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# RMMN CONNECTION

Newsletter of the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God



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YES! Young Enough  
to Serve  
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## MINISTRY NETWORK CALENDAR

July 3	Network Office Closed
July 14	Youth Leaders Video Conf
July 22	Presbytery Meeting - Zoom
July 30-Aug 2	RR FCF Trace Camp
Aug 15	DSOM
Aug 18	CMD Resource Video Conference
Aug 19	Presbytery Meeting - Zoom
Sept 4-7	RR FCF Frontier Family Camp
Sept 6-30	West Slope Tour
Sept 7	Network Office Closed
Sept 12	DSOM
Sept 16	Presbytery Meeting - Zoom



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# 10 THINGS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

## 1 Thank You!



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THANK YOU FROM GENE & RHONDA RONCONE

Dear RMMN Family,

On May 23, 2020, Rhonda and I completed our first year as your District Superintendent/ Network Pastor. Rhonda and I would like to thank the ministers, churches and constituents of this Network for what we have been able to accomplish together these past 12 months.

We have completed the first year's "WE REPORT" that lists the many things God's Spirit has empowered us to do together. The latest and most updated version with a table of contents can be viewed at [www.generationcone.org/we](http://www.generationcone.org/we)

As always, it is an honor to serve the ministers and churches of this Network.

Contending for community,

Gene and Rhonda Roncone  
Rocky Mountain Ministry Network  
District Superintendent/Network Pastor (aka "helper")

## 2 BEING THE SOLUTION IN A CULTURE OF BLAME



As our Nation is pulling apart at the seams due to social injustice, the RMMN community is entering this emotionally charged arena of chaos and bringing hope. Within days, I asked our ministers and churches to join together and become a voice of hope. Instead of joining the culture of blame, I asked our ministers to BE the solution in a moral, legal and Biblical way within a mile from their home. The scriptures teach us,

“Seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have sent you. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” Jeremiah 29:7

Keenan Roberts and I invited any and all willing pastors, churches and individuals to launch this resolve by joining us for a prayer and clean-up walk and to help clean up the streets after the weekend protests in Denver. I was so deeply moved by the turn out. Ten RMMN churches were represented as we saturated the amphitheater, Civic Center Park and the Capitol with prayer. We walked the neighborhoods,

cleaned sidewalks, picked up trash, encouraged shop owners and prayed with others as the Spirit directed. We were warmly welcomed by everyone from the homeless, shop owners, homeowners and protesters. One thing that gave me great hope for the future is how well represented Chi Alpha was. Our youngest ministers are meeting our social challenges with courage, biblical conviction and practical action. Rest assured our future is in good hands.

But it is important that we express outrage with wisdom. Franklin Graham wisely said,

“We need to pray for PEACE, because “the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God” (James 1:20). Pray for PERSPECTIVE, because “the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere” (James 3:17). Pray for PATIENCE, because of God’s “kindness and forbearance and patience” toward us all (Romans 2:4).

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## 2 BEING THE SOLUTION IN A CULTURE OF BLAME (continued)

And pray for an OUTPOURING of His wisdom and direction for our leaders and officials who are dealing with this crisis. Ask God to change hearts and heal this divide in our nation.”

Our emotions can drive us at a pace faster than the Spirit is moving. For example, when Jesus was informed of the violent and grave injustice done to John the Baptist (beheading) he had lots of options available to him. John was a relative and I am sure Jesus was outraged. He could have amassed a crowd and used his popularity to speak out against Herod. He could have performed a miracle that punished the system. He could have dispatched the disciples to hold town hall meetings. He could have done many things. But instead we are told he immediately isolated himself to a time of prayer to center his emotions and allow the Spirit to lead him in a Kingdom response (Matthew 14:6-14).

Our cities will need the church more than ever in these coming months. It is my prayer that every RMMN church, minister and local community of faith will “BE THE SOLUTION” in their own communities. May I suggest that you contact several community leaders and request a short interview by phone to determine what your city, town, or community needs. This can include a combination of the mayor, city manager, various city council members, fire and police chiefs or command staff, school principals, city departments of neighborhood services, county commissioner, nonprofit leaders, and social services. Some questions that can be asked include:

- What is the most pressing spiritual, personal, and social needs people have in our town/city/neighborhood?

- What are the five (5) greatest needs our city/neighborhood is facing right now?
- What needs does the city feel unqualified or unable to meet?
- What gaps need to be filled in our community that only a faith-based work can do?
- What vulnerable populations in our community are underserved and how?
- Who in our town/city is effectively meeting the needs you have identified?
- What local resources are available to help our citizens that we can share with our congregation and community?

Then evaluate how your church may be strategically aligned to “be the solution”.



### 3 MINISTER'S EMERGENCY HOTLINE

"The work is extensive and spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. Whenever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!" Nehemiah 4:20



Network Pastor Gene Roncone and the Presbytery created an emergency response system exclusively for RMMN ministers and immediate family members. If you are a credentialed minister and you, an immediate family member or a fellow minister have experienced severe illness, hospitalization or death, or just need prayer support, please call 1-888-814-2623 and leave a detailed message after the tone. Within minutes, the system records your message, turns it into an audio mp3 file and then emails it to the District Superintendent, Secretary/Treasurer and every member of the Presbytery.

Please put this number in your contacts as  
"RMMN Emergency Line" 1-888-814-2623.

# 4 MUST LISTEN PODCASTS:

## MANAGING EMOTIONS IN PROLONGED CRISIS (2 PART SERIES)

Leading during the COVID-19 crisis and social unrest can be difficult for any leader. You are being pulled in opposing directions and face the pressure of leading in nearly impossible times. You are ministering to others and chances are, few people are taking the time to minister to you. In this two-part series, Superintendent Gene Roncone talks with Dr. Tim Sanford and Dr. John Gowins about how leaders can set reasonable expectations and navigate the emotional challenges of prolonged crisis. The podcasts can be found at [www.rmdc.org/community](http://www.rmdc.org/community)



Dr. Tim Sanford with Gene Roncone



Dr. John Gowins in the Podcast Room

## COVID-19 TIME MACHINE



Navigating the uncertain waters of the Coronavirus can be difficult. But what if you could travel into the future and see what returning to church would be like? That's exactly what this podcast does as Gene interviews Mark Merrill, the District Superintendent for the Georgia District. On April 23rd Georgia's Governor made a controversial decision to open the state of Georgia. It's been nearly three months since Mark's churches have returned to services and today he talks with Gene about seven surprises they had to navigate.

The podcasts can be found at [www.rmdc.org/community](http://www.rmdc.org/community)  
The transcript can be found at <https://generoncone.org/helperblog/coronatimemachine>



## 5 RMMN CAMPING TRIP

The 2020 RMMN camping trip was pretty amazing! Over 30 RMMN ministers and their families participated throughout the 11-day campout off-grid in the Mount Evans Wilderness area. Several RMMN ministers and their families rotated through the campsite during the duration of the event. Some of the highlights consisted of...

- Fellowship. Great fellowship with peers and friends.
- Fort RMMN. A pretty amazing string fort built by a gifted and imaginative team of young RMMN pastor's kids was front and center in the campsite. The only time we had to intervene was when we overheard the kids talking about adding a couple five-gallon buckets for a makeshift bathroom. What can you say? When PK's (pastors kids) get together creative stuff happens.
- Group hike. The group took a three-hour hike through the ghost town and abandoned Geneva Basin ski area. This ski area is particularly unique in that many artifacts left behind from its operating years are still present on site. If you're skilled enough to make the long and dangerous trek to get there, Geneva Basin ski area is worth checking out.
- Guanella Pass. Several hung out at the summit of Guanella Pass to admire Saw Tooth ridge and wildlife at dusk.
- Bonfire. The best part of the day was laughing and fellowshiping around the evening fire.
- Wood splitting. Several downed trees were cut, split and stacked for the evening fire.
- Day trips. Several took day trips into historic Georgetown and Bailey for food, fun and adventure.
- Amazing food! Everyone brought their own food but enjoyed eating together at mealtimes.
- Various hikes and exploring. Many went on vigorous hikes, while others chose to take leisure walks and explore the beautiful trails.
- Games. Scrabble and various card games provided fun and laughter.
- Prayer. The group spent time praying for a few of our ministers who are in need and hospitalized at this time.



New relationships were forged, old ones strengthened, and a deeper sense of community emerged among all who came. We are blessed to be part of the greatest fraternity on this side of heaven.

\*For a video slide show of the camping event go to <https://youtu.be/tp879lljEe8>







## 6 WILL MY CHURCH SURVIVE?

Crisis has a way of challenging our strengths and finding our weaknesses. The COVID-19 crisis is not an exception. In the early days of this pandemic most churches rose to the challenge with unprecedented innovation and adaptability. However, as we enter our third month of digital church strength is waning and innovative fatigue is setting in. Especially in smaller churches and among those who are doing the heavy lifting.

It's nothing new for people of faith. While rebuilding Nehemiah's wall, even the largest and most powerful tribe

of Judah was tempted to give up at the halfway point.

"Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall." Nehemiah 4:10

The recalibration and increase of resiliency are only found on the other side of crisis. They only emerge when we push through the urge to give up. Like Judah living in the shadow of rubble, some wonder if their church will survive. Others may live in

the shameful shadow of guilt. They have committed spiritual infidelity with the "other church" they have been secretly courting through online services. The tip of that iceberg seems so problem-free, sexy, relevant, and may I say...less demanding. For those flirting with quitting, I want to encourage you to have a larger view of yourself, this crisis and your church's history. Let me use an item in my home to explain.

It hangs on my wall and reminds me that I am part of something bigger than myself. It's a trunk slice from a tree that gave my family shelter in the national



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## 6 WILL MY CHURCH SURVIVE? (continued)

forest. After 109 years the mighty tree finally fell. A friend was kind enough to make the journey, cut the slice and use a high-powered magnifying glass to count its rings. Knowing it was my son Geno's favorite camping spot, he and his wife gave it to me as a gift. It appears this pillar of the forest lived from 1909 until 2018. Much like my son's premature death, it reminds us that everything in this world is temporary.

However, outside of its sentimental value, the tree slice speaks to me about my role and contribution as a member of the body of Christ. The tree is like a church and its rings are like seasons of a lifespan. Seasons of growth produce rings with large spaces between them. This was a result of the tree being blessed with favorable temperatures and rain. Seasons of dormancy created rings that are tight and close together. These were years the tree suffered through drought, harsh weather, long winters or limited sunlight. Rings scarred by burn marks reflect fires the mighty tree endured, and dark discoloring reveals a temporary infestation of insects or fungus. Some rings reflect unbalanced growth on the side of the tree that faced harsh winds as opposed to sides that

did not. The older the tree the slower it grows because its roots have grown deep enough to not have to compete with other trees for nutrients, resources and water. Though older, the tree is more stable and may, like this one, provide shelter for over 100 years.

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But the most profound story the rings tell is one of perseverance. The rings remind us that our role in the tree's life cycle is strategic. Some Christians arrogantly ignore preceding rings and mistakenly think the history of the tree began the day they arrived. Others think the tree's sole purpose is to meet their personal needs or even satisfy their every want. Unfortunately, some leave the tree in distress while others leave rings that are wide, healthy and distinct. Most leave rings of modest but consistent growth.

But in the end, the fires, floods or growing seasons are not as important as the question, "Will my contribution cause the tree to outlive me?"

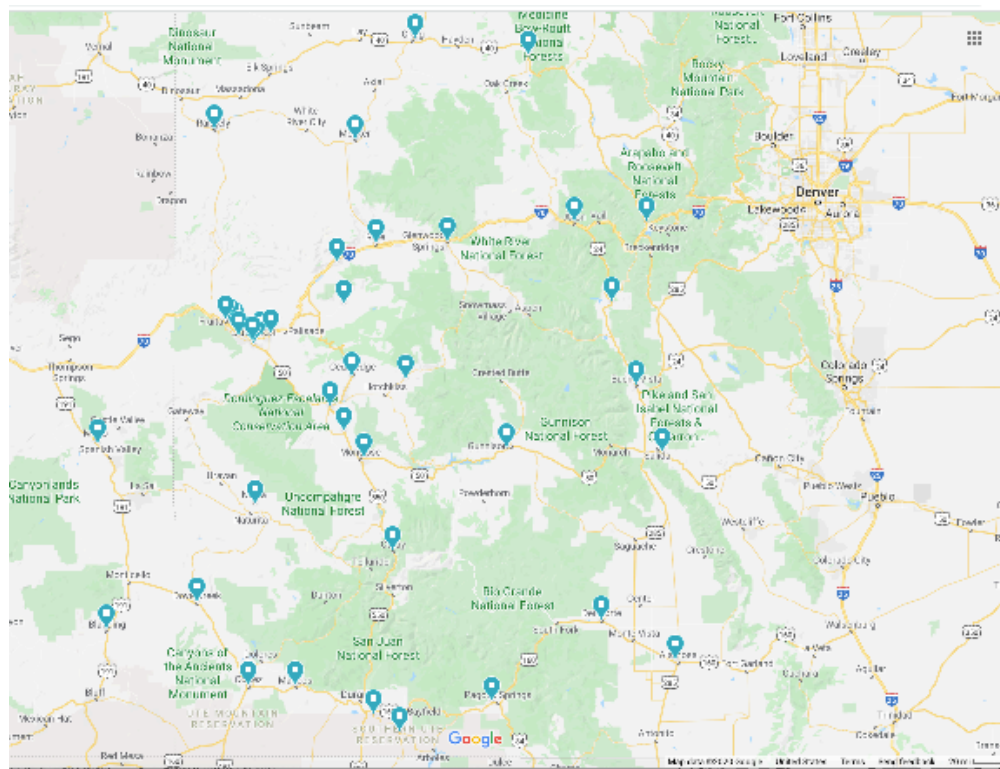
That is why we all need to, like Google Maps, zoom out from "street view" and see our church from a much larger, humbler and realistic perspective. For it is there that the forest fire only appears as a little spot and the drought's only legacy is a slender ring. I framed the tree slice and hung it in my family room to remind me that it's not about me, my emotions or microscopic moments in time. It reminds me that although we will face storms, droughts and fires the tree must survive! It reminds me that there were rings before me and rings that will follow me. For it is our stewardship of the tree, and not our rings, that tell the truest story.





## 7 RONCONE'S PLAN WEST SLOPE TOUR

Gene and Rhonda Roncone have cleared their calendar for a three-week tour of every Assembly of God church and parachurch ministry on the West Slope. The ambitious plan was born out of a desire to interact with our ministers, experience ministries and pray onsite at every West Slope location. From September 5-September 28th, the Roncone's will be pulling their camper and establishing six different base camps. They will then use their truck to make day trips to visit churches and ministries at 49 different locations. "We are totally excited to do this and will be doing a daily trip blog on the Network's Facebook page to share the journey. Even if some of the pastors are on vacation, we can ask for staff to show us around. We are eager to stand in each worship location and pray for their pastors and leaders. We really don't want to preach. We just want to take it all in, share meals, fellowship and experience God's Kingdom on the West Slope," said Superintendent Roncone. The Roncone's will be publishing a daily route to each location and calling West Slope pastors, Chi Alpha leaders, ministers and para-church ministries to join in on the fellowship.





## 8 WOULD YOU PRAY FOR ME?

I am writing to ask for your prayers over the next three to four months. Let me explain. Within a few weeks of being elected I established and distributed a “First 300 Days” plan outlining first initiatives and asking for the Network’s patience, margin and prayer. Those priorities were listed in the following order.

- Preparing Highpoint Church and its board for a pastoral transition
- Executive briefing meetings with Don Steiger
- Conducting a District-wide survey
- Adjust to subsidiary changes inevitable in all transitions
- Community building and inclusion
- Staff and presbytery team building
- 2020 Network Council
- Study survey results and identify obstacles, needs and opportunities
- Go on a Utah tour of every ministry, church and lead pastor
- After 12-18 months in office, determine 2, 5, and 10-year objectives



God has been good to us and we were able to accomplish all of these in spite of the three-month detour created by the COVID-19 crisis. In August of 2019 the Lord began to speak to my heart about long-term vision, purpose, strategy and values. During my time in the wilderness last month I was able to get alone with God and get some of these things on paper.

I must admit that I have some concerns about putting vision to paper so soon. The introduction of a written vision creates focus where it may not have existed before. It gives everyone something specific to either agree or disagree with. Strong personalities, philosophical activists and well-intentioned specialists may seek to incorporate their personal preferences into our budget, calendar and focus. It’s easier to lead without committing to a written vision. It does not require risk, accountability or collaboration. But I have always found God to bless vision in written form. It has been my practice to do so since my first pastorate over 33 years ago. God told Habakkuk,

“Write the vision plainly on tablets, so that a runner can carry the correct message to others. This vision is for a future time. It describes the end, and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently, for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed.” Habakkuk 2:2-3

That is why I will be devoting a significant amount of time this year working hard to get things on paper. I will then launch a collaborative process to work vision through our executive presbytery, presbytery, staff and then an interactive initiative with our ministers. It is my hope that after prayer, collaboration and discussion we will say with the early church leaders, “It seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit.” Acts 15:28

That is why I am asking that you keep me in prayer as a leader and ask God to bless us with a spirit of unity, faith and Spirit-driven relevance. Would you considering putting a calendar reminder on your phone to whisper a short prayer for me each day? I would greatly appreciate it.



## 9 NETWORK COUNCIL RECAP

Unprecedented challenges require unprecedented innovation. That is why before COVID-19 stay-at-home orders were announced the Network had already identified an online meeting format that could facilitate a deliberative meeting platform for Network Council. Much like the children of Israel we had to follow the Spirit's leading because we had "never been this way before" (Joshua 3:4).

Superintendent Roncone arranged for an advance team of four people to be trained on Zoom 1000 webinar platform early in the process. That group (Gene, Rhonda, Linda and Shawn) then trained the rest of the Network staff as a back-up plan in the event anyone tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. We held several practice runs and simulations and with God's help were able to move forward with Network Council, provide a deliberative platform, hold elections, and give reports. 294 ministers, delegates, and visitors registered and participated in the digital Network Council. Registered voters exceeded last year's in-person meeting, which was a pleasant surprise. Here is a recap of the 2020 digital Network Council.

1. Superintendent's Message. Superintendent Roncone opened in prayer and share a devotional from Joshua 3:1-4.

"Early in the morning Joshua and all the Israelites set out from Shittim and went to the Jordan, where they camped before crossing over. 2 After three days the officers went throughout the camp, 3 giving orders to the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests, who are Levites, carrying it, you are to move out from your positions and follow it. 4 Then you will know which way to go, since you have never been this way before." Joshua 3:1-4

He shared that living in the shadow of this international pandemic we were much like the children of Israel who had to cross the flooding waters of the Jordan and into the Promised Land. They stood at the water's edge and had to trust that the water would part. It is only at the water's edge that we learn to trust Him in the unknown. The Lord said to them, "you have never been this way before" (Joshua 3:b-4a). It was uncertain, unknown and unfamiliar. That is where we find ourselves in the wake of the Coronavirus. God has required us in our personal lives, local churches and even this Network Council to move forward into unknown territory. Our Network has never experienced anything like this in our history. There are no paved roads. We are trailblazing and cutting our way through the jungle and making a path where one does not exist. Like Joshua and the people of Israel we can trust God to safely lead us through places we have never been before. For it is on the other side of uncertainty that we find the Promised Land of our true destiny; that as faith catapults us into the future, we march off the map of predictability and find true adventure.

Superintendent Roncone also explained why the Network had chosen to move forward with Network Council instead of postponing or canceling it. He gave three reasons.

- Increase our organizational capacity for learning.
- Setting up our next council for a huge win.
- Modeling faith to the preceding generations by pushing through, to adapt and morph through uncertain times.

Superintendent Roncone then opened the council with prayer asking for God's favor and blessing.

2. Emergency Resolution. The council passed an emergency resolution documenting the unprecedented times and unique challenges the COVID-19 crisis presented and how the presbytery had to accommodate these demands in holding council.

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# 9 NETWORK COUNCIL RECAP (continued from Page 14)

3. Reports. Reports were presented and received from the Superintendent, Secretary/Treasurer and Network ministries.
4. Elections. Nominations from the 2020 sectional councils were presented and the following individuals were elected to serve.
  - Assistant Superintendent: Alex Lucero
  - East Slope Executive Presbyter (1 year remaining on term): Steve Chavez
  - West Slope Executive Presbyter: Josh Cook
  - Southern Section presented an emergency resolution to nominate Josh Richardson as Presbyter in lieu of the then current nominee Steve Chavez being elected to a higher office (East Slope Executive Presbyter). The motion passed.
  - Sectional Presbyter Ratifications. The following individuals were nominated by their respective sections and ratified by the council to serve as sectional presbyters.
    - Denver Metro South – Jim Brummett
    - Southern – Josh Richardson
    - Mountain – Joe Archuleta
    - San Juan – Stan Formby
    - West Central – Jason Neely
  - General Presbytery Representatives. Nominees for the ordained female and under 40 General Presbytery representatives were presented and the following individuals were elected.
    - Ordained female – Melanie Aragon
    - Under 40 – Nate Banke

Superintendent Roncone took time to express our appreciation for Vern Finck, Jeremy Jensen, Adam June, James Naron, Chris Peterson, Steve Pike and Charlie Stoumbaugh for their prior service on either the Executive or District Presbytery.

5. Prayer for the Nation. A time of dedicated prayer transpired for our Nation and its leaders as we navigate this international crisis.
6. Ordination Celebration. At the conclusion of the business meeting the Network reconvened to hold our Ordination Celebration. Over 371 individuals logged in and participated in our Ordination Celebration. Again, this exceeded last year's in-person attendance and we were thankful to God for the enthusiasm of His people. During this separate Zoom Webinar meeting we advanced the credentials of 49 individuals and recognized the newly certified, licensed and ordained candidates, as well as those serving for fifty years.
  - Fifty years of service. Ray Wead and John Utz were recognized for over 50 years of ordained ministry.
  - Certified Ministers. The following individuals received a Certificate of Ministry.
    1. Yolanda Brown, Church at Briargate, Colorado Springs, CO
    2. Natasha Hansen, Life Church, Salt Lake City, UT
    3. Ian Junkermann, Chi-Alpha CSU, Fort Collins, CO
    4. Kari Stewart, Timberline, Fort Collins, CO
    5. Lori Tapparo, Journey Church, Strasburg, CO

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## 9 NETWORK COUNCIL RECAP (continued from Page 15)

- Licensed Ministers. The following individuals received a Ministry License.
  1. Margaret Austin, Friendship Assembly, Colorado Springs, CO
  2. Bradley Buck, Victory Life Church, Grand Junction, CO
  3. Susan Cassell, Northland Community Church, Monument, CO
  4. Sara Jane Cook, Victory Life Church, Fruita, CO
  5. Andrew Davenport, Restoration Church, Colorado Springs, CO
  6. Lea DeGrassa, New Life Christian Center, Denver, CO
  7. Robert DeGrassa, New Life Christian Center, Denver, CO
  8. Tommy Dunn, Radiant Church, Colorado Springs, CO
  9. Garin Forsberg, Student, Springfield, MO
  10. Deborha Haywood, New Life Christian Center, Denver, CO
  11. Scott James, Friendship Assembly, Colorado Springs, CO
  12. Shaun Riley, New Life Christian Center, Denver, CO
  13. Bertram Rogers, New Life Christian Center, Denver, CO
  14. Eloise Rogers, New Life Christian Center, Denver, CO
  15. Suzan Scott, Missionary, Springfield, MO
  16. Michael Trei, Missionary to Peru
  17. Sonja Trei, Missionary to Peru
  18. Beverly Wead, New Life Fellowship, Smithfield, UT
  19. Konnie Wilkerson, New Life Christian Center, Denver, CO
  20. Tierney Williamson, Friendship Assembly, Colorado Springs, CO
  21. Shellie Wooten, Life Church, Salt Lake City, UT
  
- Ordained Ministers. The following individuals were ordained for ministry.
  1. George Acheampong, Hope Assembly of God, Aurora, CO
  2. Christine Dillin, Missionary, Aurora, CO
  3. Cindy Lou Dudley, New Life Christian Center, Hurricane, UT
  4. Timothy Dudley, New Life Christian Center, Hurricane, UT
  5. Douglas Eddy, Northland Community, Monument, CO
  6. Carolyn Garret, New Life Christian Center, Denver, CO
  7. Dan Gibson, Chi-Alpha CSU, Fort Collins, CO
  8. Joshua Jimenez, Missionary to Columbia
  9. Wilma Lee, New Life Christian Center, Denver, CO
  10. Brett Lohr, Chi Alpha Mesa State, Grand Junction, CO
  11. Cipriano Marrujo, Rock AG, Thornton, CO
  12. Caleb McNaughton, Highpoint Church, Aurora, CO
  13. Tyler Peterson, Crossroads Victory Worship Center, Montrose, CO
  14. Austin Rains, Restoration Church, Colorado Springs, CO
  15. Taylor Rains, Restoration Church, Colorado Springs, CO
  16. Kim Rotharmel, Lighthouse Community, LaSalle, CO
  17. John Rotharmel, Lighthouse Community, LaSalle, CO
  18. Linda Scholtz, Missionary, Boone, CO
  19. Paul Simmons, Rock AG, Thornton, CO
  20. Ruth Thompson, Rivers Church, Delta, CO
  21. Angela Vesely, Crosspoint Church, Grand Junction, CO
  22. Dustin Williams, Tooele, UT
  23. Heather Williams, Tooele, UT
  24. Joshua Yancey, Timber Creek, Colorado Springs, CO

Having to plan all year for a Network Council, cancel those plans and mobilize to provide a new way of meeting and conducting business was no easy task. But the Lord went before us and the Network staff rose to the challenge. I am grateful to God for His goodness, our staff for their flexibility and our ministers for their patience and grace to us as we re-invented a new solution.





# 10 SECTIONAL TEAMS: OUR LEADERSHIP PIPELINE

Each and every section in our Network has a sectional team made up of the presbyter and two other ministers. When considering our current culture, needs and bylaws, I see four important reasons for our sectional teams.

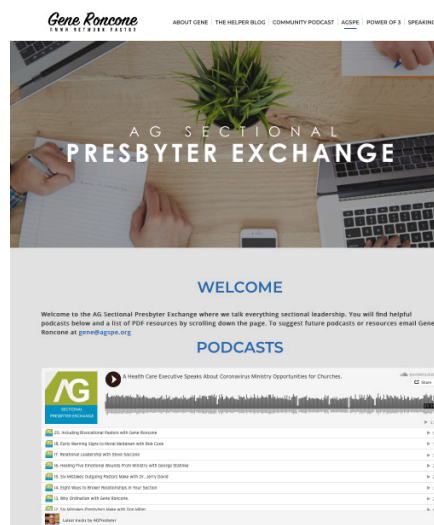
- Spiritual Function: Help care for ministers and their families in the section.
- Community Function: Brokering relationships, creating community and building a culture of inclusion and support in the section.
- Organizational Function: Assist the section by providing assistance to district affiliated churches, assist with credential interviews when needed and Networkwide initiatives
- Supportive Function: To assist the sectional presbyter, share the responsibilities of planning meetings and help the Presbytery when needed.

Just as deacons are not elected to be activist representatives of genders, age groups, demographics or regions, so also are sectional teams to assist the presbyter in the four areas mentioned above. We have also mobilized the convenience of podcasting and technology to raise up the most highly trained sectional teams in the region. This was the reason I created the AG Sectional Presbyter Exchange that offers the following leadership development tools for sectional committees:

- Podcast: Monthly podcast to give sectional teams exposure to best practices and new ideas. It can be accessed at <https://soundcloud.com/agspe>
- Facebook Group: Private Facebook group to train and resource presbyters. The Facebook group is at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AGSPE>
- Website: A one-stop location to access resources and training. The website can be accessed at <https://generoncone.org/agspe>



All of our presbyters and sectional teams now have access to this resource. You can get a sneak peek at this resource at the following link: [www.generoncone.org/agspe](http://www.generoncone.org/agspe)





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# ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

## DSOM Welcomes the addition of “Virtual Classroom”

Beginning this August, any student needing to travel more than 45 miles to a classroom location will be allowed to login in online and participate in a “virtual classroom” environment! Because of the large geographical landscape comprising Utah and Colorado, the Association of District Schools of Ministry has opened a door for our DSOM to experiment with virtual classrooms.

“Grow Into Your Calling” can become a reality in this new 2020-2021 school year!

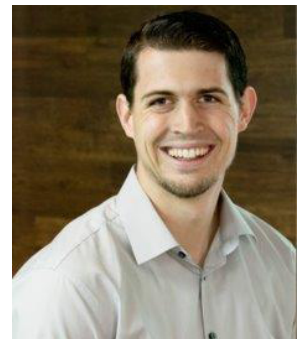
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	License 201	Intro to Theology	August 15, 2020
	Ordination 301	Pentateuch	August 15, 2020
	Certified 102	Intro to Pentecostal Doctrine	September 12, 2020
	License 202	New Testament Survey	September 12, 2020
	Ordination 302	Corinthians	September 12, 2020
	Certified 103	Acts	October 10, 2020
	License 203	Old Testament Survey	October 10, 2020
	Ordination 303	Poetic Books	October 10, 2020
	Certified 104	Prison Epistles	November 14, 2020
	License 204	Romans	November 14, 2020
	Ordination 304	Prayer and Worship	November 14, 2020
Fall Enrollment Now Open: <a href="http://www.rmdsom.org">www.rmdsom.org</a>  Questions: Randy Popineau, DSOM Director: <a href="mailto:randy@rmdc.org">randy@rmdc.org</a> Melanie Aragon, DSOM Admin: <a href="mailto:maragon@rmdc.org">maragon@rmdc.org</a>	Certified 105	Intro to Hermeneutics	January 9, 2021
	License 205	Intro to Homiletics	January 9, 2021
	Ordination 305	Preaching in Cultural Context	January 9, 2021
	Certified 106	Evangelism	February 13, 2021
	License 206	Eschatology	February 13, 2021
	Ordination 306	Church Admin, Law & Finance	February 13, 2021
	Certified 107	AG History, Missions, and Gov.	March 6, 2021
	License 207	Theology of Missions	March 6, 2021
	Ordination 307	Pastoral Ministry	March 6, 2021
	Certified 108	Ministerial Ethics	April 10, 2021
	License 208	Effective Leadership	April 10, 2021
	Ordination 308	Apologetics	April 10, 2021
Certified 109	Spirit Empowered Church	May 8, 2021	
License 209	Conflict Management	May 8, 2021	
Ordination 309	Church Planting	May 8, 2021	





ASSEMBLIES OF GOD WORLD MISSIONS

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**TRAINING** - Every part of our society has been impacted by Covid-19, including some of our AGWM leadership who fought and conquered the virus. Through this period, AGWM stepped up to the challenges it has presented and developed virtual and prerecorded missionary training. This was necessary to meet the needs of our candidate missionary applicants who were invited to Spring Pre-field Orientation but it had to be provided in an alternative method. Personnel and Member Care wanted to be able to process these applicants and proceed in spite of Covid-19. Also, our world missionaries who are going to some more challenging countries are required to go through security training. The intermediate training was still able to be provided virtually.

**REENTRY** - When our missionaries return after a term on the field, many of them attend a seminar called Reentry. Many do not realize that our missionaries have adapted to their countries and returning to the USA brings some adjustments. This did not have to be cancelled and was provided either virtually or by being prerecorded.

**COMMISSIONING** - Our commissioning services for new missionaries were delegated out to the various networks with guidance from AGWM. AGWM provided the Networks with all the resources (Bibles, gifts, programs, pre-recorded commissioning service) to recognize and commission the New Missionaries and Missionary Associates. The date, location, and time of the network commissioning service is the discretion of the networks. Rocky Mountain had two missionaries to commission: 1 missionary couple, and 1 single Missionary Associate.

Ken & Kendra Doult are serving in Nicaragua working with very destitute families through this time of the covid-19 crisis. In spite of what the people are coping with they wrote the following: They entitled it "Yet They Praise Him."

## Yet They Praise Him

No running water to drink, no voice to speak.  
No food to eat, no visitor to greet.  
No roof to stay dry, no medicine to buy.  
No walls to protect, no thermometer to check.  
No internet to learn, no job to earn.  
No mask to choose, no soap to use.  
Yet they praise Him. He hears their cry!  
He is responding. He is faithful. He is God!

### Itinerating Missionaries

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Remember: Several sensitive country missionaries are usually home on furlough, too!  
Contact the Network Office for more information - 719-522-0195.







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The **CHURCH MINISTRIES TEAM** is still working for you!

### The Table Podcast

New Podcasts are produced every month. Our most recent episodes are Kids Ministry, Lessons Learned From the First Sunday Back, and How to Be a Man, a Dad, and a Believer That Honors God.



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### PDF Resources

We have done the research for you! A Man's Guide, Mother's Day and Kids VBS and Camp Digital Options are just a few of our recent additions.

### Online Trainings by Zoom

Don't miss the upcoming online training "Church Security" with author Kris Maloney. Kris P. Maloney is a Church Security trainer and consultant and wrote [Defending the Flock: A Security Guide for Church Safety Directors](#). The training will be August 18th at 6:30 pm. Contact [lbottoms@rmdc.org](mailto:lbottoms@rmdc.org) or watch the ministers Facebook page for the login information.





# Emboldened

You made me bold with strength in my soul  
Psalms 138:3



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Stirring a Generation to See a

# Great Awakening

So who is tired of every correspondence starting with Covid-19? Well sorry but I'm afraid I'm no different. With churches doing online services, schools canceling, and homestay orders abounding what does ministry in Chi Alpha (XA) look like in this season? I thought I'd share two thoughts today. Namely where we are coming from, and where we are going.

The Saturday of graduation ended one of the wildest semesters of my campus ministry career. Thankfully for us, students are apt at the online world, and while doing life together was difficult, we were able to do nearly everything we would typically do. Staff were doing online small groups, mentoring calls, weekend game nights online. For a little more on creative ways our staff were ministering you can click on the picture to the right.

So where are we going? Well I'm excited for what this season has the potential to do in this generation. In a season where everyone has been forced to sit and reflect on their lives, where so many young people have indulged in whatever forms of entertainment they thought would fulfill and found them empty as their pursuit, where a whole generation feels the longing for meaningful community I believe the Lord can invade in an unprecedented way. Practically, CSU has said this last week that unless the State or Fed tells them they can't, that they plan to do in person classes this fall. That means that while it might look different, our ability to reach out to the campus and minister in person is likely. This summer we are doing more to stay connected and to minister to our current students as they are already used to online life - so more ministry activity is viable.



We were interviewed in an article sent out by the AG on campus ministry during this season.  
[To read click here.](#)

A couple prayer requests:

- Wisdom for how we minister this fall to our campus
- For our staff (including 7 new interns) who are needing to fundraise this summer during this chaotic season
- An area of ministry we are wrestling with is international students. No new internationals will be allowed in country this fall but for those who are stuck here we may have a moment to really reach out to them in their isolation.

We realize that it is a sacrifice for you to partner with us financially so that we can continue to minister to a generation during this key time of their life and our world, and we want to say thank you for all you do!

We couldn't do it without you!



## Why Wo We Do It?

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’”

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)



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# MENTORING



Mentoring means teaching, guiding, counseling, sponsoring, influencing, and so much more. The Royal Rangers ministry gives the perfect opportunity for leaders to invest in the next generation of boys' lives. Studies show positive changes in children and teens from having adult mentors.

According to MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership :

- 55% more likely to enroll in college
- 52% less likely to skip school
- 37% less likely to skip class
- 90% more interested in becoming a mentor themselves
- 130% more likely to hold leadership positions
- 46% less likely to use drugs
- 27% less likely to drink alcohol

Mentors give various way of help, guidance, and support – helping boys excel in school, teaching them everyday life skills and encouraging community service in church leadership, and missions support. A mentor will help boys connect with other positive influences in the community. When a boy has a mentor, the possibilities for his success are endless.

So why become a mentor? Because it helps young people and the mentors! Mentoring through Royal Rangers provides you a chance to learn more about others and your community and your ability to work in your local church and community. Mentoring is guaranteed to give you personal satisfaction by helping boys achieve more with your help than they could have on their own.





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# RE-OPENING SOON

Just a couple of days ago, we had a great conversation with our Delta County Health Department Director Ken Nordstrom about reopening our camp facility. With several considerations and new guidelines, we are going to be allowed to resume what the State of Colorado calls "residence camping" where guests can stay overnight. This will happen with adherence to a site plan we submitted to the Delta County Health Department that helps us accomplish COVID19-related compliance with State and local guidelines for our category of camps. Naturally, many groups had already made the decision to cancel their events here at camp for this summer, but thankfully every one of them has elected to keep their deposit in for next year and have plans to come back.

Recently, several churches and even schools have connected with us about booking camps or day events in the early fall for their kids, and we hope to see a healthy turnout for those events. If you are interested in booking a make-up kids camp for your church or another kind of event here at Camp Cedaredge, don't hesitate to contact us! We would love to accommodate you if possible. September has nearly booked up, and we would love to see some more good traffic at camp in October!

As different as this season has been so far, it has still been a great window to tackle a lot of deferred maintenance items, as well as an opportunity to advance some other projects here at camp that had been started. We've included some pictures of the new entrance with the gate installed and new rock on the columns. We will establish this entrance as the main guest entryway to the campground, and as resources allow, continue to upgrade the landscaping and new signage in this area. This has been a long time coming, and is a much more inviting entrance onto the grounds!

We were glad to take our crew to be a part of a trip going down to Durango, Colorado with Jason and Phil Neely to help them remove an existing playground at an elementary school that Darby Davis of the new Victory Church plant in Durango connected them with. The school is replacing that playground with new equipment, and we must have hauled \$100k worth of playground equipment back to Rivers Church in Delta, Colorado for them to make use of -



pretty good score!



I'm sure looking forward to being at New Life Northview Church in Ogden, UT with Seth and Katie Koetitz to be a part with their worship song service and share about the camp with folks there in July. What a blessing that church has been to the camp over the years!

We continue in prayer for all of you pastors who are doing the work of ministry in these interesting and challenging times. We are thankful for you, and may God give wisdom and courage to you!

