

**SCHEDULE for RURAL CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION**  
**2019 Annual Meeting/Focus Event**  
**BUILDING A FUTURE OF HOPE**  
**Pueblo West, Colorado August 7-10, 2019**

**Wednesday, August 7**

- Arrive at Quality Inn Pueblo West, 77 S. Radnor Dr. Pueblo West, CO 81007
- 3:00-5:00 pm. Registration in lobby of hotel
- 5:15 pm. Car pool to go to SonRise UMC (about a mile from Quality Inn)  
421 E Spaulding Ave., Pueblo West, CO 81007
- 5:30 pm. Opening and Introductions  
Native American Welcome  
Welcome - Rev. Chris Carr, District Superintendent, Mountain Sky Conference
- 6:00 pm. Group Dinner
- 7:00-8:00 pm. What does it take to create healthy, safe, rural communities?  
Small group discussions providing networking and community building  
Leaders - Shirley Townsend Jones, Gayle Lesure, Judy Matheny
- 8:00-8:15 Break
- 8:15-8:30 pm. Overview of the local area we will be visiting - Keith Hudiburgh
- 8:30-8:45 pm. Evening devotions – United Methodist Appalachian Ministry Network  
Return to Quality Inn - car pool

**Thursday, August 8**

- 6:00-7:45 am. Hotel complimentary breakfast
- 7:45 am. Load bus
- 8:00 am. Bus leaves hotel to travel to Crowley County
- 9:00-10:00 Visit irrigated farm – How farmers and ranchers deal with not having enough  
water. Farmer(s) and County Extension Agent
- 10:15 am. Arrive at United Methodist Church of Ordway where Keith is pastor  
403 Main Street, Ordway, CO 81063
- 10:30-12:00 Impact of Marijuana on Rural Communities – pros and cons of legalized  
and illegal marijuana.  
Panel of County Commissioners, Representatives from Sheriff's Department &  
Department of Human Services, & Developer for Production of Marijuana
- 12:15-1:00 Lunch at Ordway UMC
- 1:00-1:30 Health Care in Rural Areas with a Limited Number of Doctors  
Karen Tomky, Family Nurse Practitioner, MSN, FNP, B-C and  
Owner of Centennial Health Center, LLC in Ordway
- 1:45 pm. Leave Ordway to go to Fowler United Methodist Church  
302 South Main St., Fowler, CO 81039
- 2:10 pm. Arrive at Fowler United Methodist Church
- 2:30-3:45 Impact of Opioids on Rural Communities - Mental Health Issues, Prison Ministry  
Colorado Coalition for the Homeless
- 3:45-4:00 Break
- 4:00-4:30 Rural Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC)

4:45 pm. Leave to go to Milberger Farms @ Peppe's (restaurant)  
28570 Hwy 50 E., Pueblo, CO 81006

5:30 pm. Arrive at Peppe's restaurant at Milberger Farms

5:45-6:30 Dinner

6:30-7:00 Presentation on truck farming on the Mesa

7:15 pm. Leave restaurant to go back to Quality Inn - Pueblo West

8:00 pm. Bus has to be back to hotel by 8 pm. – Rest of evening free

### **Friday, August 9**

6:00-8:00 am. Hotel complimentary breakfast

8:30 am. Car pool to go to SonRise UMC (Presentations, meetings, and worship will be at SonRise UMC )

8:45-9:00 am. Morning Devotion – United Methodist Rural Advocates

9:00-9:45 am. Providing Support for Migrant Laborers/Families - El Centro de los Pobres  
Sister Nancy Crafton of Sisters of Charity, Director

9:45-10:00 Break

10:00-11:00 Panel of young adults - What does it take to create healthy, safe, rural communities?  
Rev. Lou Ward, Pastor of UMC at La Junta, and High School graduates – Sadie Brewer and Lane Walter, Cyndi Kent - Moderator

11:00-11:15 Break

11:15-12:15 What we have gained from our experience and how we might use it?  
Roger Grace - Leader

12:30-1:30 pm. Lunch at SonRise UMC

1:30-3:00 Rural Chaplain Association (RCA) Annual Business meeting  
United Methodist Rural Advocates (UMRA) Board meets  
United Methodist Appalachian Ministry Network (UMAMN) meets

3:00-3:30 Break

3:30-5:30 Rural Chaplain Association Annual Business meeting (continues)  
United Methodist Rural Advocates Board meets  
United Methodist Appalachian Ministry Network meets

5:30-6:00 Break

6:00-7:00 Dinner at SonRise UMC

7:15-8:30 Closing Worship including Rural Chaplains' Certification Service and Holy Communion - Rev. Carrie West, Pastor, SonRise UMC

Return to Quality Inn - car pool

### **Saturday, August 10**

6:00-9:00 am. Hotel complimentary breakfast  
Departure