

Our Speakers

State Representative Andy Boesenecker

Representative Andy Boesenecker assumed office in April 2021, representing House District 53 (West and North Fort Collins). He was re-elected in November 2022 and currently serves on the Transportation, Housing, and Local Government Committee, State, Civic, Military, and Veterans Affairs Committee, Appropriations Committee, and Legislative Audit Committee. Rep. Boesenecker is also a member of the House Majority Leadership team, serving as House Majority Co-Whip. His legislative priorities continue to include affordable housing, gun violence prevention, single payer health care, and protecting our land, air and water.



Bishop Jim Gonia



Bishop Jim Gonia has served as the ELCA Rocky Mountain Synod Bishop since 2012. He served as a missionary in Madagascar from 1988 to 1998. From 1998 to 2009 he was called as the associate pastor of Atonement Lutheran Church in Denver. Prior to his election as bishop, he served the ELCA's churchwide ministries as Global Mission Area Program Director for West Africa, Tanzania and Madagascar.

Julia Char Gilbert

Julia Char Gilbert (she/her) is the Connelly Policy Advocate at the Colorado Center on Law and Policy (CCLP), where she leads legislative and administrative advocacy efforts to advance health equity and economic justice in Colorado. Her focus areas include medical debt, hospital financial assistance, and access to affordable health care for low-income people and immigrants in Colorado. Prior to CCLP, she worked as a Policy Analyst at the Colorado Health Institute and an English teacher in Galicia, Spain, as part of the Fulbright Program. She holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Yale College.

