

RMC CHAPLAIN WILL LECTURE ON THE CHANGING FACE OF CHRISTIANITY

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BILLINGS – The Philosophy and Religious Thought Society of Rocky Mountain College invites the public to a lecture by RMC's new chaplain, the Rev. Kristi Foster on Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009 in the Selover Room of the Bair Family Student Center.

Drawing on her graduate work at Eden Theological Seminary and experience working as a youth minister since 2000, the Rev. Foster (UCC) will discuss both the rise of denominationalism in historical context and current trends toward ecumenical and nondenominational communities of faith.

The Protestant Reformation accelerated the fragmentation of Christianity into a variety of denominations, and up until the mid-20th century, most Christians identified with a particular denomination.

Today, however, many people feel free to move between denominations (and even religions). What caused this change in outlook? How does this trend affect congregations and the spiritual lives of their members? What common ground do Christians still share?

The Rev. Foster will address these questions, with reference to her own experiences in para-denominational and ecumenical programs, including her involvement with the World Council of Churches and visits to the Taize Community in France and the Iona Community in Scotland.

For more information on these and other lectures hosted by the RMC Philosophy and Religious Thought Society, contact Ellie Bagley, Assistant Professor, Philosophy and Religious Thought, B.A., M.A. Boston University, D.Phil. University of Oxford, Phone: (406) 657-1083, Email: bagleye@rocky.edu.

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