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## COGA urges Presbyterians to 'keep the conversation going'

The online form for sharing thoughts on the identity and purpose of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as part of a church-wide conversation initiated by the Committee on the Office of the General Assembly will now be available until Dec. 18. The extended period allows time for even more people throughout the denomination to weigh in. "Please share your insights, wisdom, hopes, and dreams for the PC(USA)," said COGA Moderator Margaret Elliott.

"Through careful listening and honest sharing we can create a church for this time and place."

Presbyterians can talk individually or in groups using the [questions from the online form](#) and a [downloadable discussion guide](#). The complete COGA announcement is at [Conversation](#).



## PDA issues appeal for help in South Carolina

The rivers have crested and the floodwaters have washed out to sea, but the hard work of cleaning up is just beginning in South Carolina. The state was hit with a so-called 1,000 year flood after being hit with record-setting rainfall, totaling more than 20 inches in some locations. At least 17 people were killed; at the height of the flooding, more than 400

## SMC 2016



**What is SMC you ask?** Summer Mission Camp (SMC) began in 2008 as a new format of the same old youth group mission trip. It started with two youth leaders joining together to design what is now known as SMC. A week of mission trip & summer camp all crammed into one amazing experience.

Over the years, relationships have been built with the community of Estes, and the growing number of youth & youth groups that have participated in SMC.

2016 will bring some great new things to SMC, but fear not, some of the 'old traditions' will be carried on as well! If you're in Middle School or High School you will not want to miss it. If you're a youth leader you'll want your group on this trip. The team at Co-OP is excited to now host SMC and coming SMC '16 is:

**A new Location!**

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**Minor "Upgrades" to improve over past SMC's**

roads, 150 bridges and two major Interstate Highways were closed. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is working with mid councils to provide support and is seeking help from across the church. The complete Presbyterian News Service story is at [Flood](#).

## Hope in a Child



The promise of Advent, and the gift of Christmas, is that the world's hope comes through a child. In this month's issue of *Presbyterians Today* shines a light on our denomination's initiative to educate one million children in the US and around the world by 2020. We invite you to read about the successes and challenges in this crucially important work, and learn about the ways you can get involved and make a difference.

[Read More](#).

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**Keep Thinking...**

"Sometimes I order a-la-carte in the restaurant. I don't like it. It's too expensive. Sometimes I order a-la-carte in my faith. I don't like that either. It's too cheap."

-Wayne Keller

## Dates

June 26-July 1 (Sun-Fri)

## Location

Colorado Springs, Co

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*First SMC group in 2008, Estes Park, Colorado*

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