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## May Program

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**“Maintaining Your Facility in Tough Economic Times”**

*Facilitators—Rick Emmelhainz*, Church Partner Resources and *Robert Lee*, SlaterPaull Architects

Plan to attend this timely and insightful NACBA breakfast meeting that will focus on how to best position your facility to keep it operational, secure, and clean during these difficult times. We've brought together facility experts from a variety of perspectives to offer their view of what can be done to stretch your operating dollars. Each expert will spend a few minutes sharing their ideas on how to better fashion usage, product selection and labor toward greater efficiency. This will be followed by a question and answer period specific to that person. After all have spoken, the floor will be opened up for your questions and their cross talk. This forum will provide specific and timely

ideas that you can literally take to the bank. Don't miss this valuable experience! Each presenter will be provided with a 20 minute presentation period during which they will present information and answer questions specific to their area of expertise.

*Harry Adair - Church Administrator First Plymouth Congregational Church, Retired.* Harry will act as moderator of our panel as well as providing information on how First Plymouth has worked to reduce their facility costs in light of the recent economic downturn.

*Rich Fair - Philips Lighting and Sam Aquisto - Conserv-A-Watt Lighting.*

Sam and Rich will present information on how to reduce energy needs associated with lighting facilities. They will also touch upon current technologies specific to changing federal government requirements, available rebate programs, and specific techniques for immediate cost savings in the area of facility and

parking lot lighting

*Lee Brooks - Northern Colorado Paper.*

Lee will present on what churches can do to keep the cost of facility maintenance products under control while informing about maintenance procedure short cuts that can save additional time and money.

*Derek Shockley - Xcel Energy.* Derek will speak about Xcel's Commercial Customer Management program, including the recently expanded rebate program offerings and Natural Gas rebates offered in 2009 and beyond.

*Dennis Nyberg, Economy Air Conditioning and Heating, Inc.* Dennis will address mechanical system service and installation, servicing all types of HVAC equipment and systems and working with refrigeration, RTU's, boilers, built-up systems.

Plan to stay a little longer for this presentation. We should wrap-up by 11:30.



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# Mile High Chapter

## Living in the Tension



“As support staff by definition, we serve as support to God’s people, ...”

*Fabian Gilchrist*

*By Fabian Gilchrist,  
FCBA*

When President Mary Backhus asked me to consider writing an article for the NACBA News on the property retention trial concerning Grace and St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Colorado Springs, I was very interested in doing so. The widening gap in understanding the mission of the church and how that mission is expressed had resulted in a struggle among a congregation as to who rightfully owned the property. The struggle became an issue of the secular courts, and a judgment has been issued in the matter.

As in any matter of legality, there is plenty of collateral damage to go around; it has taken its toll in resources, emotions and in the testing of faith of an entire community. The

question now is where do we all go from here? How, as God’s children, are we to move forward and continue to live in the life God has given us in this place? What example are we to be for the children and the seekers who will join our denomination? Many have had to face these questions over the centuries when new denominations have been born from the birth pangs of strife and disagreement. God has always used the material on hand (us) for the work of the Kingdom, and sometimes it gets messy, and it can be a glorious rebirth as well. When the laity, employees, clergy and surrounding communities are challenged, encouragement and support are essential in the healing process, and the first order is always prayer.

As administrators, we are

often overlooked when it comes to matters of pastoral care, giving as well as receiving. We are on the front line of ministry, and easily feel the pulse of our congregations and our clergy. As support staff by definition, we serve as support to God’s people, always looking for a path of healthy reconciliation for issues of concern, large and small. In this season of Easter, let us all embrace the Resurrection of Jesus with renewed passion for healing the Body of Christ. Be aware of those around you who may need a word of encouragement or a hand of support and offer your best to them. Don’t forget the isolation many may feel on the other side of a disagreement. Strive to keep communication open. Jesus has given us the best example to follow. Blessings.



## 5 Minutes With A Vendor

*Cindy Rayfield*, of Rayfield Creative, helps her clients build and grow their communities. She is an experienced communication specialist, drawing on her 15 plus years of experience as a copywriter to help her

clients visualize the "what if" in their marketing and communication plans. Her specialties include copywriting, web site development and communication planning. Cindy has a passion for helping

clients align their message with their goals and values, and helping them build stronger relationships within their communities.

Cindy can be reached at [www.rayfieldcreative.com](http://www.rayfieldcreative.com)

# April Program

## April 3

### “Answering the Call to Serve and How to Inspire Others”

Presenter—**Sherry McDowell, Director of Ministry of Service, Mile Hi Church**

Well, I’m certainly inspired! Sherry brought terrific ideas and insights in volunteer management. In particular, the concept of a

“Sunday Morning Coordinator” is very appealing. Imagine a team of dedicated individuals who each commit to a Sunday a month, helping to ensure that all those Sunday morning workers are in place and doing their thing. I’m loving this idea!

Sherry discussed methods of recruiting church workers and how to express true gratitude for their efforts. In addition she fielded

questions about redirecting volunteer focus when the volunteer and the ministry don’t quite fit together (which can happen).

As Sherry works with a “mega” church, her team of volunteer workers is considerably larger than the teams with which most of us work. But the concepts she shared can be adjusted for smaller ministries and made to be as effective.

## Programming for Next Year

Can you believe it? We’re almost at the end of this program year. Time has flown so fast, we must have been having a lot of fun!

With the close of one year we begin the plans for the next year. Please

watch your email for a survey on program ideas. Complete the survey and submit it promptly. It will be the primary tool we use to develop next year’s agenda. Our goal is to address those topics that

most concern you.



Your Mile High Board will meet on Friday, May 29th to review the survey and determine how best to serve you! You probably should be praying for us.

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*Please feel free to call any of our board for information about the Mile High Chapter or National NACBA*



## Chapter Location

### Bethany Lutheran Church

4500 E Hampden Ave,  
Cherry Hills Village, CO  
80113 (Hampden & Happy  
Canyon)

8:30 a.m. Fellowship/breakfast  
(cost is included in membership  
fee)

8:45 a.m. Business meeting

9:00-11:00 a.m. Program of the  
month

Non-members pay \$25 per ses-  
sion (includes breakfast)

*Let us know you're coming...*

Contact Hospitality Chair -  
Christin Crosby at  
ccrosby@capincrouse.com or call  
her at 1.616.889.1381 to make  
your breakfast reservation.

We encourage participation in  
the newsletter as part of the  
networking of the chapter. If  
you have articles regarding  
opportunities within your  
organization, please let us  
know. NACBANEWS is  
published monthly. Deadline  
for articles to be  
included in the  
newsletter is the  
15th of the month  
prior to  
publication.



***Check out our webpage!***  
**[www.milehigh-nacba.net](http://www.milehigh-nacba.net)**

You'll find current, past and  
future information regarding  
our Chapter. Pretty cool!

## NACBA National Conference—2009

In 2009, a record attendance is  
expected as hundreds of church  
administrative leaders from across  
America convene to experience  
NACBA's 53rd National  
Conference.

### WORKSHOPS

More than 80 relevant, well-  
presented workshops include such  
subjects as administration, church  
marketing and publishing, finance  
and stewardship, legal and tax,  
personnel, and security and  
technology.

### ENVIRONMENT AND EXPERIENCE

National conferences are a time for  
church administrators to relax and  
refresh, to renew and build new  
friendships, to be challenged by  
renowned keynote speakers, and to  
gain information about products  
and services. This environment—  
2009 Trade Show, conference  
notebook, sponsorships—is a big  
advertising opportunity.

### 2009 TRADE SHOW

More than 200 suppliers (including  
our own **Church Partner  
Resources** and **Capin Crouse**) of  
products and services will exhibit  
at the conference, representing  
accounting and auditing services,  
architects, calendaring and  
scheduling  
software, church directories,  
church management services,  
software, construction companies,  
flooring, investment and lending  
institutions, Internet consulting,  
leadership training, marketing  
software, property/  
liability insurance,  
and more.

Unique to the  
NACBA National  
Conference is the  
Exhibitor CEU  
Program through  
which exhibitors  
respond to participants desiring in-  
depth education about their  
products and services.



## Smile...

Bored during a long flight, an  
eminent scholar leaned over and  
woke up the sleeping man next to  
him to ask if he would like to play a  
game.

"I'll ask you a question," the  
scholar explained, "and if you don't  
know the answer, you pay me \$5.  
Then you ask me a question, and if  
I don't know the answer, I'll pay  
you \$50."

When the man agreed to play, the  
scholar asked, "What's the distance  
from the earth to the moon?"

Flummoxed, the man handed him  
\$5. "Ha!" said the scholar. "It's  
238,857 miles. Now it's your turn."

The man was silent for a few  
moments. Then he asked, "What  
goes up a hill with three legs and  
comes down with four?"

Puzzled, the scholar racked his  
brains for an hour--but to no avail.  
Finally he took out his wallet and  
handed over \$50. "Okay, okay,  
what is the answer?" the scholar  
asked.

The man said, "I don't know,"  
pulled out a \$5 bill, handed it to  
the scholar, and went back to sleep.

\*Thanks to Pastor Tim for this  
joke!\*

[http://www.cybersalt.org/  
cleanlaugh](http://www.cybersalt.org/cleanlaugh)