

FORMAL INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR RMC CHAPLAIN

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BILLINGS -- Rocky Mountain College will honor Reverend Kristi Foster with a formal Installation Ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010, at 11 a.m., in Taylor Auditorium of Losekamp Hall.

The ceremony, which includes a formal processional with faculty, staff, and clergy wearing academic and ministerial regalia, marks the official recognition of Rev. Foster's appointment as chaplain and celebrates the College's historic relationship with the United Church of Christ, the United Methodist Church, and the Presbyterian Church USA.

The event is public, however seating is limited.

Since coming to Billings, Rev. Foster has served chair of the Commission on Faith & Order for the Montana Association of Churches. She is a member of Mayflower Congregational UCC.

Featured speaker for her installation will be Dr. Deborah Krause, Eden Theological Seminary (St. Louis, Missouri) academic dean. Rev. Foster received her Master of Divinity at Eden Theological Seminary.

Rev Foster was ordained by Grace United Church of Christ in Frederick, Maryland, in August 2004. The event included Rev. Foster's aunt, the Rev. Lois K. Happe, and her father, the Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Foster, who retires as pastor of the Frederick congregation at the end of this month. Since her move to Billings, Rev. Foster's standing as a minister in the United Church of Christ is now held by the Montana-Northern Wyoming Conference.

A native of Ohio, Foster graduated from Earlham College in Indiana, with a major in Outdoor Education. Her major was the perfect fit for the first chapter of her professional life, work with youth groups at Frost Valley YMCA in the Catskills of New York. Her special interest was the environment and she taught in over 50 courses, ranging from science-based ecology to adventure-based recreation.

In addition to many summers as a camp counselor, she served as assistant director, and summer adventure director at Frost Valley in the Catskills in New York.

An avid traveler, Foster did mission work in Ecuador, the Solomon Islands and Scotland. She joined the Pilgrimage for Unity to World Council of Churches to Geneva, Switzerland and Taize, France.

She was involved in the March of Remembrance and Hope as part of the Holocaust Educational Program in 2001.

Before coming to Rocky in 2008, Rev. Foster was associate pastor in Vermilion, Ohio. While there, she was active in the youth and educational programs of the Western Reserve Association of the UCC. She served in the leadership of two clergy associations during her pastorate in Vermilion, as treasurer of the Vermillion Ministerial Association and dean of the Firelands Clergy Cluster.

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