

Did you know? The LuMin Lutheran Campus Ministry Network held their annual gathering at Illiff School of Theology, June 22–26, 2026? The Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA was thrilled to welcome campus ministry leaders from all around the country, starting with hosting a snack break for those new to campus ministry. New to Campus Ministry leaders from Regions around the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America along with conference leads and staff also gathered for a pre-gathering to connect, learn and build relationships that will help sustain them in their ministry.

Learn more from Pastor Monica Butler, Campus Chaplain at Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Colorado Boulder.

“‘Beyond the Summit’, is our annual conference for all the ministries in the LuMin network, many of which are in ecumenical partnerships. For the second year, this is a joint venture with the Gather network. We'll have some separate workshops, but be together for worship, keynotes, fellowship, etc. We will also be joined by campus ministry leaders in the Episcopal network. (Last year and next year, the conference was and will again be intentionally ecumenical. We are trying to do a bigger ecumenical campus ministry staff/clergy/leader gathering about every other year.)

This event happens every June and we move around the country each year. It is a gathering of campus and young adult ministry leaders for and by those leaders. For campus ministry staff it's a vital time for learning, sharing resources, strengthening connection and support, honoring members of our network, and sustaining all of us in the work we do with young adults. We'll have about 150 folks at this year's conference!”

Tuesday night, participants gathered for opening worship, where Bishop Meghan Johnston Aelabouni preached on Jacob wrestling with God. Drawing from the story of Jacob's struggle and blessing in Genesis 32, she named the holy work of young adult ministry: “In ministering to young adults, you stand in the in-between, accompanying people as they wrestle with God and with one another — sometimes wrestling with God about people, and other times wrestling with people about God. This is holy space. Thank you for your ministry.”

We pray it was a space to breath, apart from the everyday demands and expectations and you are renewed in the loving presence of Christ and with one another. We are grateful for every one and for the ministry God is doing through you!