

**You are invited to
The 105th Clergy Convocation
Vermont Conference, UCC**

**Monday, Oct 4th – Wednesday, Oct 6th
At The Craftsbury Outdoor Center**
(***note the NEW location***)

Theme: *“Leaning Into Change When We Don’t Know
Where We Might Land”*

Just like riding a bike, when the roads ahead of our communities shift, we need to both turn and lean into the turn to keep our balance. In this post-Covid season, we know we need to turn, but knowing how and which way to lean is both essential and hard to imagine when we can’t see the path ahead. This convocation is about learning how to lean into a turn in community, discerning the path together and building the muscles and practices to stay balanced and agile in the face of turns. We’ll start with activities for listening and looking for the Holy Spirit in our communities, then build the muscles of noticing, confessing, and forgiving in community, attend to community formation for life together, prepare systems to absorb the anxiety of change, and finally lean forward into the change to which we are called. Keynote sessions will be collaborative and interactive, and participants will exit the program with concrete practices with which to approach each step, as well as lived experience with those practices in community.

Who will be leading us?

*The Convocation Planning Team is pleased to welcome:
Rev. Karen Rohrer*

Rev. Karen Rohrer is the Director of the Center for Adaptive and Innovative Ministry [AIM] at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and a PCUSA pastor. Before moving to Pittsburgh, she was the founding co-pastor of Beacon Church in Philadelphia where she became dog parent to the winsome Pit Bull, Melody, and the wife of Rev. Andy Greenhow, Presbyterian pastor and life-sized cartoon. Her first edited book, [Sustaining Grace: Innovative Ecosystems for New Faith Communities](#), came out summer 2020 from Wipf & Stock. She is a graduate of University of Mary Washington and Princeton Seminary.

CONVOCATION SCHEDULE

Monday, Oct 4th – Wednesday, Oct 6th

*“Leaning into Change When We Don’t Know
Where We Might Land”*

Monday, October 4th

3:00 Registration
4:30 Gathering
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Opening Program
8:30 Opening Worship

Tuesday, October 5th

7:30 Morning Worship
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 – 10:30 Program
10:30 Break
10:45 – 12:15 Program

12:30 Lunch
1:00 Free Time (walk, read, nap)
5:30 Social Gathering
6:00 Dinner
7:00 – 8:30 Program
8:30 Worship

Wednesday, October 6th

7:30 Morning Worship
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Final program
10:30 Closing Worship and Communion
12:00 Lunch

[see next page for Registration information]

Clergy Convocation Registration:

Name _____

Church _____

E-mail _____

Accommodations include meals

Non refundable after Sept 15th

Single (with a double bed) for 2 nights: \$244.16

(There are a limited number of singles. First come first serve.)

Double: 2 twin beds for 2 nights: \$174.40

Roommate requested: _____

Meals Only *If you choose to stay off-site, you can purchase meals by reservation – see the Craftsbury Outdoor center website.*

<https://www.craftsbury.com/sustainability/food/meals>

Convocation Fee: _____

(non-refundable fee required from all participants to cover operating costs)

\$75.00 Early Bird by Sept 1st

\$100 after Sept 1st, deadline Sept 15th

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

(Checks made out to the Vermont Conference)

Mail to: Vermont Conference, UCC

36 North Main St Randolph, Vt 05060

OR you can register & pay online Here:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ei52pd0n6b4a64fe&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Special Dietary Requests – (Vegetarian options at every meal)

please circle Diabetic Vegan Gluten-Free

Please bring: BYOB (Bring your own bible), games to play, musical instruments, snacks to share

Please note that there is no cell service on site, however, there is wifi.

Where are gathering? *At the Craftsbury Outdoor Center in Craftsbury Common, Vt in the NorthEast Kingdom!*

<https://www.craftsbury.com/>

The Craftsbury Center has miles of hiking, running and biking trails as well as a fitness center. All meals are included with the accommodations.

Meals and food allergies: Meals are served buffet style and include fresh local produce and home-style cooking. A vegetarian option is offered at each meal. With notice, the kitchen can accommodate the following dietary needs: lactose intolerance, vegan, gluten free, Celiac disease, and nut allergies. Guests with food allergies need to be aware that we cannot guarantee the complete absence of any food ingredient in our kitchen. That being said, we will do our best to accommodate non-life threatening food allergies. You must notify the office of any dietary needs/allergies prior to your arrival, and we recommend that you speak to the kitchen staff directly upon arrival.

How do I get there?

Directions can be found on the Craftsbury website at

<https://www.craftsbury.com/getting-here>

