



The Great Outdoor Ministry Gathering 2019 Outdoor Ministries Connection

Who is Outdoor Ministries Connection(OMC)?

OMC is a consortium of mainline denominational camp and retreat associations. The current associations that are participating, but will not be limited to: American Baptist, Episcopal Conference Centers and Camps, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, Presbyterian Camps & Conference Center Association, Outdoor Ministry Association of the Church of the Brethren, Outdoor Ministry Association of the United Church of Christ, United Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministries

OMC Purpose:

Outdoor Ministries Connection **provides open space** for developing ecumenical relationships and shared perspective while **coordinating collaborative efforts** among our associations.

The BIG idea is to gather all the mainline denominational camp and retreat associations for one large conference. In a time of denominational decline, super fast technological innovation and a reorganizing of institutions into individualized networks - we are experiencing a shift of culture. Outdoor Ministries absolutely can be a force in molding how God's people journey into the future. We will be stronger together sharing best practices and supporting each other in networks that support each other.



The EVENT:

RelationSHIFT - Nov. 10-14, 2019 at Lake Junaluska, Waynesville, NC

One God. One Trust. One People. As the people of God we have one true goal in our work as Outdoor Ministry sites - *assist others to walk in loving ways with God*. It is our calling. Yet often we travel this road alone. God never intended it that way. We have common ground to stand on together. As our society and churches shift around us, Outdoor Ministries must find new ways to collaborate in our nurture of fellow disciples on their journeys. We are stronger together in this mission as God's people. Come and join us for an event that will help you form new relationships and shift towards collaboration. With authentic and passionate keynote speakers, inspiring worship with creative preachers and engaging workshops that will leave you with lots of practical ideas, this event is like no continuing education conference you have attended.

Why it is important?

This event will bring together innovative outdoor ministry partners of mainline denominations (600-800 people) to build relationships, discover each other's gifts, and equip vital ministries to meet the emerging needs of God's people.



When & Where?

November 10-14, 2019

Lake Junaluska (UMCRM retreat center), Waynesville, NC

Please consider serving on one of the committees for this first of its kind ecumenical event. The following pages explain the committee responsibilities. If you have questions please talk with those who invited you to consider this opportunity or contact one of us.

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