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1. Welcome

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Welcome to the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network!

Let me speak on behalf of the entire Network when I say we have been praying for others to join us in reaching the Rocky Mountain region. You are an answer to prayer and part of the greatest fraternity on this side of heaven. We thank God for sending you and welcome you to this family with open arms.

This document was created to help new ministers better understand and connect with the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network. We have included a few features in this electronic document to help you find your way around.

- **Table of Contents.** Use the Table of Contents to find your way around.
- **Navigation tool.** Use the hyperlinks in the Table of Contents to go directly to a category of your choosing and the "Return to Index" link to go back to the Table of Contents.
- **Hyperlinks.** There are many hyperlinks in the document that will take you to examples of what is referenced.
- **Personal assistance.** Please feel free to contact the Network office should you have any questions. We can be reached at 719-522-0195 or at info@rmdc.org.

We would also like to broker a Zoom introduction to help you meet your local presbyter. Please be sure to email or call your contact information to the Superintendent's office.

Contending for community,

Gene Roncone

Rocky Mountain Ministry Network

District Superintendent/Network Pastor (aka "helper")

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3. Introduction to the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network (Return to Index)

You are part of something special, something diverse, and something that is changing lives in Colorado and Utah! You and the church you minister in are an important and needed member of a community of churches called the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network. With 160 churches, 525 ministers, and 44,000 adherents, the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network stretches 800 miles from St. George, Utah, on its western border to Burlington, Colorado, on its eastern boundary.

Our Network includes some of the most beautiful and breathtaking mountains and landscapes in the United States. Possessing nearly half of the nation's mountains with an elevation of over 14,000 feet, Colorado and Utah offer an abundance of state parks, national forests, white water rivers, and streams. Whether it is camping, fishing, hunting, skiing, hiking, mountain climbing, or countless other adventures, the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network is ground zero for outdoor living.

Geographic, demographic, and cultural diversity are the network's greatest challenges. Its ministries are found in urban centers like Denver, Aurora, Colorado Springs, and Salt Lake City as well as those scattered across suburban and rural communities in the plains and mountains of our region. Each week our Network worships in over 18 different languages of the world while being unified by one purpose. Utah's unique spiritual stronghold makes it Christianity's last

frontier in the United States. Colorado's ranking among the nation's top ten unchurched states demands the network culture be one of creativity, perseverance, diversity, and collaboration. Whether it is a cowboy church in Durango, an Ethiopian church in Aurora, a suburban church in Logan, an urban church in Denver, or a megachurch in Fort Collins, our ministers are faithfully striving to reach the cities, towns, and communities of Colorado and Utah. In addition to our local churches, we have 96 home missionaries serving on college and high school campuses, in drug rehabilitation centers, and in church planting, not to mention chaplains serving hospitals, military bases, rodeos, foster care, and sex-trafficking intervention ministries.

However, our impact is not limited to Colorado and Utah. Our Network has nearly 60 foreign missionaries in over 21 nations of the world. Together, our ministries invest over \$6 million a year in sending missionaries to the lost and least-reached people of the world.

We believe diversity is one of our greatest assets. We believe that just as the mighty Colorado River connects our two states, so does our passion to build God's kingdom in the Rocky Mountain region. We believe we are better . . . together!

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- **A.** Vision. The vision of the RMMN is to bring eternal hope to Colorado and Utah communities.
- **B. Purpose.** The purpose of the RMMN is to bring eternal hope to Colorado and Utah communities through *healthy ministers*, *vibrant churches*, and *Spirit-driven relevance*.
- **C. Strategy.** The strategy of the RMMN is to achieve our vision and purpose through the following five strategic initiatives:
 - 1. Empower ministers. Credential, equip, and resource ministers.
 - **2. Resource churches.** Resource, train, and network churches.
 - **3. Build community.** Connect, include, and collaborate.
 - **4. Spirit-driven relevance.** Spirit-inspired creativity, strategy, and ministry applications that empower us to overcome unforeseen obstacles and leverage opportunities.
 - **5. Facilitate the future.** Create future opportunities for the Assemblies of God in Colorado and Utah by establishing long-term vision, new and innovative income streams, and church multiplication.
- **D. Goals.** The goals of the RMMN are short annual objectives that are measurable and mark progress towards our vision. Once determined, they are evaluated, revised, or abandoned as needed. A quarterly report of our current goals and progress can always be found at www.generoncone.org/we.

A short introductory video can be viewed at this link.

5. Demographics and Organizational Structure

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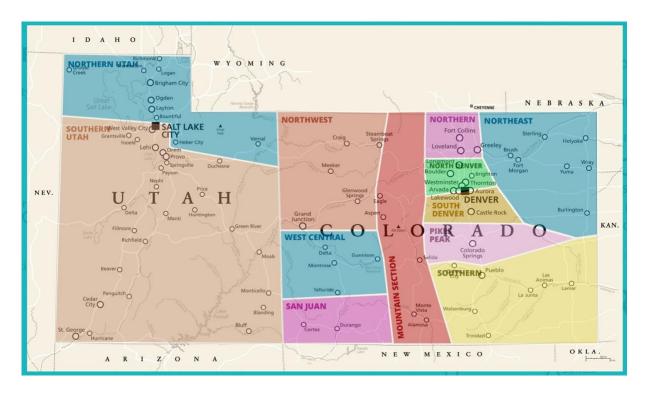
Following is a quick, wide-angle view of the Network's demographics and structure.

- **A. Scope of Ministry.** The RMMN encompasses the states of Colorado and Utah with:
 - **1.** 160 churches (4/23/2023)
 - **2.** 522 ministers (4/23/2023)
 - 3. Nearly 44,000 constituents
- **B.** Church Categories. There are two different kinds of churches in our Network:
 - **1. General Council churches** (GC) are self-sustaining and self-governing, existing with limited autonomy.
 - 2. Network Council affiliated churches (NC or DC) are not self-sustaining and lack qualified local leaders (credentialed pastors or qualified board members) to be self-governing. Although these churches have a local advisory board, their official board is made up of the Superintendent (Chair), Secretary/Treasurer, local presbyter, and sectional committee (two other local ministers elected by their section).
- **C. Geographic Regions.** The Network is organized into 3 of the following geographic regions:
 - 1. East Slope. The East Slope consists of all ministries east of the Continental Divide to state borders on the north (Wyoming), south (New Mexico), and east (Kansas). This region consists of 6 sections and approximately 110 churches and parachurch ministries.
 - 2. West Slope. The West Slope consists of all ministries west of the Continental Divide to state borders on the north (Wyoming), south (New Mexico), and west (Utah). This region consists of 4 sections and approximately 50 churches and parachurch ministries.
 - **3. Utah.** The Utah region consists of the entire state with 2 sections and approximately 35 churches and parachurch ministries.



- **D. Geographic Sections.** The Network has three geographic regions made up of 12 geographical sections.
 - 1. The Utah Region consists of the Northern Utah and Southern Utah sections.
 - **2. The West Slope Region** consists of the Northwest, West Central, San Juan, and Mountain sections.
 - **3. The East Slope Region** consists of the Northern, Northeast, North Denver, South Denver, Pikes Peak, and Southern sections.

Although our sectional boundaries are not determined by physical, political, or interstates and streets, they represent clusters of churches that share similar geography or culture. The map below may help in getting a visual understanding of each section's sphere of representation.



- **E. Governance Structure.** The Network is led by the District Superintendent who serves as the Chief Executive Officer and Chairperson of the official board. The leadership community consists of the following structures recognized in our bylaws. The RMMN bylaws empower giving executive leadership over the Network and its two governing boards.
 - 1. District Executive Team (corporate officers) consists of three offices: the Superintendent (Chairperson, Chief Executive Officer, and full-time employee); Secretary/Treasurer (secretary and treasurer, and full-time employee); and Assistant Superintendent (volunteer position). All executive officers are elected by the Network Council in session.
 - **2. Executive Presbytery** consists of the following 6 members: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Secretary/Treasurer, and three regional Executive Presbyters (Utah, West Slope, and East Slope). The Executive Presbytery is elected by the Network Council in session.

- **3. Presbytery Board** (official board) is made up of 18 members consisting of 3 Executive Officers, 3 Executive Presbyters, and 12 Sectional Presbyters.
- **4. Sectional Committees/Teams** consists of the Sectional Presbyter and 2 other members elected by their sectional peers.
- **F. Governing Documents.** The Network has adopted the following governing documents:
 - **1. Bylaws.** The current version of the Network bylaws can be accessed on our resource index at this link.
 - **2. Parliamentary authority.** The Network bylaws have prescribed the most current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* as our parliamentary authority.
 - **3. Standing rules.** Specific rules have been adopted by the Presbytery regarding unique situations and policy.

6. Network Office and Team

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The Network has assembled a capable team to serve our ministers and churches. Following is a basic summary of who they are and how they serve.

A. Location. The Network office is in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and is housed in a two-story office building the Network owns. The Network uses the entire upper level and rents the bottom floor out to businesses in order to subsidize all the expenses related to the building's operation and maintenance. The Network space contains office suites, a workroom, a kitchenette, a meeting room, and a state-of-the-art studio for podcasts and videos.

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- **B. Executive Leadership Team.** The Network's Executive Leadership Team consist of three members:
 - 1. Superintendent's office. The Superintendent's office gives executive leadership to vision implementation, churches, missions, ministers, church vacancies, Network and Sectional Councils, church planting, and future initiatives.

- **2. Secretary/Treasurer's office.** The Secretary/Treasurer's office gives oversight to credentials, district-affiliated church finances, budget and finance, and property and grounds.
- **3. Assistant Superintendent.** The Assistant Superintendent is a volunteer office which is given assignments by the Network Superintendent.
- **C. Church Ministries Team.** The objective of the Church Ministries Department is to provide training, networking, and resource awareness for the churches of the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network. They are led by a director, assistant director, and support staff. The CMD team consists of 5 paid staff and a team of 25 local leaders who volunteer by representing different areas of expertise. The following chart may help to better understand their scope of work and expectations determined by our vision plan, the Network Superintendent, and Presbytery. They can be contacted at cmd@rmdc.org.

	Scope of Services											
	Areas that are marked with a black X represent the current services provided by the Church Ministries Team	District Newsletter	Podcast	Online video training	PDF resource list	Retreat/convention	Video conference	Email list	Social media	Regional meet-up	Resource Web page	Camp
1	Youth/Student Ministries (Youth Convention/Fine Arts, Youth Camps (4 weeks), Youth Pastors' retreat, STL, PK retreat, *Youth Alive, Bible Quiz)	х		х	х	х		х	х		X	х
2	Children's Ministries (early childhood, kids' camp, BGMC , kids' church, kids' discipleship resourcing)	x						x			x	x
3	Adult Discipleship (Sunday, small groups, single and senior adults)	х	x		х						х	
4	Outreach and Evangelism				Х		Х				Х	
5	Church Reproduction (mothering, bridging, and multisite from local church perspective), not internal and external planting	x	x		х		x				х	
6	Worship (administration, leadership)	Х		Х	Х						Х	
7	Deacon/Board Ministry	X		X	X						X	

8	Prayer Ministry (intercession, teams, hospital visitation)	х	Х		Х					Х	
9	Church Hospitality (ushers, greeters, info booth, café, parking)			х	х					х	
10	Media (audio, video, and projection)	х			Х					Х	
11	Men's Ministries (4 regional leaders)	х	х		X	х				X	
12	Women's Ministries	X		Х	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
13	Girls' Ministry (Missionettes)	Х				Х	X	X	X	Х	
14	Royal Rangers	Х		Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X

D. Camp Cedaredge Team. The Network owns and operates a full facility campground in Cedaredge, Colorado. It is located on the edge of the West Slope in the geographic middle of the Network. The camp is led by a director and support staff that varies depending upon the season and schedule of events. See the section entitled, "Camp Cedaredge" for more detailed information.

For an updated ministry leadership contact list emailed to you in seconds, just send an email addressed to <u>team@rmdc.org</u>.

7. Financial Responsibilities

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There are many benefits and services prescribed in our bylaws that we provide to ministers and churches, as well as obligations we have to one another. Following are a few to help bring focus to this area:

- **A. Network Income.** There are four sources of income that help to fund services provided by the Network:
 - 1. Ministers' tithes
 - 2. Events
 - 3. Church financial support
 - **4.** Investment income
- **B. Ministers' Tithe Explanation.** All RMMN ministers are obligated to tithe 10 percent of their ministry income to the Network. The Network maintains a simple Q&A page to answer frequently asked questions regarding ministers' tithes and can be accessed at this link.

Following are some helpful links that can address the four most common questions:

1. Ministers. What are the Network's requirements for ministers' tithes/dues? Click here.

- **2. External itinerating missionaries.** What are the Network's requirements for missionaries itinerating from outside the Network? Click here.
- **3. Internal itinerating missionaries.** What are the Network's requirements for missionaries itinerating from inside the Network? Click here.
- 4. Ministers' retirement option. The Network offers a voluntary program in which ministers can choose to have ten percent of their monthly tithe to the Network forwarded into a retirement account with either Church Extension Plan (CEP) or Ministers Benefit Association (MBA). Information on how to sign up can be found at www.rmdc.org/empower.

Giving statements are sent out on a quarterly basis to help you monitor your giving. Please contact the Secretary/Treasurer's office if you have any questions at finance@rmdc.org.

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In addition to the normal services provided to our ministers and churches, here are a few unique benefits of being part of our RMMN ministry family.

- **A.** Traditional Network Services. All the normal resourcing, networking, coaching, and training of a Network office. This would include the following services:
 - Ministry placement
 - Transition resources
 - Minister support
 - Conflict coaching
 - Credentialing
 - Accountability
 - Children's resources
 - Student resources
 - Men's ministry resources
 - Women's ministry resources
 - Children, youth, and adult missions programming
 - Children's camps, retreats, and events
 - Youth camps, retreats, and conventions

- Fine Arts programming
- Network Council
- Sectional interactions
- Sectional Council
- Church planting coordination
- Rural ministry resources
- Pastoral search assistance
- Lay leadership training
- Missionary services
- US missions networking
- World missions networking
- Interstate, National, and International collaboration
- Educational networking
- Peer networking and collaboration
- Colorado and Utah Women's retreat
- **B.** Credential Advancement Scholarships. The Advance Scholarship is awarded to qualifying certified and licensed ministers and provides a 100% scholarship for classes required for their

advancement through www.Pathway.training. The scholarship also includes the services of a credential specialist that will be assigned to complete an educational audit, coach you through to your next level of advancement, and compile your application file. Find out more at this link.

- **C. CTC School of Pastoral Ministry.** The Network also offers a 16-week mentoring cohort to help prepare emerging leaders for their first lead pastorate. It is offered free to applicants who are licensed or ordained and meet the requirements. More information can be found at this link.
- **D. Trinity Ordination Scholarship.** The Network also offers a 50 percent reduction in tuition for any graduate program (masters or doctorate) at Trinity Bible College and Graduate School. More information can be found at this link.
- **E. Empowered Retirement Resources.** The RMMN's Empowered initiative seeks to help all RMMN ministers plan a retirement with peace, freedom, and dignity. The initiative consists of five resources.
 - 1. Webpage. A webpage explaining the resources listed below at this link.
 - 2. Retirement contribution. A voluntary program in which ministers can choose to have ten percent of their monthly tithe to the Network forwarded into a retirement account with either Church Extension Plan (CEP) or Ministers Benefit Association (MBA). The plan is limited to these two Assemblies of God financial services organizations. Should you decide to participate, you must decide which of these two AG organizations is best for you. Many ministers use both as a way to diversify their retirement planning.
 - 3. Retirement Essentials Class. The RMMN has created a three-hour self-paced interactive online class entitled "Retirement Essentials." The course is free to all RMMN ministers and can be taken at your own pace from anywhere with internet access. After completing this training, you will receive a Certificate of Completion. The first 50 individuals who complete the course each year will receive \$250 as a special contribution from the Network to open their CEP retirement fund. The course is available at this link.
 - **4. Book for ministers.** A free copy of the short paperback book entitled, *Minister Retirement, Bringing Clarity to Retirement Planning* by Gene Roncone and Darren Mullenix, CFP®, ChFC® is available to all RMMN ministers through the Secretary/Treasurer's office.
 - 5. Book for board members. Free copies of the short paperback book entitled, Stewarding the Future: Church Boards and Pastoral Retirement, by Gene Roncone and Darren Mullenix, CFP®, ChFC® is available to all RMMN church board members. In this resource, Gene and Darren partner together to remove the complexity of ministerial retirement options and help church boards understand how they can better steward the future by offering a retirement plan to their pastoral staff. The book is available through Amazon at this link.



Information on these resources and how to sign up can be found at www.rmdc.org/empower.

F. Church University Subscription (free). The Rocky Mountain Ministry Network has paid for each Network church to have a membership with Church University. This membership allows each of our churches to benefit from a \$35,000 scholarship with full access to the following online classes for lay leaders:

- **1. Church Board Track.** Training consisting of 57 short videos. Check out samples at this link.
- 2. Kids' Ministry Track. Volunteer training consisting of 6 modules.
- **3. Church Audio Track.** Training for volunteer sound teams.
- **4. Connections Track.** Training to assist in keeping visitors and connecting people to your ministries.
- **5. Preaching Track.** Practical preaching coaching consisting of 41 short videos about 10 important areas of preaching.
- **6. Worship Leader/Team Track.** This track equips worship leaders to lead dynamic worship, build healthy teams, and prepare people to experience God's presence.

This resource can be accessed through our Church Ministries Department. More information is available at this link.

- **G. Transition Resourcing, Training, and Coaching.** The Network provides the most researched, comprehensive, and practical reference work and resources on pastoral transitions available. Whether you are a pastor leaving a church or taking a church, a board conducting a pastoral search, or a lay person experiencing a pastoral transition, *Rise Up* has something for you. From a comprehensive reference work, podcasts, books, small group curriculum, and practical resource downloads, *Rise Up* can help you and your church stay healthy through a ministry transition. They can be accessed at this link.
- **H. Membership to Right Now Media.** Every minister in our Network has free access to all the media resources of Right Now Media. Right Now Media provides a streaming library of more than 20,000 Bible study videos for leaders to share with their people. More information and access can be gained through the RMMN's Church Ministries Department.
- **I. RMMN Podcast and Texting Networks**. The Network provides the following three powerful communication platforms to keep our ministers informed, resourced, and included.
 - **1. The Community Podcast.** The Community Podcast is a biweekly podcast that highlights the ministers, churches, mission, and resources of the RMMN. It is accessed through our text-casting network, Facebook page, website, or our Sound Cloud channel at this link.
 - **2. The Table Podcast.** The Table Podcast is produced by our Church Ministries Department and features sneak peeks into the most relevant training, networking, and resources for ministries of the local church. It can be accessed at this link.
 - **3. RMMN Text-Cast.** Our Network-wide text-cast is the fastest way to stay on top of Network happenings in real time. You can subscribe by selecting the "RMMN Ministers Community" option at this link.
- **J. Resource Index.** Your one-stop place to find the resources, training, and networking offered by the RMMN is available at www.rmdc.org/resources.
- **K.** Quarterly "We Report." As a Network, we welcome the question, "What has the Network done for me or my church?" Ministers rightfully want to know how their tithes are being mobilized to serve them and their churches. Local church board members need to be exposed

to the benefits of our cooperative fellowship. Staff members and volunteers may not even know the arsenal of spiritual resources the Network has provided for them. That is why the "WE REPORT" documents our quarterly progress in the following four strategic initiatives:

- 1. Empower ministers. Credential, equip, and resource ministers.
- 2. Resource churches. Resource, train, and network churches.
- 3. Build community. Connect, include, and collaborate.
- **4. Facilitate the future.** Create opportunities for the Assemblies of God in Colorado and Utah by establishing long-term vision, new and innovative income streams, and church multiplication.

The latest and most updated version with a table of contents can be viewed along with previous reports. Feel free to read it, ask questions, or pass the PDF version on to your own leadership community. The report can always be accessed at www.generoncone.org/we.

9. Camp Cedaredge

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The Network owns and operates a campground in Cedaredge, Colorado. It is located on the edge of the West Slope in the geographic middle of the Network. Outside of the Network office, no ministry or organization has had a more profound spiritual impact on our Network than Camp Cedaredge. Many of our RMMN ministers can recall moments at Camp Cedaredge where God called youth, children, lead pastors and missionaries to ministry. Thousands have received Spirit-

baptism at the camp's altars. Its strategic location at the geographical center of our Network is like the mighty Colorado river that has linked our two states together in Kingdom impact.

Camp Cedaredge is located on the western slope of Colorado, 3 miles out of the town of Cedaredge. You will love the beauty you find when you arrive. Nestled at the base of the Grand Mesa, you are not far from great fishing, camping, hiking, snowshoeing and more. It is led by a director and support staff that varies depending upon the season and schedule of events.



The camp has a two-story dormitory, newly built bunk house, cafeteria, and a newly remodeled snack bar and sweet shop. The Chapel is equipped with a sound system, projectors, TV's, fireplace and can comfortably seat 350 people.

They provide activities such as archery, ropes course (including a zip-line), huge 65+ acre field, putt-putt golf, paintball, newly built game room and playground.

Camp Cedaredge can accommodate anywhere from 25-375 in their lodging facilities. They are

an intricate part of our Network and share in many memories and stories from those who grew up going to summer camps and events, as well as called to ministry during camp altar times. They are open year-round.

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Following is a list of resources and leader contact information regarding the international outreach efforts of the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network.

- **A. Network Missions Leadership Team.** The Network's leadership community for international outreach consists of the following individuals.
 - 1. Executive Leadership, Superintendent Gene Roncone
 - 2. World Missions Director, David Wallace at rmdworld@rmdc.org
 - 3. US Missions Director, Daran Lemom at rmdus@rmdc.org
- **B.** Missions Webpage. A list of all Network missionaries serving in the US an around the world as well as other information can be found on our Network's missions page at https://www.rmdc.org/mission.
- **C. Financial Responsibilities.** As a part of the Network community missionaries have the following responsibilities.
 - **1. External itinerating missionaries.** What are the Network's requirements for missionaries itinerating from outside the Network? <u>Click here.</u>
 - **2. Internal itinerating missionaries.** What are the Network's requirements for missionaries itinerating from inside the Network? <u>Click here</u>.
- **D. Missions Home.** The RMMN owns and operates a missions home in Colorado Springs, Colorado to be used as a temporary residence for RMMN world missionaries. We have provided the answers to frequently asked questions concerning the home below.
 - **1.** What is the purpose of the RMMN missions house? The RMMN missions home was created to provide an affordable place for missionaries to live while on furlough.

2. Who qualifies to use the RMMN missions house? RMMN world missionaries are qualified to stay in the missions home for up to one year and as little as one week. Applicants must complete the "Intent to Rent" form, turn it in and have approval before plans are solidified. This holds the home for their arrival. Then thirty



days from arrival, the Church Ministries Department will send an official contract to be signed by the applicants. It must then be returned with the rental deposit and first month's rent.

- **3.** What is the physical address of the RMMN missions house? The RMMN missions home is located at 2580 Lyncrest Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80918.
- **4.** What kind of house is it and what amenities are included? The missions home is a two story single-family home with three (3) bedrooms, two (2) bathrooms, and a double car garage. It includes the following amenities:
 - Master bedroom suite with a queen bed
 - Second bedroom with a twin bed
 - Third bedroom with a double bed
 - Interior amenities include all linens, towels, dishes, appliances, living furniture, washer/dryer, kitchen table/chairs, TV's, dishwasher, microwave, and garbage disposal.
 - Exterior amenities include a sprinkler system, lawn care equipment, backyard that is fenced in with a small concrete patio and children's play set.
 - Utilities are provided with internet.
- **5. Are pets allowed in the RMMN missions house?** No, pets are not allowed under any circumstances.
- **6.** What are guest responsibilities, financial policies, and costs? Guest(s) must agree and be responsible for the following responsibilities and costs:
 - Minimum or maximum stay policies no less than one week and no longer than one year without prior approval.
 - Deposit of \$500.00.
 - Monthly rental cost \$750 a month.
 - Yard maintenance the equipment is provided but it is the sole responsibility of the renter to maintain the front and back yards.
 - Daily cleaning and personal supplies are the responsibility of the individual(s).
- **7.** What type of services are in the immediate area? The following public services are in the immediate area/neighborhood:
 - Nearby schools Elementary, King Elementary (719-328-6000), Middle, Russell Middle School (719-328-5200), High School, Palmer High School (719-328-5000)
 - Your closest AG church would be Church at Briargate, 9550 Otero Ave.
 - Nearest Hospital St. Francis Medical Center, Woodmen and Dublin
 - Neighborhood park is Cottonwood Park

8. Who do I contact to apply or inquire about the RMMN missions house? Please email Linda Bottoms, Assistant Church Ministries Director at linda@rmdc.org.

11. Resource Platforms

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The Network offers many resources to help our ministers and churches be more effective. However, there are three wells that are stand-out resources you should know about. They are the primary platforms where we make resources available and are unique to our Network.

- **A. Resource Index.** We have provided our ministers with a one-stop well for all the important resources and partnerships provided by the Network. It is organized in alphabetical order with a Table of Contents to help you find what you need when you need it. It can be accessed at this link.
- **B. Network Website.** The Network website has a plethora of important information, dates, and registration information at www.rmdc.org.
- **C. Church University.** The Network pays for each minister to have FREE access to this online ministry training school. A new learning track is offered every other year and is available to you and the lay leaders serving in your ministry. Find out more at this link.
- **D.** *Rise Up* Pastoral Transition Resources. Superintendent Gene Roncone has authored the most researched, comprehensive, and practical reference work and resources on pastoral transitions available. Whether you are a pastor leaving a church or taking a church, a board conducting a pastoral search, or a lay person experiencing a pastor transition, *Rise Up* has something for you. From a comprehensive reference work, podcasts, books, small group curriculum, and practical resource downloads, *Rise Up* can help you and your church stay healthy through a ministry transition. They can be accessed at this link.
- **E. Quarterly "We Report."** The We Report documents quarterly progress on the Network's four strategic initiatives. The report can always be accessed at www.generoncone.org/we.
- **F. GeneRoncone.org**. Superintendent Roncone would like to help resource you as you lead well. There are many blogs, resources, podcasts, and books he has authored at this link.

12. Staying Connected

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We believe we are our best selves when we exist in community and our worst selves when we exist in isolation. That is why we highly encourage you to make staying connected to the Network one of your highest priorities. Following are some ways to help you do that:

- **A. Updated Contact Information.** Relationship and community are dependent upon our knowing how to communicate with you. Please keep the Network informed of your most upto-date contact information by emailing info@rmdc.org.
- **B.** Text-Cast. Our Network-wide text-cast is the fastest way to stay on top of Network happenings in real time. You can subscribe by selecting the "RMMN Ministers Community" option at this link.
- **C. Resource Index.** Your one-stop place to find the resources, training, and networking offered by the RMMN is at www.rmdc.org/resources.
- **D. Facebook Page.** To view our Facebook page log into Facebook first and then click this link: https://www.facebook.com/groups/RMMNCommunity
- **E. Community Podcast.** A biweekly podcast for RMMN ministers is available through our texting network, podcast channel, and Facebook page. The channel link is at https://soundcloud.com/rmdstudios.
- F. Website. Access the Network's website at www.rmdc.org.
- **G. Team List.** For an updated ministry leadership contact list emailed to you in seconds, just send an email addressed to team@rmdc.org.
- **H.** Emergency Notifications. *If you are a credentialed minister and you, an immediate family member, or a fellow minister has experienced severe illness, hospitalization, or death, please call 888-814-2623 and leave a detailed message after the tone.

13. Glossary (Terms, Acronyms and Abbreviations)

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Like all tribes, the Rocky Mountain Ministry Network has developed our own terms, acronyms, and abbreviations to describe things in our Network. To help those joining our Network family with the "gift of interpretation," we have provided an alphabetical list of words, phrases, acronyms, and abbreviations with their definitions.

Acronym or term	What it Stands For
ACMR	The annual metric report each church submits to the General Council.
ADVANCE SCHOLARSHIP	A Network scholarship program that provides free online classes and personalized credential coaching for recipients to advance their credential to the next level.
AG	The Assemblies of God National Fellowship
AGCU	Assemblies of God Credit Union
AGFS	Assemblies of God Financial Services that offers church financing, investments, and estate planning for ministers and churches.

AGNO	Assemblies of God National office
AGUSM	The department at the National office that oversees our missionary and outreach
	efforts within the United States.
AGWM	The department at the National office that oversees our foreign outreach efforts.
BGMC	Boys and Girls Missionary Challenge which is our childrens' mission's initiative.
CEP	Church Extension Plan, Assemblies of God financial services organization providing
	church financing, investments, retirement options, and estate planning.
CM	A minister who has achieved the certified status.
CMD	The RMMN's Church Ministries Department which provides training, networking,
	resources, and events for the ministries of our local churches.
CMN	Church Multiplication Network, the AG's church planting arm.
CTCSM	Charles T. Crabtree School of Ministry which is an intensive 16-week cohort designed
	to prepare emerging leaders for their first lead pastorate.
DA Church	A district affiliated church which is under district oversight.
DC	The annual meeting (District Council) where ministers from the entire Network
	converge upon one location to fellowship, conduct business, elect officials, and focus
	on spiritual renewal and ministry enrichment.
DS	The District Superintendent who gives executive leadership to the Network.
DST	The District Secretary/Treasurer who gives executive leadership to the Network's
	finances and credentialing office.
EAST SLOPE	One of the three geographic regions that make up the RMMN. The East Slope is the
	region starting at the Continental Divide and going east to the Kansas border and north
	and south to the Wyoming and New Mexico borders. Also known as Front Range.
EP	One of the three Executive Presbyters elected from each of the Network's three
	regions. Together with the Executive Officers they make up the Executive Presbytery.
FA	Fine Arts Festival which is a discipleship tool of the AG Youth Ministries designed to
	help students discover, develop, and deploy their ministry gifts and to learn about their
	God-given abilities and talents.
FRONT	One of the three geographic regions that make up the RMMN. The Front Range is the
RANGE	region starting at the Continental Divide and going east to the Kansas border and north
	and south to the Wyoming and New Mexico borders. Also known as East Slope.
GC	Term referring to the entire AG fellowship (General Council) or the bi-annual
	conference in session to conduct national business, elect officers and focus on ministry
	enrichment.
GC CHURCH	A General Council affiliated church that is self-governing and autonomous.
GM	Girls Ministry, which is our national church ministry for girls in grades K-12.
LFTL	Light for the Lost is the men's ministry's missions initiative of the Assemblies of God.
LM	A minister who has achieved the licensed status (Licensed Minister).
Master's	Royal Ranger missions emphasis
Toolbox	
MBA	Minister's Benefit Association that offers retirement plans for AG ministers and church
	employees.
MK	Missionary's kid (child of a missionary)
MM	Men's Ministry, which is our national church ministry for men of all ages.
NC	The annual District Council (Network Council) where ministers from the entire
	Network converge upon one location to fellowship, conduct business, elect officials,
	and focus on spiritual renewal and ministry enrichment.
ОМ	A minister who has achieved the ordained status (Ordained Minister).

ONE-A-WEEK	RMMN Women's Ministries missions emphasis of giving one dollar a week for
	missionaries.
PK	A pastor's kid (child of a minister)
RD	Regional Director for RMMN's Church Ministries Department
RM	A minister who has been granted recognized status (Recognized Minister).
RMDC	The Rocky Mountain District Council (legal name)
RMMN	The Rocky Mountain Ministry Network (DBA name)
RR	Royal Rangers, which is our national church ministry for boys and young men in grades K-12.
SC	The annual sectional tour (Sectional Council) where the Network office team holds sectional business meetings to chair the nomination process for all offices and provide ministry enrichment opportunities within each of our 12 sections.
SC	The three-member Sectional Committee consisting of the sectional presbyter and two committeepersons elected from their section.
SP	The twelve Sectional Presbyters who are elected from each of the Network's twelve sections.
ST	The annual Sectional Tour where the Network office team holds sectional business meetings to chair the nomination process for all offices and provide ministry enrichment opportunities within each of the 12 sections.
STL	Speed the Light is the youth and student missions initiative that provides cars for missionaries.
TBCGS	Trinity Bible College and Graduate School which is our Network's official Bible college.
UT	One of the three geographic regions that make up the RMMN. The Utah region consists of the entire state of Utah.
WEST SLOPE	One of the three geographic regions that make up the RMMN. The West Slope consists of the region starting at the Continental Divide and going west to the Utah border.
WM	Women's Ministry, which is our national church ministry for women of all ages.