Montana Synod Weekly Announcements
March 28, 2022

The time has come to register for the Montana Synod Assembly!

Friday, June 3, 2022 ~ 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, June 4, 2022 ~ 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Billings Hotel and Convention Center - 1223 Mullowney Lane,
Billings, MT - 406-248-7151

The Montana Synod Assembly theme this year is, "Equipping for the Gospel" and will be held over two days, June 3-4 at the Billing Hotel and Convention Center. Please be aware that all attendees are responsible for their own room reservations. Call the hotel at: 406-248-7151 and reference the Montana Synod Assembly.

Room Block (Expires May 12, 2022)

We will be having our assembly in person this year! A live stream will be provided but there will be NO online voting. All voting members will need to be present in order to cast their votes.

As per the Assembly Rules:

Addendum to the 2022 Assembly Rules

All voting members and visitors will be expected to be fully vaccinated (except for medical reasons) as defined by CDC guidelines at the time of the Synod Assembly. Alternatively, a negative test the day before arrival will be acceptable. Monitoring will be done on the honor system, and each attendee will be trusted to make their own decisions in the spirit of Christ’s ongoing call to us to love our neighbor and seek their health and well-being.

Masks will be optional unless circumstances arise that will again require us to wear masks while gathering. The Yellowstone County Health Department and the CDC guidelines will be consulted for recommendations one week before the date of the assembly and a final determination regarding mask use will be made then.
A few things to remember before registering:

- Have all information needed to register beforehand including Name, email, physical address, and any meal requirements for each person registering.

- Carefully read all options available before registering, make sure to select the appropriate option for your registration.

- An individual email is required for each person.

- All payments are online only.

- If prompted for a country code at the address portion of the registration, enter the number 1.

- There will be **NO in person registration** at the assembly. All voting members **Must** be registered before the registration cut off date of May 24th.

- There is **no need** to print the tickets generated by Tithely. You will receive your registration packet in person at the assembly.

- Any questions should be directed to Colter McCarty: cmccarty@montanasynod.org

**Register for the 2022 Montana Synod Assembly Here**

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**Montana DPHHS Launches New Office to Engage Faith and Community Organizations**

Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) Director Adam Meier announced today the establishment of a new office to strengthen partnerships with faith and community organizations, which will expand the department’s ability to connect more Montanans to services and promote resilient families.

“We know that faith and community organizations play a fundamental role in supporting holistic health and wellness, as well as self-reliant individuals,” Meier said. “We aim to further partner with these organizations, including by providing information and resources about programs that serve all Montanans and better involving these organizations in the work that we do.”

*The Office of Faith and Community Based Services* was established as part of the Gianforte administration’s sweeping department reorganization and is headed by Tracy Moseman. Moseman previously led health and safety initiatives at the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) in several positions, including her most recent role as Chief Program Officer. Prior to joining OPI in 2014, she spent 13 years at the community and school district level in student support services.
“With a passion for helping students and families, Tracy is committed to supporting Montana families and communities and brings a wide network of relationships, experience, and understanding of faith and community organizations to this position,” Meier said.

He also noted that the organizations are pivotal in promoting the wide variety of resources and initiatives offered by DPHHS, including supports for aging Montanans, suicide prevention, foster parent recruitment, substance use prevention and more.

Moseman said the office will serve as a conduit between DPHHS and faith and community organizations across the state, creating a two-way flow of information, resources and programs to serve the identified health and wellness needs in each community.

Read the full press release here and join a one day summit nearest you!
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Faith and Community Based Services Regional Summits
May 16 - May 27, 2022

THEME: FAITH & COMMUNITY LEADERS IN ACTION FOR THE WELLNESS OF MONTANANS

Join a one-day summit in a location near you. Each event will run 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM with lunch provided.

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Individual event details can be found on Eventbrite. Scan the QR code below using your smartphone’s camera to jump to the website.

During this summit, faith and community leaders will:

- Learn why this new office was created and how it can be in service to local faith and community organizations
- Share data and resources to support faith and community organizations as they support Montanans in many dimensions of health (spiritual, financial, emotional, physical, social, occupational, environmental, intellectual)
- Share with state officials about the local needs and current efforts in your community
- Network with others across the state to learn about programs, projects and initiatives happening across Montana

Contact: Tracy Moseman | tracy.moseman@mt.gov | 406-202-9465
Time to register for the Chico Hot Springs Pastoral Conference!

Click here to go to the registration page and to find out speaker and registration info, as well as instructions on how to make sure you have a room at Chico!

You will need to reserve your room at Chico separately from the conference registration! Room reservations can be made here.

Registration closes April 6th!

Nadia Bolz-Weber Lecture

April 6, 2022, 7pm
Petro Hall of the MSUB Student Union Building
Billings, MT

Sponsored by United Campus Ministry at MSU Billings, MSUB Women and Gender Studies, and the Rocky Mountain College’s Wheatley Lectures, the Rev. Bolz-Weber will present on her book Shameless: A Sexual Reformation which reminds us that sexual flourishing can and should be for all genders, all bodies, and all humans. Methodist Bishop Karen Oliveto will be hosting a conversation with Rev. Bolz-Weber following the presentation and a Q&A will follow along with a book signing. Copies of Shameless will be sold by the MSUB Bookstore. Tickets to the event are free.

Please register here: https://billingsgrace.breezechms.com/form/nadiabolz-weberlecture?fbclid=IwAR3yvw-r3b2njCdth2AqeB8cd_mzV4TJoMuMooPTJvASCiyh63j34if64B0

For more info please contact:
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Montana Jewish Project presents:

Passover and Easter: An Imaginative Journey

Montana Jews and Christians in Conversation

Rabbi Mark Kula currently serves Jewish communities around the West.

Rev. Jessica Crist retired Bishop of the Montana Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Sunday, April 3, 2022
4-5pm MT

Virtual on zoom
Register at:
Christikon
Benefit Auction

“The Ministry Speaks For Itself”

Sunday, April 24th, 4-7pm
The Billings Depot

Live Auction begins at 5:30pm
$20 admission - Tickets at the door

Heavy hors d’oeuvres provided by
TopNotch Catering
Beer and wine available for purchase

Proceeds support
the outdoor youth ministries of
Christikon Bible Camp

Go to www.christikon.org for details.

Online auction begins April 22nd and closes at the end of live auction on April 24th
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