

Passports are Required

Passport # _____

Expiration date _____

Register by August 30, 2025

One person per room - \$ 415 USD
(includes 3 nights, meals, registration)

Two persons per room-\$295 USD each
(includes 3 nights, meals, registration)

Roommate _____

Commuters - \$175 (registration, meals)

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Special Needs _____

Drive or Fly _____

Airport –Detroit, MI (little over an hour away) Let Judy Matheny know flight plans so transportation can be arranged.

jcm2174@gmail.com

Make checks/money orders payable to:
RCA and mail to: Inba Inbarasu, Treasurer
8509 S 103rd St, La Vista, NE 68128

Collaborative Ministry is the term used to describe *any arrangement where two or more congregations, or pastoral charges (parishes), enter into an agreement to work together.* Most churches are already doing collaborative ministry when two or more churches share a minister.

Collaborative relationships also apply to business relationships, where businesses share with each other. The local ethanol plant sends its excess steam, across the road to heat acres of greenhouses used to grow vegetables.



Greenhouses

The United Church of Canada in South Kent has several different active collaborations between at least ten congregations.

The RCA Focus Event will be a chance to explore collaborations and to share with each other our experiences.



RURAL CHAPLAINS FOCUS EVENT

COLLABORATIONS IN RURAL CHURCHES & COMMUNITIES

October 15-18, 2025

**Chatham-Kent
Ontario Canada**



Collaborative Ministry in South Kent

Wednesday, October 15

**Comfort Inn
1100 Richmond St
Chatham-Kent, ON N7M 5J5**

**Each morning a free
breakfast is available
at the hotel.**

**The lunches and dinners will
be provided by the churches
in the Collaborative Ministry
in South Kent.**

**Those flying need to arrive at
the Detroit, MI airport before
3 pm on Wednesday, the 15th.**

**At 5:30 pm on Wednesday,
our group will leave the hotel
to travel to one of the
churches for dinner and the
evening session.**



Ethanol Plant uses corn to make alcohol which is used in many uses - fuel, paint thinners and even Vodka.

The plants excess steam is used in greenhouses across road.

**Wednesday evening, Thursday all day
and Friday morning**

Possible presentations and visits:

- First Nation Welcome**
- History and rural flavor of each hosting church.**
- Ethanol Plant and connection to greenhouses**
- Seed Processing Plant**
- Local Wind Farm**
- Black History related to the Underground Railroad at North Buxton Museum**



Wind Farm beside an apple orchard

After Friday Lunch

***What we have gained from our
experience and how we might
use it***

**RCA Annual Business session
including a meeting of the
Communication, Recruitment, and
Partnership committees.**

***Closing Worship with the
Rural Chaplains Certification Service
and Holy Communion***

Saturday, October 19

Departure

Who are Rural Chaplains?

Rural Chaplains are lay and clergy persons who have responded to the call to live in, work with and advocate for town and rural persons, families, churches and communities.

Rural Chaplains serve as a voice for justice and an instrument of hope and healing for those who experience pain and economic hardships.

The annual gathering provides both lay and clergy persons a supportive setting for sharing insights and perspectives on the state of rural communities, institutions, environmental/economic challenges and religious/family life concerns.

1.5 CEU's



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