

# General Conference *of Elders*

**2019**  
ANNUAL MEETING

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# Schedule

## ● Friday, May 3

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	International meetings
12 p.m. – 2 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	International meetings
4 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Check-in packages available
7:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.	Welcome reception in atrium

## ● Sabbath, May 4

8 a.m. – 10 a.m.	<b>Group Breakfast</b> (optional)
9 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Tour of <i>Beyond Today</i> TV studio (depart Holiday Inn 8:30 a.m.)
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 p.m.	U.S. & Britain in Bible Prophecy Bible studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “God’s Unfinished Business With Israel” (<b>Darris McNeely</b>)</li><li>• “The Tribes of Israel: Always Hidden in Plain Sight” (<b>Randy Stiver</b>)</li></ul>
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	U.S. & Britain in Prophecy Bible studies ( <i>repeated</i> )
12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.	<b>Lunch Break</b> (on your own)
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Sabbath services (webcast provided) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Song leader – <b>Devin Schulz</b></li><li>• Split sermon – <b>Mark Welch</b></li><li>• Special music – ABC Chorale</li><li>• Split sermon – <b>Len Martin</b></li></ul>

6 p.m. – 8 p.m. ....	<b>Group dinner</b> at the Holiday Inn (\$15 per person) Council & administration assigned to tables “Welcome comments” by Chairman <b>Donald Ward</b> Ministerial & employee recognition ceremony
8 p.m. – 8:45 pm	Dessert reception
8:45 p.m. – 10 p.m.	Q&A with Council & administration

## ● **Sunday, May 5**

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. ....	<b>Group breakfast</b> (optional)
8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.	Ballot packets available for pickup
9 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Call to order, approval of 2018 minutes & opening comments ( <b>Donald Ward</b> )
9:15 a.m. – 9:25 a.m.	Balloting ( <b>Gerald Seelig</b> )
9:25 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.	Address from the chairman ( <b>Donald Ward</b> )
9:55 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.	Address from the president ( <b>Victor Kubik</b> )
10:25 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. ....	<b>Break</b> .....
10:45 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	Address from ministerial and member services ( <b>Mark Welch</b> )
11:05 a.m. – 11:25 a.m.	Address from the treasurer ( <b>Rick Shabi</b> )
11:25 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.	Address from media and communications services ( <b>Peter Eddington</b> )
11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. ....	<b>Lunch break</b> .....
	Personal correspondence team luncheon
	Camp directors luncheon

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Keynote address: “The Compact” (**Bill Bradford**)

2:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

International reports

- Nigeria/Ghana (West Africa)
- Portuguese
- Canada
- British Isles
- French

3:30 p.m. – 4 p.m. ..... **Break** .....

4 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Honoring deceased elders & wives (**Greg Thomas**)

4:45 p.m. – 4:50 p.m.

Announce ballot results (**Donald Ward**)

4:50 p.m. – 6 p.m. ..... **Break** .....

6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Group dinner** (optional)

8 p.m. – 10 p.m.

Fellowship in atrium (cash bar & dessert reception)

## ● Monday, May 6

7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. ..... **Group breakfast** .....

8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.

Ministerial wives meet & greet

9 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Ministerial wives workshop (**Barb Welch**)

Elders workshop (**Steve Myers**)

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. ..... **Break** .....

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Study seminars

- “LGBTQ & You” (**Dan Dowd**)
- “New and Incredible Discoveries Backing Intelligent Design” (**Mario Seiglie**)

- “The Lie Behind Artificial Intelligence”  
(**Steven Britt**)

11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.	..... <b>Lunch break</b> .....
1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Study seminars repeat session #2
2 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	..... <b>Break</b> .....
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Study seminars repeat session #3
3:30 p.m. – 3:40 pm	Reconvene in main hall
3:40 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Concluding comments ( <b>Donald Ward</b> )
3:50 p.m. – 3:55 p.m.	Hymn and closing prayer

## ● **Tuesday, May 7**

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Council of Elders meeting, Holiday Inn Eastgate
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## ● **Wednesday, May 8**

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Council of Elders meeting, home office
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## ● **Thursday, May 9**

9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Council of Elders meeting, home office
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# Session Guide

**Sabbath, May 5**

*Bible Studies: U.S. & Britain in Bible Prophecy*

Room	10:15 – 11:15 a.m.	11:30 – 12:30 a.m.
Rome	<b>God's Unfinished Business With Israel</b> Darris McNeely	<b>God's Unfinished Business With Israel</b> <i>Repeat Session</i>
Venice	<b>The Tribes of Israel: Always Hidden in Plain Sight</b> Randy Stiver	<b>The Tribes of Israel: Always Hidden in Plain Sight</b> <i>Repeat Session</i>

**Monday, May 7**

*Workshops*

Room	8:30–10:15 a.m.	10:30–11:30 a.m.	1–2 p.m.	2:30–3:30 p.m.
Ferrara & Florence	<i>Women's Workshop:</i> <b>Becoming Resilient Women</b> Barb Welch	<b>New and Incredible Discoveries Backing Intelligent Design</b> Mario Seiglie	<b>New and Incredible Discoveries Backing Intelligent Design</b> <i>Repeat Session</i>	<b>New and Incredible Discoveries Backing Intelligent Design</b> <i>Repeat Session</i>
Venice	<i>Elder's Workshop:</i> <b>The Heart of a Shepherd</b> Steve Myers	<b>LGBTQ &amp; You</b> Dan Dowd	<b>LGBTQ &amp; You</b> <i>Repeat Session</i>	<b>LGBTQ &amp; You</b> <i>Repeat Session</i>
Rome		<b>The Lie Behind Artificial Intelligence</b> Steven Britt	<b>The Lie Behind Artificial Intelligence</b> <i>Repeat Session</i>	<b>The Lie Behind Artificial Intelligence</b> <i>Repeat Session</i>

# Seminars

**Sabbath, May 4**

## **U.S. & Britain in Bible Prophecy The Tribes of Israel**

*Always Hidden in Plain Sight*

The identity of the Tribes of Israel are hidden in plain sight within the history of the world. The Celtic, Gaulic, Gothic, Anglo and Saxon peoples can be traced from their forefathers, the tribal patriarchs, the sons of Jacob, right down to our time today! The story is more spell-binding than the finest mysteries by the greatest authors. The drama unfolds in the legends, languages, artifacts and pages of history. This survey of the identity of the tribes tells a fascinating story of the fulfillment of God's dire warnings and great promises to His people, Israel. Join us for this presentation. You can become conversant on the migrations of the Tribes in just one hour! **(Randy Stiver)**

## **U.S. & Britain in Bible Prophecy God's Unfinished Business With Israel**

God made specific promises to Abraham and his descendants. Those promises have been fulfilled in every detail through history and in our modern world in the story of the English speaking peoples. The Church understands Christ's delegated mission to take a message of repentance to the lost sheep of the house of Israel while it also goes to all the world. The prophetic understanding of the modern identity of Israel is a critical part of our proclamation effort. This study focuses on the importance of this understanding to our present mission. **(Darris McNeely)**

**Sunday, May 5**

## **The Compact**

The greatest agreement ever made is still honoured and always will be. This great compact is forever, and the outcome is certain. It was made for our sake. We must know what it is, and how it impacts our lives individually and the church today. Understanding the mystery of this eternal compact allows us to assess where we are on the spiritual spectrum of God's plan.

Are we on it? Is the path ahead clear to us upon whom the ends of the earth have come? When we properly understand the mystery of this great compact, it gives us the capacity to know where we are and who we are in the great plan of God. It is the heart of everything that is. **(Bill Bradford)**

## **Monday, May 6**

### **Ministerial Wives Workshop: Becoming Resilient Women**

All of life's stages present both opportunity and challenges along the way. Certainly as elders' wives, both our individual and congregational lives are often packed and full. The aim of this interactive session will be to take a look at practicing "self-leadership" so that we continue to invest and give to others. **(Barb Welch)**

### **The Heart of a Shepherd**

Shepherding is the clear biblical and vital model for pastors today. The ultimate concern of serving under the Great Shepherd should be our focus. This session will examine our God-given calling with the privileges and responsibilities of pastoral leadership. **(Steve Myers)**

### **LGBTQ & You**

Understanding the second sexual revolution. **(Dan Dowd)**

### **New and Incredible Discoveries Backing Intelligent Design**

Do you know the recent and eye-opening discoveries supporting Intelligent Design? At the same time, did you know there is more devastating evidence against Darwinian Evolution? Come and find out for yourself! **(Mario Seiglie)**

### **Artificial Intelligence: Assumptions (Not) Included**

Daily, tech billionaires and leading scientific minds are preaching (and endeavoring to build!) a false technological messiah that will either save or destroy mankind: Artificial Intelligence (AI). Many believe that the creation of a supreme man-made intelligence is inevitable, and an eerily religious wave of hope and fear is spreading across our society and may even exert subtle influences on our own thinking within the Church.

These predictions hinge on unspoken assumptions about the



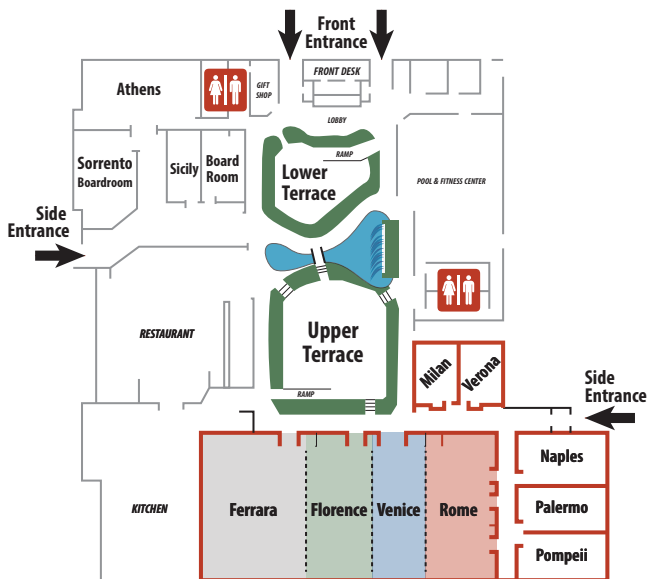
nature of intelligence and the origin of life. In this seminar, we will test the conventional wisdom of AI against a biblical worldview, separating fact from speculative fantasy as we develop insight into how to explain today's headlines and trends to our members. (**Steven Britt**)



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