 10:30AM

Instructors are John Lund, Rai Combs (Tsimshian First Nations), and Celeste Yeager. This course will look at how we understand human relationships to the landscape, animals, ecosystems and the divine around us. We will draw on literature and short stories from the landscape of Western Montana through history; including indigenous tribes, explorers, trappers, early settlers, extraction workers, outdoor enthusiasts, and a variety of contemporary voices.

There will be weekly reading assignments with class time reflections, sharing, and analysis. Through this we will consider the starker differences between indigenous and settler voices and stories, as well as the movements between early explorers, extraction workers, and modern environmentalists.

We will also look at contemporary stories from many perspectives including our own, and consider what might bring healing and hope to our future in this landscape.

Sign up through the MOLLI website at <https://www.campusce.net/umtmolli/category/category.aspx>. Contact John with any questions at john.lund@mso.umt.edu or 406-396-4974

Chico Pastoral Conference Cancellation

Dearest Colleagues,

We are sorry to say that, for the third time, the Pastoral Retreat at Chico for the first week of November has been postponed. Due to the current surges within the state's hospitals, we do not feel it is appropriate to come together at this time.

We do plan to pursue a retreat at Chico the week after Easter next year, however we are currently striving to learn how to live with Covid.

If you have already made room reservations, these will not automatically be canceled. Please contact the Chico reservation desk should you wish to cancel.

Dearest regards to you all and God's peace upon you,

Chico Leadership Planning Board

Announcements from FLBC

Mark your calendar for October 1st (Friday):

Volunteer and Pastor application/registration opens for Montana folk!! Plan your week at camp as a pastor or adult volunteer(Camp Grandparent, etc) Serve as a resource to our staff and campers, as well as helping FLBC with basic functions like dishes, cleaning, maintenance work, and more, while enjoying time with the FLBC community in God's Great outdoors on Flathead Lake.



The application/registration opens for out-of-state, Pastors and adults on November 1st! Beat the crowd who want to come to "the last best place"Montana!!! Information/FAQs as well different application options (printable vs online app) will be available at <https://flbc.net/donate-volunteer/#volunteer>

FLBC is also looking to hire a paid Staff Chaplain/Weekend Coordinator for Summer 2022! Contact Margie Fiedler at margie@flbc.net for more information.

Day Camp Sign-Ups for Summer 2022 are opening on October 14th (Thursday) at 10am! FLBC would love to help your congregation do Day Camp in your community this upcoming summer. Day Camps are a great outreach opportunity! Sign up on October 14th by contacting the FLBC office at 406-752-6602 or carlee@flbc.net. Have questions or want to learn more? Day Camp Coordinator, Carlee, would love to talk to you!

Upcoming Retreats/Events (learn more at <https://flbc.net/annual-programming/>):

- Saturday, October 9th, 2021: Fall Harvest Festival & Auction AND the FLBC Annual Meeting
- November 4-7, 2021: Quilting & Crafting Retreat
- December 3-5, 2021: Advent Retreat

Christikon Clips September, 2021

Information for our Congregations

Our 70th season is completed! Our exceptional staff has headed back to their lives outside of camp, the campers are back at school, and we begin the planning for 2022. It has been a blessed adventure!

We hosted campers from Arizona, Colorado,



Connecticut, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, South Dakota, New Mexico, North Dakota, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, California, Pennsylvania, Texas, Oregon, DC, Nebraska, Utah, and Montana. Wonderful opportunity to connect with people from these out of state congregations and forge long lasting friendships sharing the Christikon experience.

Our special guest speakers, Dr. Aana Vigen and Dr. Hans Wiersma led our CE Retreat and Mountain Weekend sessions.

Fall Retreats: We have retreats scheduled into the middle of October with a few dates still available. Bring your group and enjoy fall in the mountains!

Capital Campaign: We are looking at the Adult Housing/Boys Dorm next! **If you have not received a Capital Campaign packet, please contact the office and one will be sent to you.**

We are grateful for your prayers for Christikon this summer, for the summer staff as they are called back into the world newly equipped to share their mountaintop experiences, and for all who have joined in the Christikon life. We ask for your continued prayers and support.

It is the mission of Christikon to awaken and nurture faith in Christ— exploring God's creation and the adventure of life together.

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