

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE - JULY 3, 2011

Reflections

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

"UCC IN TAMPA THIS WEEK"

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General Synod is like a three-ring circus under the big top tent. The difference is that there is about ten times more activity and it lasts for a week. The schedules begin at about 6:30 a.m. and often don't conclude until after midnight.

This week I am in Tampa, FL, along with 8 delegates from the Rocky Mountain Conference, for General Synod, which is the biennial national gathering of the UCC. We convened with each other Friday afternoon and will conclude with a closing worship on Tuesday evening. We joined 3000 people from around the world for this time of worship, prayer, celebration, and of course the necessary business of our denomination.



While it is not possible for everyone to travel to Tampa and attend this gathering, it is possible to be a part of the General Synod experience via the internet. The schedules, proposed resolutions, keynote speakers, workshop options, and more are all posted on our national UCC website,

<http://www.ucc.org/synod/>.

All of the workshops will be streamed from the web. The workshop services are always creative, imaginative, done with excellence, and host fascinating key speakers. The delegates will be asked to consider 15 resolutions and all of these are posted on the web. This is an easy way for you to see what your denomination is thinking and talking about.

As always, in our church system, the General Synod speaks to our local churches and never speaks for our local churches. Please follow the action online and hold the UCC in your prayers this week. Our delegates and I would be delighted to visit with you about the General Synod when we return.



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