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From the President

Every feast that God ordains and commands us to observe has its own meaning and feature of observance from which we learn something about the life He has called us to—and the eternal life for which He is preparing us.

For the Days of Unleavened Bread, for example, we prepare our homes by removing all leaven before the Feast begins, then eating unleavened bread each of the seven days of the festival. From doing those physical things, we learn the spiritual lesson and meaning of putting sin out of our lives, and eating the "unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" every day for the rest of our lives.

And so, for the observance of the Feast of Tabernacles, God commands us to keep "a sacred feast to the LORD your God in the place which [He] chooses" (Deuteronomy 16:15). Further, He instructs us to "keep it as a feast to [Him] for seven days in the year" and "you shall dwell in booths for seven days" (Leviticus 23:41-42).

God makes it clear that proper observance of the Feast of Tabernacles includes leaving our homes for seven days and living in temporary dwellings (the meaning of "booths") during that time.

Understanding how the Feast pictures the millennial reign of Jesus Christ, and leaving our homes during this seven-day festival (plus the Eighth Day as commanded in Leviticus 23), pictures our coming out of this world and dwelling in the place where God has placed His name—alongside His people who submit to, follow and are becoming perfected by Him through the indwelling of His Holy Spirit. It's a beautiful time to be together with our spiritual family, separate from the world and our everyday lives, to focus on Him and to rejoice before Him.

God's Church facilitates our observance of the Feast of Tabernacles by letting God lead us to the locations where He places His name for the Feast each year. At each of those locations temporary housing is identified and available from which you may choose. As you have faithfully set aside your festival ("second") tithe during the year, you should be able to find suitable, nice housing that meets your personal tithe budget (Deuteronomy 14:22-27).

At each Feast of Tabernacles location services will be held every day and will be supplemented with Bible studies, biblically based seminars and family activities and ample fellowship time—so all may rejoice before God and experience a "taste of the millennium" that God has prepared for those who love Him.

For this year, the Feast will be held in 50 locations around the world, including 11 in the United States. Those places are included in this brochure and you may choose where you would like to go by registering online at feast.ucg.org beginning April 23.

Since "temporary dwellings" are an important feature of the Feast, housing opportunities have been developed so you may choose the type and price of dwelling you prefer (Please note that in some festival locations, we are asking you to stay in designated lodging).

"Feast fever" is a well-known term among Church members who have faithfully kept the Feast for years. The anticipation and zeal we feel as we plan for the Feast should be tantamount to the zeal and anticipation we feel for the return of Jesus Christ and the establishment of His Kingdom on earth.

His Kingdom will be known for peace, joy, harmony, brotherly love and abundance for all—with a righteous King and government that is completely just. Ezekiel 36:35 paints a beautiful picture of the world to come: "So they will say, 'This land that was [physically and spiritually] desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited." May God speed that time.

As we look forward to Christ's return, let's be committed to living "The Way" of God and His Kingdom now, and let's plan to come before Him in unity and rejoicing at this year's Feast of Tabernacles!

In brotherly love,

Rick Shabi



Brethren on the beach in South Africa

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Children's choir in Bend, Oregon

Inflation and the Feast of Tabernacles

Many members will be challenged and shocked by the increased prices for housing at the Feast. It was difficult this year to find any hotel or motel under \$100 per night. Then add the taxes. The hotels listed in the brochure are offering discounts unless otherwise noted. It was challenging to negotiate prices this year as every business has been affected. If you find housing to be beyond your affordability level, be sure to check with your congregation's festival advisor or pastor for assistance.

How to Register for the Feast

(including those not able to attend)

All U.S., Canadian and Caribbean head-of-household members should register either directly online or through your congregation festival advisor. Even members that are not able to attend are requested to register so the Church can serve your needs better. Register under the Feast site "Not Able to Attend" (See page 28).

Applying to a Feast Site Outside the United States, Canada or Caribbean

U.S., Canadian and Caribbean headof-household members should register per the instructions below, plus directly apply to that site per the instructions given for that site.

Applying to a U.S., Canadian or Caribbean Feast Site From Other Areas

Members outside of the U.S., Canada, or Caribbean can apply online or contact their pastor to register.

1. Online Registration: April 23 at 12 p.m. EDT

- Registering online takes about 10 minutes.
- Heads of household can register their entire family.
- Beginning on April 23 at 12 p.m. EDT, go to the Feast website (feast. ucg.org) and click on the site you would like to register for. Then click on "Registration." You'll be directed to a site, called RegFox, to register for the Feast. If you registered for the Feast last year in 2022 or the Winter Family Weekend your account is already active. Although you do not need to create an account with RegFox to register for the Feast, you will need one if you make changes later or purchase tickets for an activity, so it is highly recommended that you create a RegFox account when you register for the Feast.

Please e-mail feast_support@ucg. org if you have any questions about registering or call (970) 484-5878.

2. Registration Assistance

Members who do not have computers or access to the Internet or need help can contact your local festival advisor or pastor by April 22, who will provide you with a form to fill out. They will register online for you starting April 23.

Reserving Housing From Festival Planning Brochure or Finding Your Own

Some have asked if they are required to use the housing options in the Festival Brochure. For some sites it is mandatory while for others it is not. It is important for you to know the needs of the site you will be attending.

Some of our meeting halls are mandatorily linked to housing in order to receive free or discounted meeting space. These festival sites require members to use the housing options listed in the Festival Planning Brochure. To do otherwise can jeopardize the use and cost of the meeting hall with the possibility of not being able to keep the Feast there.

Some Feast sites are not mandatorily linked to the housing so using alternate housing outside of the Feast Planning Brochure does not affect negotiations with the meeting facility. Nevertheless, those approved motels and hotels listed in the Feast Planning Brochure are providing group discount rates unless otherwise noted.

There are always special needs and exceptions, but member cooperation results in better future negotiations and can save thousands of dollars. In the chart below, those attending the sites in first column should not book outside of

Must Use Approved Housing

United States

- · Cincinnati. Ohio
- · Galveston Island, Texas*
- · Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

*At both Galveston and Panama City Beach site the Church is required to document that our members are using housing in the community. Galveston provides the convention center complimentary and Panama City Beach subsidizes rental. Members will need to complete the housing survey. If you have a special need contact USFestival@ucg.org or (970) 484-5878.

Housing Does Not Affect Church Finances

United States

- · Branson, Missouri
- · Estes Park, Colorado
- Gatlinburg, Tennessee
- Jekyll Island, Georgia
- · Ocean City, Maryland
- Panama City Beach, Florida*
- · Spokane Valley, Washington
- · St. George, Utah

Canada

- · Abbotsford, British Columbia
- · Calgary, Alberta
- · St. John's, Newfoundland

the approved housing without permission. In the second column you can make your own housing arrangements, but the listed properties provide discounts unless otherwise noted.

If you are not able to use the approved housing at a site where it is required, please consider an alternate site or contact us by phone at (970) 484-5878 or e-mail USFestival@ucg.org.

Trouble with housing? Call (970) 484-5878 or send an e-mail to

USFestival@ucg.org.

U.S. Citizens Planning to Travel Internationally **Need a Passport**

All persons, including U.S. citizens, traveling to another country are required to present a valid passport to reenter the United States. A valid driver's license is no longer sufficient for reentry documentation. U.S. citizens planning to travel out of the country should apply for a new passport or check their current passport to ensure it is still valid. It can take six weeks or longer to process a new one, so plan ahead. For more information, visit the U.S. State Department website at: bit.ly/travelstate.

Registration vs. Reservations

Sometimes there is confusion over these two terms. Here is the difference:

Registration-Registering online or through your festival advisor informs the Church of your intentions for planning purposes. It is separate from housing reservations. A person can be registered and not have any housing reserva-

Reservations—This refers to housing arrangements. A person might make housing reservations before registration, although this is not advised since sometimes sites can close due to capacity.

Avis Rent-a-Car Discount (800) 331-1600 | AWD # Z594487

Avis is offering special meeting rates at all U.S. Festival sites and rates for roundtrip travel anywhere in the U.S. This number can also be used year round for discounts and earn points for you and the Church.

Or you can book online at avis.com and enter the AWD listed above. Look for the box that reads "Discount Codes" then click on the box that reads AWD #. Enter the AWD (Avis Worldwide Discount)—Z594487. If you are already a member of Avis you will earn your points, plus the Church will earn points.

If you have questions, you can call 800-577-6883 Ext.2564.

Delta Airlines Discount US954529758

The United Church of God can accumulate frequent flyer points through Delta that do not take away from your personal Skymiles.

If you book online with Delta, enter the code **US954529758** along with your Skymiles number.

Look for the box to check that reads "My company is a Delta SkyBonus program member." This option is available year-round for any Delta flight.

Notification of Approval Procedure

If You Requested Transfer to Any U.S., Caribbean and Canadian Site

- When you register for a site online automatic approval or denial will occur. If a site is closed further registration will be blocked and you will be asked to choose a site that is open. However, a link for registering for the waitlist will be offered.
- Automatic approval is expected for most U.S. and Canadian sites.
- · For anyone attending their closest site geographically approval is automatic, however if you register and it says it is closed, contact your pastor.

Requested Transfer to Any International Site (other than U.S. and Canada and Caribbean)

· Approval comes directly from the site's festival coordinator.

Specialty Sites

Specialty sites are based on member requests and an interest level warranting establishing a site. They are also self-funded and for the most part do not cost the Church to operate it. Specialty sites usually require a deposit and registration and approval is required to attend. This year Israel is a specialty site.

2023 Satellite Sites and Registration Procedures

Satellite (local congregational) sites are established and designed for a local congregation where a number of members cannot travel to a regular site. Satellite sites will primarily connect via the Internet to another Feast site for daily church services. Two Feast sites (each one in a different time zone) will webcast daily services.

If you will attend your congregational satellite site, please register online. Look for the site listed as "Satellite Site" and fill out the information. Your congregation or city will not be listed so look for "Satellite Site."

Holy Day Offering Procedure for U.S. Members Traveling to International Sites

For those who may be considering travel to international Feast sites (including Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean) this year, the question arises as to whether they should mail their Holy Day offerings to the home office or contribute directly at the Feast site they are attending.

United States law states that contributions to the Church in the U.S. are tax-deductible. Contributions to foreign church organizations cannot be taken as tax deductions, and we cannot issue donation receipts on offerings made abroad. In other words, those donations must be banked in a U.S. bank account to receive a receipt that the IRS will acknowledge for tax purposes.

So if U.S. members who may be traveling abroad want their Holy Day offerings to be included in their end-of-year donation receipt, they are encouraged to mail their offerings directly to the home office in Cincinnati, before or after the Feast. In this way, your contributions will be appropriately receipted and reported to the IRS, allowing you to take a tax deduction at year-end.

Of course, so as not to "appear before the Lord empty-handed," and out of courtesy to the nation hosting the Feast where you attend, please consider giving some of your offering (preferably in the local currency) on the Holy Days at the international site you attend.

If you have any questions on this long-standing Church policy, please be sure to contact us through your pastor.

Early Housing Phone Reservations

If you qualify to make early housing reservations, you can begin on Sunday, April 23. If you can't find suitable housing, please notify your pastor or call (970) 484-5878 to let us know or send an e-mail to USFestival@ucg.org.

Here are the guidelines for those who have the privilege to call prior to others.

- 1) Handicapped—this includes those who absolutely must have a handicapped room, first floor room or no steps. However, if all the properties have elevators, then the need may not exist.
- 2) Financial—this is to make sure less expensive rooms are available to those who actually need them. If people who can afford more expensive rooms took all the cheaper rooms, some would not be able to attend.
- 3) Families of six or more—this is for families who live together at home, not a sister who lives out of state and another brother who might live in the same town as the parents, but who lives in his own apartment. Groups and families (not living in the same household) getting together at the Feast should wait until April 30.
- 4) Festival staff—where they specifically need to make early reservations.

Music Volunteers Needed!

Attention all musicians! Your talents are needed to serve during the Feast of Tabernacles. Music praises and honors God and brings great spiritual encouragement to everyone. It can be a wonderful highlight of the Feast of Tabernacles, bringing joy, comfort and inspiration.

When you register online for the Feast, be sure to also choose the music (choir/special music) option to volunteer. When you check that box online, you can select the various ways you can musically contribute at the Feast. If you can't go online and would like to volunteer to serve musically, watch for the contact listing of music coordinators in the summer edition of *United News*.

Once you have volunteered, you'll receive all the necessary information from your music coordinator later in the summer, including a web address where you can find everything you need concerning music at your festival site. That will include sheet music, practice recordings and rehearsal schedules for the site you plan to attend.

Contact the special music coordinator at the site you plan to attend if you do not have web access and need these materials. Thank you for choosing to "sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts" (Colossians 3:16, NLT).

Steve Myers

Site and Housing Information

Feast sites are listed alphabetically by country. More sites may be added online at feast.ucg.org. The + sign at the beginning of international phone numbers signifies the country code. Canadian sites list prices in Canadian dollars. **Dollar amounts for all other sites are in U.S. currency unless otherwise noted.** Currency conversions can be found on Google or xe.com.

Any Feast updates will be posted at feast.ucg.org; be sure to often for the latest information.

Australia

Merimbula, New South Wales

This year, one of the Feast sites in Australia will be held in the small township of Merimbula, New South Wales. Services will be held at the Merimbula RSL Club each day. Overseas visitors are welcome to enjoy a very beautiful part of Australia. The site is noted for its friendly hospitality because members hold open house meals for brethren to meet and fellowship with one another.

Merimbula has a relaxed holiday atmosphere. There is a delightful boardwalk with cafes, restaurants and a variety of shops on the bay inlet. Beaches and golf courses are also a popular part of the area along with boating tours, fishing trips, walking tracks and activities for the youth. The weather around Feast time is typically mild and sunny with temperatures in the 70s Fahrenheit.

Activities: Festival activities will cater to everyone including families, teens, seniors and children. After the first Holy Day service there will be a "get acquainted" opportunity over finger-foods and refreshments. The RSL has a restaurant adjacent to the hall and the meals are low-cost. Many appreciate the ease of getting together for lunch after morning services. There will also be a Church luncheon on the Eighth Day.

Housing: Cost for accommodations is very reasonable with plenty to choose from, including self-contained houses and apartments. Some accommodations are located within walking distance from the RSL. Check merimbulatourism.com. au for more information.

Travel: Merimbula is approximately a six-hour car drive from Sydney airport and a seven-hour drive from the Melbourne airport. Flights from Sydney or Melbourne to Merimbula can be organized through rex.com.au.

Registration: To register for the Feast in Merimbula, please contact Matthew Sieff at matthewsieff@gmail.com.

Location of services: Merimbula RSL Club, 52-54 Main St, Merimbula NSW 2548, Australia.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m.

Matthew Sieff

Key Dates to Remember for U.S. and Canadian Feast Attendees

April 23: Online registration begins at 12 p.m. EDT. Early housing reservations begin for those who qualify.

April 22 and 29: Registration at services for those not registering online.

April 30: General housing begins. Members attending a U.S. or Canadian Feast site may begin making housing reservations from the list of accommodations supplied in the Festival Planning Brochure. For festival sites outside of the U.S. and Canada, transfer approval notification will come directly from that site's coordinator.

Rockingham, Western Australia

Rockingham is known for its relaxed holiday atmosphere, picturesque sunsets on the beach and a host of water and leisure activities. The climate is Mediterranean, and at that time of the year temperatures could be expected to reach the low 20s Celsius.

Services: Services will be held in the Gary Holland Community Centre, a spacious and modern hall located near the town center and close to most accommodation. Festival attendance averages around 80, although the hall's capacity is over 200! We therefore have plenty of room for those who would like to transfer to this Feast site.

Dining: The township has a variety of cafes and restaurants along the beachfront and around the shopping centre.

Housing: A range of accommodation suited for everyone includes hotels, apartments, houses and caravan parks.

Travel: Rockingham is an easy 40-minute drive south of beautiful Perth and Fremantle, and it's only a 45-minute drive from Perth's domestic and international airport.

Visit the following websites to find helpful information on Rockingham and surrounding areas:

rockinghamvisitorcentre.com.au stayz.com.au/accommodation/wa/ perth/rockingham.

For further information, contact Stephen Clark at stephenclark@ucg.org.au.

Location of services: Gary Holland Community Centre, 19 Kent St., Rockingham, Western Australia.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. Stephen Clark

Sunshine Coast, Queensland

Kawana Waters on the Sunshine Coast is a tropical ocean resort area with housing covering all price ranges. Most accommodation is located on or near spectacular beaches. The hinterland sports spectacular views and rainforests walks. This is our 17th year at this popular site.

We meet at Venue 114, a modern airconditioned venue located between the towns of Mooloolaba and Caloundra and a short drive from the accommodation in these areas.

The weather will be warm, generally sunny and ideal for outdoor activities. Any occasional rain in this subtropical setting does not curtail activities.

Dining: Restaurants and cafes are plentiful and varied in cuisine. You can also easily prepare any or all of your meals in your own unit as most are equipped with their own kitchen.

Housing: Accommodation is generally one-to-three-bedroom units with a kitchen and living area. These accommodations range from luxury units to economy. Most are located on or within walking distance from the beach. Many are in high rises offering ocean views, some of which allow glimpses of migrating whales at this time of year. Holiday homes are also available.

You can learn about what the area offers and find a wide range of accommodation by Google searching "Mooloolaba Accommodation" or "Caloundra Accommodation," and/or "Sunshine Coast Accommodation." The festival location is situated between the towns of Mooloolaba and Caloundra, with Mooloolaba being the more popular location.

Activities: Recreation activities revolve around the beach and ocean—

Don't forget to check

feast.ucg.org

for updates.

surfing, swimming, kayaking whale-watching boat trips. Steve Irwin's Australian Zoo is a 30 minutes' drive away, where you can view Australian wildlife and crocodile feeding shows. Rainforest and hinterland sightseeing is also popular. Some take advantage of the opportunity of visiting the Great Barrier Reef while in Queensland on trips before or after the Feast.

There is a normal range of activities family day, a young adults' activity, a seniors' lunch, teen outing and an evening family social event for the whole family. You can visit our website (ucg.org. au) later in the year for further updates on these activities and information about the Feast on the Sunshine Coast in 2023.

Travel: The Sunshine Coast is an easy 90-minute drive north of the Brisbane International Airport. Car rentals are available at the airport. Visitors must remember that we drive on the left side of the road in Australia. Shuttles run continually from the airport to Sunshine Coast. One of the best ways to exchange money for overseas visitors is through an ATM.

For questions, please contact Bill Bradford at williambradford@bigpond. com.au or at +61 7 3711 5599.

Location of services: Venue 114, 114 Sportsman Parade, Bokarina, QLD 4575.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m.

Bill Bradford

Bénin

Ouidah

This year's Feast in Benin will be held again in Ouidah, a popular tourist destination. It is located near the ocean and the famous monument of "the point of no return." There are visa and vaccination requirements necessary to enter this country and any visitor should consult with the U.S. State Department travel advisory before considering attending. Please note that all services are



Titisee, Germany

in French and no English translations are offered. If you are interested in attending this location, please contact Pierre Ogoudélé at pierreaimer92@gmail.com.

Pierre Ogoudélé

Bolivia

Santa Cruz

This year, the Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day will be held for the second time at the Terranova Hotel located north of the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia. It has a pleasant average temperature of 75 degrees Fahrenheit at an altitude of 980 feet above sea level. The city is in a commercial center located next to the Piraí River, in the tropical lowlands east of the Andes. The hotel has sufficient infrastructure for lodging, food and an assigned place for carrying out Church services during the eight days of the Feasts.

Services: Church services will take place in a meeting hall adjacent to the hotel. It is an exclusive place assigned for the Feast, which will allow us to have services and Bible Studies with privacy.

The first service will take place at Friday sunset, Sept. 29. The last service will take place on the afternoon of the Eighth Day, Saturday, Oct. 7. We will return to our homes on Sunday, Oct. 8, once the Feast has concluded.

Housing: The hotel has enough rooms for all the Church members and everything is located in-house, including the dining room. In addition, each of the hotel rooms

have laundry, internet and Wi-Fi service. It also has two large swimming pools. Housing prices are quite reasonable.

Activities: We are going to visit three interesting places that are located in different areas of the city.

Travel: There are no travel restrictions for the Feast but feastgoers should carry their COVID-19 vaccine certificate and a face mask if needed at that time.

Church members interested in coming to the Feast in Bolivia may contact Raúl Machicao, the Feast coordinator at raulmachicao@hotmail.com.

Location of services: Terranova Hotel Avenida Cristo Redentor, 400 mts al Oeste sobre el 7mo anillo, Santa Cruz de la Sierra. Bolivia.

First service: Friday evening, Sept. 29.

Raúl Machicao

Brazil

Cabo Frio, Rio de Janeiro

God has opened the doors for a Brazilian Feast site in Cabo Frio, RJ at the Hotel La Plage. This venue has been specifically chosen to be affordable and easily accessible to the small flock of Brazilian brethren and prospects. We welcome international visitors willing to serve and set an example of true Christian behavior to these recently baptized brethren and prospects. As always, you will get great joy from the Feast as you give of yourselves and serve one another.

Services: The opening service will be Friday evening Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. Services will be held every morning at 10 a.m., except on the Sabbaths, in which there will be two services or one service and one Bible study. The messages will be translated into English or Portuguese, depending on who the speaker is.

Housing: The hotel's rates include breakfast; the hotel offers a complete infrastructure for the Feast, with total privacy and security. For more details of the hotel, please visit the hotel's website at laplage.com.br/

Travel: The La Plage hotel is located on Praia do Peró (Perô beach) in Cabo Frio, just 10 miles from the world-renowned beach resort of Búzios, 15 miles from Cabo Frio International Airport and 100 miles from the state capital, Rio de Janeiro. For those driving from Rio the hotel is

Feature Codes:

Apartment/condominium

Air conditioning

Bed and Breakfast

Campground

Continental breakfast included

Dump station

Elevator e

ec Electric Free wireless

h Hotel/motel Equipped for the handicapped

Indoor swimming pool Kitchenettes/efficiencies King/queen beds ip k

kq

Laundry facilities on premises

No maid service n

Outdoor swimming pool

Online reservations available

p r Restaurant on premises or adjacent

Shower facilities

sf Shopping facilities nearby

Steep grades or many steps st

SW Sewer

Tent facilities

Children under specified age are free In walking distance of meeting facility

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Waterfront

Provide your own linen

Provide your own kitchen utensils

approximately a two to three-hour drive from Rio's main international airport, Galeão (airport code GIG).

Various car hire companies are available at the airport. Taxis, private courtesy vehicles and bus services also run from the Rio de Janeiro's Galeão (GIG) airport to Cabo Frio. Use a search engine with the following keywords to make your choices: "transfer from galeao airport to Cabo Frio."

Registration: Register for this site by directly contacting the festival coordinator Jorge de Campos at jorge_ decampos@ucg.org.A50 percent deposit is due once registration is confirmed and should be sent to UCG's Cincinnati home office as a check, made payable to United Church of God and with a reference FOT-Brazil. The full payment must be received by UCG's home office before Tuesday Aug. 1. After that date, no cancelations will be allowed.

Location of services: Hotel La Plage, Av. Drasio Solon Ribeiro, 40 - Peró, Cabo Frio - RJ, 28923-410, Brazil.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m.

Jorge de Campos

La Plage Hotel

US \$45	Standard single room
	(not sea-facing)
US \$50	Standard single room
	(sea-facing)
US \$60	Standard double room
	(not sea-facing)
US \$70	Standard double room
	(sea-facing)
US \$10	children 6-10 years old
	(1-5 years old stay free)

Features: cb, ec, h, U6F, w. Prices listed are per night. The Brazilian currency is Reais (R\$) and as per current exchange rate, divide Reais by five to get the approximate US dollar equivalent. The prices are negotiated for a limited number of rooms and are based on booking for a total of nine nights (Sept. 29 check-in and Oct. 8 check-out), breakfast included. Availability is on a first come, first serve basis. Should our room allotment need to be increased, we may be able to increase it, subject to availability.

Electricity at this hotel is 110V. Brazil/ US adaptors are available on Amazon or in electrical stores for about US \$10. The rooms have a small refrigerator.

All communications with the hotel are made through Jorge de Campos.

British Isles

Southport, United Kingdom

The Feast of Tabernacles in 2023 will once again be held in the seaside town of Southport in northwest England. All services and social functions will be held in

the Ballroom in The Prince of Wales Hotel, an authentic Victorian building.

Services: The opening night service will be on the evening of Friday Sept. 29 and the final service will be in the afternoon of Saturday Oct. 7.

Housing: A package including dinner, bed and breakfast has been arranged with The Prince of Wales Hotel. Booking arrangements with the hotel will be made available once members have a confirmed registration for the 2023 Feast. For information on other accommodation, members can visit visits outhport.com/

Activities: Southport is situated on the Irish Sea coast. Architecturally, it is largely Victorian and boasts the second longest pleasure pier in England. Lord Street, on which the Feast hotel stands, is a favorite with shoppers. There is an assortment of activities within the town. In the wider area are Royal Birkdale Golf Club, Martin Mere Wetland Centre and Rufford Old Hall.

Along the coast, around 17 miles south of Southport, lies the city of Liverpool, which from Southport is readily accessible, either by car or public transport. Liverpool contains many tourist attractions, including museums, art galleries, the Albert Docks and the Liverpool One shopping precinct. To the north, around a 90 minutes' drive, you will find the outstanding Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks, areas of delightful natural beauty.

Registration: To register for the 2023 Feast in Southport, fill out the form at: feastsouthport2023.com/. Once a fully completed registration form is received, the Feast planning team will respond to the lead contact that their registration is approved and that they are free to arrange their travel and accommodation. The planning team will also advise the procedure, agreed with The Prince of Wales Hotel, to be followed for booking accommodation in that hotel.

Please e-mail feast@ucg.org.uk for further information relating to the Feast of Tabernacles in Southport this year.

Location of services: The Prince of Wales Hotel, Lord Street, Southport, PR8 1JS, United Kingdom

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. Jason Godfrey

The Prince of Wales Hotel

£64.00	single room
£88.00	double/twin room
£132.00	triple room
£10.00	children between 3-12
	years, children under :
	free of charge

Features: bb, h, U3F, w. A package including dinner, bed and breakfast has been arranged with the Prince of Wales Hotel. For further information, please e-mail feast@ucg.org.uk.

Cameroon

Feast sites will be held in Doula and Yagoua. There are visa and vaccination requirements necessary to enter this country and any visitor should consult with the U.S. State Department travel advisory before considering attending. Please note that all services are in French and no English translations are offered. If you are interested in attending this location, please contact Moïse Mabout at moise_mabout@ucg.org.

Moïse Mabout

Canada

Abbotsford, British Columbia

A Feast site will be held in British Columbia this year. More details will be posted online at feast.ucg.org as they are available. If you are interested in attending this location, please contact Wayne Ward at wayne_ward@ucg.org.

Wayne Ward

Calgary, Alberta

Join us for a joyous Feast of Tabernacles in Calgary Alberta, the sunniest city in Canada!

The Feast will be held at the Courtyard by Marriot Calgary Airport. Many will enjoy the convenience of the conference facilities being located within the hotel and the location near the airport, away from the busy downtown area but within driving distance from many attractions and fine restaurants. The hotel is near the airport, but it backs onto a wonderful golf course, lending itself to very peaceful views.

Calgary is the largest city in Alberta, and its altitude of 1,045 meters (3,428 feet) makes it the "highest" major city in Canada. Along with its noteworthy 333 average sunshine days per year, Calgary has been stated to be the cleanest city in the world! The city is also known for its amazing food scene with restaurants offering almost every cuisine around the world. The views of the Rocky Mountains and surreal landscapes add a unique charm to this place.

Dining: The hotel has a restaurant located onsite and there are a few other restaurants within walking distance and many within driving distance.

Housing: Discounted housing has been negotiated at the Marriott, so please make every effort to stay on site to show our support for the Marriott allowing reasonable prices on the meeting rooms. It is becoming more difficult to find reasonably priced meeting rooms this close to the Rocky Mountains.

Activities: Although there is an abundance of things to do in and around Cal-

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gary, we plan to provide many organized activities for brethren of all ages to enjoy together! There are many cultural, historical and entertainment attractions available in Calgary to please young and old alike. Following are some of Calgary's popular attractions:

Calgary Zoo (14 km from the hotel)—The Calgary Zoo has been rated third best in North America and one of the top five zoos in the world for conservation research. There are almost 900 animals from around the world. Trek through the gorilla's rainforest, safari over the Savannah to watch the hippos swim or climb the Canadian Wilds to see a grizzly bear. Cool off and get beak to nose with four species of penguins or visit endangered red pandas and amur tigers in Eurasia!

Telus Spark Science Center (10 km from the hotel)—A space for people of all ages and abilities to explore science, technology, engineering, art and math. Exhibits and programs ignite a sense of wonder and excitement.

Aero Space Museum of Calgary (2 km from hotel)—Learn about western Canada's aviation history at the Aero Space Museum of Calgary. Located in a drill hall that was built as part of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan during the Second World War, the museum is a must-see destination for anyone passionate about aviation and its history.

Calgary Tower (14 km from hotel)— Experience breathtaking views of the city with a tour or while dining at Sky 360 Restaurant and Lounge.

Gasoline Alley Museum (23 km from hotel)—Return to the golden age of the automobile at Gasoline Alley Museum. Boasting one of the world's largest public collections of antique vehicles and oil and gas-related artifacts, this expansive three-story museum brings auto history to life, from the turn of the 20th century to the 1950s. Immerse yourself in a bustling street scene, enjoy a blast from the past with a display of a vintage drive-in movie and enjoy some family fun and crafts in the Family Gallery. Gasoline Alley Museum is part of Heritage Park, Canada's largest living history museum.

Devonian Gardens (11 km from hotel) is an urban oasis in the heart of Calgary that offers one hectare of botanical gardens including over 500 trees, 50 varieties of plants, a 900 sq. ft. living wall, fountains, fish ponds and a playground to climb and explore.

Parks—Outdoor enthusiasts will love the massive parks in addition to being very close to the Canadian badlands, the Kananaskis and Banff National Park. A 90-minute drive west, and you are in Banff National Park, the most visited park in Canada. The park includes many attractions and sites including the mountain towns of Banff, Canmore and Lake Louise. A short drive (1.5 hrs) north of Lake Louise takes you to the Columbia Icefields. Come early or stay late and take in these world-renowned sites!

Location of services: Courtyard by Marriott Calgary Airport, 2500 48th Avenue NE, Calgary, Alberta, T3J 4V8.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. The following day's service will be at 1 p.m.

Michael Erickson

The Courtyard by Marriott

1 (403) 238-1000 2500 48th Avenue NE Calgary, Alberta T3J 4V8

\$139 standard (single or double)

\$149 standard (triple) \$159 standard (quad)

\$159 extended queen (single or double) \$169 extended queen (triple) \$179 extended queen (quad)

\$219 king suite (single or double) \$229 king suite (triple)

Prices are stated in CAD. Please book your

room through the following link: tinyurl. com/cutxpyyb. All rooms are subject to the applicable taxes at check in.

Midland, Ontario

For the 2023 Feast of Tabernacles, we are planning to return to lovely Midland, Ontario. This location is unique and hard to beat! As someone sagely observed, Midland is the next best thing there is to an all-inclusive Feast site.

Midland is situated on the picturesque Southern Georgian Bay, a short 90 minutes from Toronto and only 30 minutes from Barrie. The region has a natural blend of scenic landscapes, diverse wildlife and a quaint harbor with interesting waterfront trails and attractive parkland. Fall colors are usually vivid at Feast time. You can also visit several local sites that tell about the region's rich history. Area attractions include St. Marie Among the Hurons, Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre and Little Lake Park.

Shopping is available at several plazas, downtown or in nearby Barrie. There are a variety of restaurants throughout the area. For those who would prefer to stay put, dining will be available at the onsite restaurant.

Activities: "In-house" activities have been highly successful and will be continued in 2023 due to popular demand. Planned festival activities will again focus on family togetherness, beginning with a meet and greet evening, seniors' brunch, Bible studies, family day, games night, variety show and more.

One of the reasons for returning to Midland is the warm and friendly service

that we receive from the hotel staff. The Quality Inn is a premier full-service hotel in the Southern Georgian Bay area. It has an excellent upgraded ballroom with seating capacity ideal for our needs.

Housing: Accommodations include standard rooms as well as suites that come complete with a small refrigerator and coffeemaker. All rooms have free high-speed internet. The room rate includes a hot breakfast at the onsite Atrium Café. The naturally lit Atrium also provides a wonderful setting for interaction and relaxation ideal for connecting with spiritual members of the family. The Quality Inn also offers a heated indoor swimming pool, hot tub and sauna for added relaxation. For those who need alternate housing, there are cottages and bed-and-breakfasts nearby.

For those who have not yet experienced the historic town of Midland and the advantages of a smaller Feast site, we invite you to join us this year. For those who have attended before, we extend a warm and cordial "welcome back!"

For further information about the area, please go to southerngeorgian.bay.on.ca. The website for the host hotel can be found at qualityinnmidland.ca.

Location of services: Quality Inn & Conference Centre, 924 King St., Midland, Ontario (at the corner of Hwy. 12).

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. *Anthony Wasilkoff*

St. John's, Newfoundland

St. John's is the capital and largest city of the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador. The city traces its history to 1497, when Italian explorer John Cabot first landed on the shores of what is now Newfoundland and Labrador. St. John's is the oldest European settlement in Canada and one of the oldest overall in North America.

St. John's quickly became a large commercial trading post for the Basques, French, Spanish, Portuguese and English engaged in the fishery along the western side of the North Atlantic. Due to its importance in the fishery trade of the region, St. John's was often targeted by various European countries. The city's earliest recorded battle dates back to 1555. Today, St. John's remains as the main financial and commercial center for Newfoundland and Labrador.

Housing: Many condos, homes and hotels are nearby. Simply do an internet search of "accommodations for Conception Bay South" and/or "St. John's, Newfoundland." Conception Bay South is about 15-20 kilometers from St. John's. It is recommended that you begin your search early to find what you need.

Don't forget to check

feast.ucg.org

for updates.

Activities: As a city that is over 500 years old, St. John's features history around every corner. From Signal Hill, that served as a watchtower over St. John's Harbour, to homes and churches that have stood for centuries, this place is made up of cultural and historical wonders for you to explore.

Cape Spear, only 20 minutes from St. John's, is the most easterly point of North America. Perched on its rugged cliff sits the Cape Spear Lighthouse—the oldest surviving lighthouse in the province, an iconic symbol of Newfoundland and Labrador's marine history.

Newfoundland is affectionately known as the "Rock" because of its rugged beauty. If you can afford a couple extra days it is well worth it so as to be able to travel the countryside to see Newfoundland's unique landscape.

For those that can come to St. John's a couple days early and are interested we are planning a scenic bus trip on Sept. 28.

For general inquiries about this site, please contact Larry DeLong at larry_delong@ucg.ca.

Location of services: The Lions Club, 10 Minerals Road, Conception Bay South, Newfoundland.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m.

Larry DeLong

Chile

Pichilemu

After a wonderful Feast last year in the beautiful and peaceful seaside resort of Pichilemu, Chile, we plan to hold the Feast in the same place this year. Pichilemu is a seaside resort located in the south-central coast of Chile and is world famous for the quality of its waves, earning the title, "Pichilemu, the surfing capital of the world."

One of the beaches that generates the greatest attraction among surf lovers, because of its waves, is Punta de Lobos. Every year it hosts international surfing championships and other sporting events.

Dining: Pichilemu is not only famous for its ample beaches, rocky cliffs and water sports. It is also famous for its food and some of the restaurants are within walking distance.

Housing: The hotel Cabañas Lomas de Pinares will host us this year. The place offers us a small hall for group activities and a larger one for services. The site has cabins for four and six people, fully equipped with a kitchen, a terrace with a sea view, Wi-Fi and central heating. It also has suites for two and three people, ideal for couples or small families. In addition, we have another hotel next door: Curi Lodge with cabins for two and four people, fully equipped, Wi-Fi and heating. The whole area invites you to share and enjoy with your brethren (see photos at lomasdepinares.cl/fotos-y-video).

We cordially invite those who wish to join us. For more information about reservations, additional details and prices, please contact Marcelo Saavedra at marcelo_saavedra@ucg.org.

Location of services: Cabañas Lomas

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 8 p.m.

Marcelo Saavedra

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Two Feast sites will be held in Lubumbashi and Mbuji-Mayi. There are visa and vaccination requirements necessary to enter this country and any visitor should consult with the U.S. State Department travel advisory before considering attending. Please note that all services are in French and no English translations are offered. If you are interested in attending this location, please contact Moïse Mabout at moise_mabout@ucg.org.

Moïse Mabout

Dominica

Attending the Feast in the Commonwealth of Dominica* is truly a once-in-alifetime experience. This will be a small site with about 50 people where the majority of the attendees will be staying at



Outdoor services in Zambia

the same hotel, which will provide many opportunities for fellowship each day of the Feast. Services will be held at this hotel in their meeting room.

Going to Dominica is like going back in time. When you explore the island, you'll discover it is rich in natural beauty and mostly undisturbed by tourism. There are hiking trails, waterfalls, black sand beaches, scuba diving and more. You'll truly be able to see many of God's Caribbean creations in a very personal and relaxed setting.

A word of caution is that, due to its distant location, it can be expensive and time consuming to travel to Dominica. Please research routes, airfares and rates before applying to this Feast site.

Dominica uses Eastern Caribbean currency (US \$1.00 = EC \$2.70), but most credit cards are widely accepted. Plan to use a credit card that doesn't charge exchange rates to save in fees.

At the time of printing, we have not secured the final hotel contract, but information and rates will be posted online as they become available. See the Dominica Feast site webpage for these "Housing" updates and more information on the registration process.

If you have any questions, please e-mail Jeff Lockhart at jeff_lockhart@ucg.org or call (210) 788-1481.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. Jeff Lockhart

*Dominica (pronounced "Domineekah"), not to be confused with the Dominican Republic, is the Nature Island of the

Feature Codes:

- Apartment/condominium
- Air conditioning
- hh Bed and Breakfast
- Campground
- Continental breakfast included
- Dump station Elevator
- Electric
- Free wireless Hotel/motel

- Equipped for the handicapped
- Indoor swimming pool Kitchenettes/efficiencies ip k
- King/queen beds
- Laundry facilities on premises No maid service
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- Outdoor swimming pool Online reservations available
- Pets allowed
- Restaurant on premises or adjacent

- Shower facilities
- Shopping facilities nearby
- st Steep grades or many steps
- sw Sewer
- Tent facilities
- Children under specified age are free In walking distance of meeting facility
- W wa Water
- Waterfront wf
- Provide your own linen
- Provide your own kitchen utensils



St. George, Utah

Caribbean. The youngest island in the Lesser Antilles, Dominica is located between Guadeloupe and Martinique.

Estonia

Tallinn

There is a new festival location for the 2023 Feast of Tabernacles in Eastern Europe! Join us in Tallinn, Estonia, for an all-inclusive Feast experience. Tallinn is the capital and most populous city of Estonia. Situated on the shores of the Baltic Sea, Tallinn has a population of over 400,000. Tallinn has a major airport with airline connections to Helsinki (Finland), Stockholm (Sweden), Oslo (Norway), Frankfurt (Germany), Amsterdam (Netherlands) and other European cities.

Services: The venue this year is the Centennial Hotel Tallinn. Services are held in the Motivation Room at Centennial Hotel Tallinn. The first service will be held at Friday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. Following the opening evening service there will be a meet-and-greet reception with hors d'oeuvres. The first Holy Day service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30. Daily church services during the Feast are also held at the Centennial. Church services on the Day of Atonement and the Sabbath prior to the Feast of Tabernacles will also be at the Centennial Hotel.

Dining: The hotel rooms include an upscale buffet breakfast. There will be group dinners plus an opening night reception that accommodates the Church's dietary needs. We have agreed with the Centenni-

al Hotel that we will eat all of our evening meals as a group in their restaurant.

Car rental is not necessary with the use of taxis and Bolt (like Uber or Lyft) and public transportation. Restaurants, as well as shopping and tourist sites, are within walking distance. Of special interest is the nearby 13th century Tallinn Old Town—a Medieval city. Walking tours with many shops and museums are popular attractions. A private tour of Tallinn for all festival attendees is planned.

Language is not a problem, as most people are able to communicate in English. The use of the Google Translate app on a smart phone is quite helpful for reading the Estonian language—especially the camera function that allows visitors to read signs, menus and ingredients in their native languages.

Housing: Because this is an all-inclusive Feast site, everyone is expected to stay at the Centennial or Kreutzwald hotels. The breakfast buffet is included in the above price. An additional charge for seven daily dinner buffets and opening night reception is €300 for ages 12 and over, €150 ages 6-11, under age 5 is free.

Currency exchange rates may fluctuate. At time of this writing, the Euro currency is approximately the same as the US dollar.

Activities: The medieval Old Town Tallinn is just 0.8 miles (a 15-minute walk) from the Centennial Hotel. Other popular sites are listed at: visitestonia. com/en/why-estonia/top-10-things-to-do-in-tallinn and tripadvisor.com/Attractions-g274958-Activities-Tallinn_Harju_County.html. A tour of sites around Tallinn is planned.

There are no travel restrictions anticipated. For additional information, contact Johnnie Lambert at jlambert49@ gmail.com or 607-796-2669 or Tim Martens at MartensOffice@yahoo.com or 479-530-3770 or fotestonia@gmail.com

Location of services: Centennial Hotel Tallinn, Motivation Room, Endla 15, 10122 Tallinn, Estonia.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m.

Iohnnie Lambert

Centennial Hotel Tallinn

€80	standard single
€85	standard double
€105	superior double
€125	zen double
€150	zen double deluxe

hr Equipped for the handicapped

ip Indoor swimming pool k Kitchenettes/efficiencies

kq Kitchenettes/efficienci

l Laundry facilities on premises n No maid service

op Outdoor swimming pool or Online reservations available

p Pets allowed r Restaurant on premises or adjacent

Suites

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feast.ucg.org

for updates.

€35 extra bed for adults (superior/zen) €150 extra bed for chidren (up to age 12) A block of rooms has been reserved for Feast attendees at Centennial Hotel Tallinn. The hotel website is centennialhoteltallinn.com. Overflow housing is available at the nearby Hotel Kreutzwald. There is no cancellation charge if done at least three days in advance. Book your room directly with the hotel at reserv@uhotelsgroup.com. Be sure to reference your message subject "UCG" to get the group rate. Deadline for making room reservations at the discounted group rate is Aug. 1, 2023. Listed room rates are per night and include tax. These room rates are also available for those who arrive the week prior to the Feast or stay a few days longer.

France

Club Miléade La Gaillarde

Located an hour south of the Nice airport, Club Miléade La Gaillarde is situated just across the street from the beautiful Mediterranean Sea with 180 degree ocean views and an underpass walkway to the well-known beach of La Gaillarde.

The outdoor heated pool and children's play area overlook the water and the hotel's newly constructed main building has a restaurant and bar, playroom for children, as well as a spa where visitors can schedule a massage, enjoy a sauna or relax in the indoor Jacuzzi overlooking the sea. The auditorium for church services is located next to the main building and the hotel accommodations, many with ocean views, are a short walk from the main complex. This all-inclusive site provides the opportunity to experience full-course buffet style French meals while enjoying fellowship with other brethren from around the world.

Housing: There are two types of housing available at the Feast this year. One is a hotel-style room, and the other is an apartment style.

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sf Shopping facilities nearby

st Steep grades or many steps

sw Sewer

te Tent facilities

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wa Water

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yl Provide your own linen

yu Provide your own kitchen utensils

Feature Codes:

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ac Air conditioning bb Bed and Breakfast

c Campground

cb Continental breakfast included

d Dump station e Elevator

ec Electric fw Free wireless h Hotel/motel Note that there is no Wi-Fi in the rooms, but there is Wi-Fi available in the main conference center a short walk from the apartments. If your cell provider offers it, you may consider adding an "international data plan" for the duration of your travels. Another option is to purchase a mobile hotspot and international data plan. One provider which several Feastgoers used last year is Solis: soliswifi.co/?rfsn=2318081.4a2bce.

Whether in a hotel room or an apartment, towels will be changed twice during your stay, and room cleaning will be provided once during your stay. If you would like your towels and sheets changed more frequently, you may request this and pay an additional fee at the front desk. Extra towels for beach or pool use are not provided, so you may wish to bring your own towels from home for this purpose.

Hotel rooms are arranged in pairs of two separate hotel rooms which can accommodate from two to five people. Each room has its own private locking door and private bathroom, but each pair of rooms shares a common nonlocking entry door and small foyer. Each pair has one bedroom with a large bed while the second bedroom has three twin beds, to accommodate a family of five. The rooms on the ground floor have a small terrace; those on the first floor have a balcony.

Apartments sleep up to six people. Each apartment has one private bedroom with two twin beds (can be made into a large bed). The sofa bed in the living room can sleep two and some apartments have a loft with two beds. Each apartment comes a fully equipped kitchenette, dishwasher, fridge and hotplate. They are typically stocked with plates and utensils for a family of four to six along with table and chairs.

The Feast in France is all-inclusive, and the cost includes nine nights' lodging from check-in on Friday, Sept. 29 to check-out on Sunday, Oct. 8 and includes dinner on Friday evening, Sept. 29, and breakfast, lunch and dinner from Sept. 30 to Oct. 7 as well as breakfast on the morning of departure, Sunday Oct., 8. Due to our contract terms, we cannot offer pricing for fewer days.

Activities: We will offer three afternoon excursions to nearby points of interest including a local winery and village, and the seaside towns of Cannes and Antibes. We also plan for several free days to enjoy activities in the area, an indoor welcome event and beach day and an evening talent show and dance.

Registration to attend the Feast in France includes: 1) Completing the online registration process and paying a non-refundable \$40 per adult (18 years and older) administrative fee and 2) Paying

for your all-inclusive room and board package. **The site is currently full**, but you can join the waitlist on feast.ucg.org.

Tim Pebworth

Club Miléade La Gaillarde

The cost for this all-inclusive package is per person as follows:

€665 two adults (ages 14+)

€840 one adult

€555 one teen (ages 11-13) €470 one child (ages 6-10) €300 one child (ages 3-5)

Free children two years and under

Features: ac, op, wellness area with hot tub, steam room, sauna and solarium, massage rooms, Pétanque, multisport and tennis court, laundry room with irons and ironing board, baby kit (free bathtub and baby bed on request), Wi-Fi available in main building (lobby, bar, restaurant) and tennis courts. Each room has its own bathroom, a small fridge and a TV.

Germany

Titisee, Germany

This year's Feast of Tabernacles will again be held in Titisee. The picturesque town of Titisee is set on Lake Titisee in southern Germany, in a beautiful area just 10 miles (16 kilometers) from the Black Forest's highest mountain, the Feldberg (1,493 meters, 4,860 feet).

Lake Titisee, with its scenic town of Titisee, is a glacially formed lake approximately one mile long (1.6 kilometers) and 130 feet deep. Tradition says that Roman general Titus once camped in the area, supposedly giving the lake its name.

Temperatures in late September can be seasonally warm on sunny days, but evenings and daytime rainy periods may be chilly because of Titisee's altitude (845 meters, approximately 2,775 feet).

Services: Most services will be held in German, with a simultaneous translation into English. International guests who do not speak German will need to bring their own FM radio and headphones to services to be able to receive the simultaneous translation.

Housing: Accommodations for transfer guests are available in selected hotels and vacation apartments. Vacation apartments offer kitchenettes. Half-board arrangements are available in most hotels. Lodging costs range from \$75.00 to \$125.00 for a vacation apartment and from \$50.00 upwards per person for hotel accommodations, which includes breakfast. (Please note: prices depend on the dollar/euro exchange rate).

Transfer guests can make their own reservations. Lodging information is avail-

able via the Black Forest German-language tourism website, which can be translated into English (hochschwarzwald.de). The hall where services will be held is within walking distance of most lodging units within the main village area.

Travel: Direct "German Rail" (Deutsche Bahn AG) service is available via Freiburg to Titisee. However, car rental is recommended for ease of transportation and sightseeing. Titisee is about 180 miles (290 kilometers) south of the Frankfurt International Airport or 50 miles (80 kilometers) northwest of the Zurich International Airport. Expected attendance is approximately 200.

Registration: Visitors wishing to attend should register on the UCG-Germany website at vkg.org/fot.php. Registration is required and an e-mail address is needed for registration. We have already reached capacity for international transfers.

Location of services: Kurhaus Titisee, Strandbadstraße 4,79822 Titisee-Neustadt **First service:** Friday, Sept. 29,7:30 p.m.

Paul Kieffer

Ghana

Cape Coast

Cape Coast will be the site for the 2023 Feast of Tabernacles in Ghana. It is about 89 miles west of Ghana's capital city, Accra, on the Gulf of Guinea where international travelers arrive by air. The climate is warm almost year-round. The temperature typically varies from 74-90 degrees Fahrenheit. Room rates hover around \$30 per night. A castle and other tours in Cape Coast and Elmina are within minutes from the Feast site.

It is highly recommended that you familiarize yourself with the current COVID-19-related travel requirements for Ghana before booking travel. If you are interested in attending the Feast in Cape Coast, Ghana please contact senior pastor Paul Moody at paul_moody@ucg. org, or festival coordinator Henry Aikins at henry.aikins@gmail.com.

Henry Aikins

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Guatemala

Panajachel

Once again we are planning to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles in the picturesque town of Panajachel, Guatemala. It will be held in the "Hotel Jardines del Lago," located on the shores of the majestic Lake Atitlán.

Registration: Reservations should be made soon so the space can be secured,

but they are open until Aug. 31, 2023. You can make them by e-mailing Mr. Israel Robledo at jisrael.robledo@gmail.com or call (502) 54145702.

Location of services: Hotel Jardines del Lago Calle Monterrey, Panajachel 07010, Guatemala

Israel Robledo

Hotel Jardines del Lago

\$47 single room \$56 double room \$79 triple room

These rates are per night. If paid with credit cards, there will be a 7 percent surcharge.

Prices for meals at the hotel:

\$7 Breakfast—Monday to Saturday \$9.25 Buffet Breakfast—Sunday \$9.25 Lunch—menu of the day

\$7 Dinner

The restaurant has "à la carte" service.

India

Agra

Your brothers and sisters in India warmly welcome and invite you to attend the Feast of Tabernacles with them in Agra India, home of the world-famous Taj Mahal. Daily services as well as lodging and three meals each day will be at one of Agra's very fine Taj Hotels. International guests can fly into the New Delhi international airport and economically hire a driver for the four to fivehour drive to Agra or take the train for a shorter travel time. Flights from Delhi to Agra are limited. (A contract is being negotiated with the Crystal Sarovar Premiere—situated in the historically rich city of Agra. More details and hotel updates will be posted online.)

Services will be primarily in English with translation after the service into the Hindi language for the local brethren. Services will be held in the on-site conference hall. You will greatly enjoy meeting the local Agra brethren and other Indians who may travel to the site, eating meals together and staying in the same hotel. You are encouraged to join in the "feast variety show"—a fun and enjoyable evening for all. Visitors may be interested in one or two afternoon group tours to famous area attractions such as the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Tours can be arranged via the hotel personnel.

Rooms are air conditioned and are well-furnished and equipped with modern amenities. The lodging rate will include three buffet meals for two people, inclusive of all taxes (children ages 5-12 are an additional fee). The dining facility at the hotel is a multi-cuisine restaurant which provides a variety of foods from around the world for guests to enjoy.

A visit to India will be a life-changing experience. If you want to travel internationally and you earnestly seek to meet and serve your brothers and sisters in Christ who live overseas, the Feast in India would be an exceptional opportunity for you. You can make a difference by sharing your time, talent and love with your India brothers and sisters. There is a need for church elders and leaders in UCG congregations to attend the Feast in India and share daily messages during the Feast. For all who come, this will be a Feast you will not soon forget.

We seek and appreciate your earnest prayers for God's blessing in India and on all the Feasts around the world where God has chosen to place His name.

The India brethren are looking forward to seeing you in India this year!

Travel: At this time, there are no COVID-19 travel restrictions. For updated travel and visa information see your travel agent or go to in.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/

Registration: To register, go to ucgindia.org/feast/. A \$50 registration fee (per family) is required and will be applied to overall Feast expenses.

Once you have registered, you will be emailed information and asked your room preference and dates of stay. You will then be requested to send your international flight details and to make a partial room payment. Your room reservation is confirmed only when deposit and flight details are received.

For questions e-mail David Schreiber at david_schreiber@ucg.org or call (507) 377-8151.

Location of services: Crystal Sarovar Premier, Fatehabad Rd, near KFC, Tajganj, Agra, Uttar Pradesh 282001, India.

First service: Friday evening, Sept. 29.

David Schreiber

Crystal Sarovar Premiere

\$100 single occupancy \$130 double occupancy Note: These are preliminary room rates. The final contract has yet to be signed regarding room rates, but final contract confirmation is to be made by June 1.

There is no charge for children under 5. Children aged 5-12 in same room as a parent is an additional \$55/night (includes three buffet meals each day). The hotel requests you to make your room reservations through our Feast team.

Israel

Around 180 people will celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles in Israel while touring Biblical sites. The first half of the Feast will visit northern Israel while staying on the northern part of the Sea of Galilee. The second half of the Feast will feature sites drivable from Jerusalem. An optional post-Feast extension in Jordan is also offered. At time of print, Israel is at capacity, but the current wait list is short so if you are interested go to this website for further details and registration: travelgallery.com/ucg-israel-2023. This is a package tour and only open to those registered through Travel Gallery.

Charles Melear

Italy

Sabaudia

This year we'll celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles once again at the beautiful sea-town in Sabaudia (near Rome).

Sabaudia is located only a one-hour drive from the fascinating and historical city of Rome and an approximately one and a half-hour drive from the city of Naples. This makes our Feast site especially suitable for cultural tours to various important historical places like Rome and Pompeii. The latter was destroyed by the Vesuvius explosion in 79 B.C. Other places that can be visited before or after the Feast are the Amalfi Coast, Capri and several other famous places.

Sabaudia is also surrounded by beautiful sandy dunes, a salty lake and the National Park of Circeo. The entire area appears to the visitor as an incomparable witness of the perfect fusion of natural elements, which draws us closer to our Creator God, the greatest artist of all. Its climate in autumn is very mild: night and day temperature may be 70-86 degrees Fahrenheit.

Services: English language is spoken and understood by a good number of Italian brethren who are looking forward to meeting you and fellowshipping with you. Church services will be held alternately in English and Italian, with simultaneous translation. Headphones will be provided on site. To give you time to rest from the long international flight, there will be no church services upon your arrival on Friday evening.

Serving at the Feast: We need a choir director for the English language choir as well as English speaking UCG ministers and/or senior members. Furthermore, we plan to offer you family games on a sandy private beach, an evening dance and a talent show. If you can either sing or play the piano or any other musical instrument, or if you have any other artistic talent that may entertain your brethren at the Feast, your talent will be very welcome. This is also true if you are a choir singer or if you can play the piano

to accompany hymns. Your involvement in making the Feast a greater success to God's glory will be appreciated.

Dining: In regard to food, the Italian cuisine is one of the richest, most delicious and most exquisite in the world. The hotel staff can speak English and their restaurants can host large groups of brethren so that we can enjoy our meals and fellowship together. The chefs of our Feast hotel know the distinction between clean and unclean foods, and the restaurant staff is looking forward to welcoming and serving us diligently.

Housing: Our Feast four-star hotel offers accommodations at 84 Euro (89 USD) per adult sharing the room, and 122 Euro (129 USD) per adult in a single room, including full board (three meals a day, with mineral water, local wine and taxes included). Also, a 50 percent discount is granted to children 3-6 years old, and 30 percent to children 7-12 years old. There is no cost for children under two.

All hotel rooms are equipped with telephone, TV set, air condition and shower. Our Feast hotel has its own private beach with sun-umbrellas and sun-beds, as it is situated right on a golden sandy beach, facing one of the most limpid and uncontaminated stretches of water in the Tyrrhenian Sea. This means that we can enjoy entertainment and sports, such as swimming and beach volleyball, at no extra cost. Also, a beauty-center, with a gym and sauna will be available to all Feast participants at a very affordable price. The place promises relaxation and fun opportunities to our children, young brethren, singles and families.

Activities: Tours to Rome and Pompeii will be held during the Feast of Tabernacles. Book them now and pay later.

Registration: Your registration becomes a committed booking only when you decide to send your down payment through our website, feastinitaly.org. From there you can determine your Feast budget and make your possible bookings. For questions, e-mail registration@feastinitaly.org or info@labuonanotizia.org.

Your Italian brethren hope that you and/or your respective families can make it to Italy this year. We are looking forward very much to welcoming you and fellowshipping with you in Jesus Christ.

First service: Saturday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m.

Angelo Di Vita



Panama City Beach, Florida

Côte d'Ivoire

A Feast site will be held in Blolé. There are visa and vaccination requirements necessary to enter this country and any visitor should consult with the U.S. State Department travel advisory before considering attending. Please note that all services are in French and no English translations are offered. If you are interested in attending this location, please contact Tim Pebworth at tim_ pebworth@ucg.org.

Mamadou Tokpa

Jamaica

Montego Bay

Join us in Montego Bay for the Feast this year! The Feast of Tabernacles will be held at the all-inclusive Iberostar Rose Hall Beach Resort. The Iberostar is three hotels in one: Beach, Suites and Grand. These are tiered hotels; Beach is the entry level and Grand is the top-tier. Beach is a fabulous hotel with several restaurants, a pool and an ice cream shop. It has everything needed to enjoy a great Feast, especially for those budget-minded. However, if you stay at Beach, you can only visit Suites for church services each day. You can't have a meal with your friends staying at Suites. The good news is your friends staying at Suites can come ioin you for a nice steak dinner at either the Smokehouse or Italian restaurants. The Grand hotel is for adults only, no children. If you have any questions about the tiered nature of the hotels, please

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don't hesitate to contact me at jeff_ lockhart@ucg.org.

A three-night deposit for your hotel room(s) will be required two weeks after you have been accepted to this site. (If you change your mind about attending this site, a refund for your deposit will need to be approved by the Festival Coordinator and then also the hotel, before it is processed.)

Registration will begin April 17, 2023. Instructions on how to make reservations will be forwarded to you once you have been accepted to this Feast site.

Location of services: Iberostar Rose Hall Beach Resort

Jeff Lockhart

Kenya

Nakuru

Karibu sana from your Kenyan brethren! The Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day will be held this year in Nakuru, Kenya at the Rhino Camp, located at the floor of the expansive Rift Valley.

Rhino Camp is in an upcountry setting that provides an ideal location for the local brethren to celebrate the Feast in a serene atmosphere. International visitors are welcome to join their Kenyan brothers and sisters as we encourage, learn and intertwine our lives together.

Housing: Many of the local brethren will lodge in tents and cottages for accommodation, with meals being cooked and provided for them. International visitors will lodge in good hotels that are about a 30-minute drive from the Feast site.

We expect about 170 members to celebrate God's Feast in Kenya this year. There will be an opening night service on the evening of Sept. 29, followed by daily services. Plan your departure no sooner than Oct. 8.

Activities: Activities will include family day with various games. As a Feast group, we will also travel and visit local

Feature Codes:

- Apartment/condominium
- Air conditioning
- Bed and Breakfast
- Campground
- Continental breakfast included
- Dump station
- Elevator ec Electric
- Free wireless
- Hotel/motel

- Equipped for the handicapped
- Indoor swimming pool Kitchenettes/efficiencies King/queen beds ip k
- kq
- Laundry facilities on premises
- No maid service n
- Outdoor swimming pool Online reservations available
- Restaurant on premises or adjacent
- Suites

- Shower facilities
- sf Shopping facilities nearby
- Steep grades or many steps st
- SW Sewer
- Tent facilities
- Children under specified age are free w In walking distance of meeting facility
- Water wa
- Waterfront
- Provide your own linen
- Provide your own kitchen utensils

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attractions including Egerton Castle, Lake Nakuru National Park, Menengai Crater and the Kabatini waterfalls. A preor post-Feast traditional "African safari" can also be coordinated if international visitors desire.

A Feast experience in Kenya is like no other. You will love the country, build relationships with the local brethren and long for more of the same the next day. When you arrive home, you will start planning your next trip back to this captivating place with beautiful people. The Kenyan brethren welcome you wholeheartedly to celebrate the Feast with them!

For more information, please contact Ed Dowd at ed_dowd@ucg.org.

Ed Dowd

Malawi

Chilema

This year's Feast of Tabernacles will take place at a new location. Chilema is located in the Zomba District one and a half hour drive northeast of Blantyre. The road to Chilema passes through the old capital of Malawi, the city of Zomba. The Feast will be held at the Chilema Ecumenical Training and Conference Centre located two kilometers away from the M3 Zomba-Lilongwe tarmac road and situated in between St. Luke's Hospital/ Nursing College and Malosa Secondary School/Anglican Diocese of Upper Shire Headquarters. It is a peaceful countryside location with a cool breeze, surrounded by nature, including the rare chilema trees.

The Feast site in Chilema is open to visitors from outside of Malawi. Accommodations onsite include hostels, guest houses and chalets with various prices. Catered meals are available onsite. Please contact Gracious Mpilangwe at gracmpilangwe@gmail.com to ask about costs and details about traveling to Malawi.

Gracious Mpilangwe

Nkhwazi

The Feast of Tabernacles will be held again this year on the church property just outside of the village of Nkhwazi, Malawi. Nkhwazi is a small village about an hour west of the capital city of Lilongwe. The nearest airport is the Lilongwe International Airport (also known as Kamuzu International Airport) which is about a 30 minutes drive north of Lilongwe.

Brethren will gather on the eight-acre piece of land and enjoy shared meals, various group activities and attending services. There is a group kitchen onsite which can be used by families and individuals to prepare their meals. Feast attendees are typically housed in temporary booths constructed of bamboo and reeds. Although the site is more rustic, there is running water onsite that is used for preparing food and in the onsite bathrooms and shower houses. In addition, there are some limited accommodations available offsite at the home of pastor Cephas Chapamba. For more information about the site and about traveling to Malawi, please contact Mr. Chapamba through e-mail (cephaschapambajumpha@gmail.com).

Cephas Chapamba

Malaysia

Penang

The Feast of Tabernacles in southeast Asia will be held on Penang, an island stretching over 285 square kilometers, connected to the northwest coast of Malaysia by a 13.5-kilometer bridge. The venue for the Feast is the Bayview Beach Resort, situated on the water's edge at Batu Ferringhi Beach.

The Bayview Beach Resort has quality amenities and provides a lovely setting for the Feast, with a large expanse of lawn, palm trees, sun lounges, absolute beach frontage and a large lagoon-type swimming pool with a swim-up bar. One of the best features of the Feast each year in Penang is the opportunity for wonderful time together as one spiritual family. With everyone staying together on site, there is time to share many meals, conversation and hearty fellowship with our brethren. Services will be held in the Ori-



A group of brethren in St. Lucia

ental Ballroom.

If you would like to attend the Feast in Penang, please contact Feast Coordinator Paul Vaughan at paulvaughan@ucg.org. au or the Australian National Office at info@ucg.org.au. Once registered you will receive additional travel information. Please remember to indicate your ability to assist in helping to make the Feast a great success.

Paul Vaughan

Mexico

Puerto Vallarta

We are happy to announce that in 2023, we plan to again have the Feast in beautiful Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, at Hotel Friendly, offering an all-inclusive package at very reasonable prices. With three pools and two Jacuzzis, a beachfront with warm ocean water and many activities within the hotel, this has become a very popular site for families with children and teens (children up to 6 don't pay and from 7-12 it is \$45 per child per day). Translation into English will be available during services. The hotel is only 10 minutes from the main airport.

Puerto Vallarta is considered a safe zone in Mexico with thousands of tourists from cruise ships visiting the city every week. The hotel is close to the picturesque downtown and boardwalk area with plenty of transportation available and there is a large supermarket in front of the hotel with a currency exchange

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Air conditioning

Bed and Breakfast

Campground

Continental breakfast included

Dump station Elevator

Electric

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Indoor swimming pool Kitchenettes/efficiencies ip

kq King/queen beds

Laundry facilities on premises

No maid service

Outdoor swimming pool Online reservations available

Pets allowed

Restaurant on premises or adjacent

Shower facilities sh

Shopping facilities nearby sf

st Steep grades or many steps

sw Sewer

Tent facilities

UF Children under specified age are free

In walking distance of meeting facility

wa Water

wf Waterfront

Provide your own linen

Provide your own kitchen utensils

office (to change dollars or other currencies into pesos). We have had the Feast in Puerto Vallarta for ten years and thankfully, haven't had any security problems. Even though it is on the Pacific shoreline, it still has a semi-tropical climate with very few mosquitos. Temperatures can range from the 70s to the mid-90s Fahrenheit, although sometimes with high humidity. All meeting rooms and hotel rooms have air-conditioning.

Dining: Chefs prepare excellent buffets from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (with other food available round the clock, and no pork, shellfish or other unclean food will be served during our stay). There are also free drinks available, including wine, beer, tropical juices, cocktails and soft drinks. There are six restaurants within the premises, all free of charge for hotel guests, which include a brand-new restaurant on the beach, a sushi bistro and a brick-oven pizza and grill station, along with a coffee, tea, cookies and ice service in the lobby.

Activities: The hotel has a full-spa and gym, with one-hour Swedish massages at 30 percent discount for our group! There is also a free tennis court, a children's play center and several Mexican shows that will be provided, including a children's party.

Please register at feast.ucg.org. create an account and fill out the Step 1 form. Once accepted, a room(s) will be added to your account and you will be able to fill out Step 2 registration and pay a \$300 deposit per room. Here is where you will select your room configuration, schedule Ground Transportation and rent a radio for translations. Then you can proceed to make the final payment. Due to our contractual obligations we collect all the payments and then send a bulk payment to the hotel. Once you get to the hotel, no payment will be due. There will be a \$40 administrative fee per account to offset administrative costs. Join our group on Facebook for the latest updates bit.ly/vallertaFOT.

Note: This is a limited capacity site and preference will be given to UCG members. Due to meeting hall capacity, security and the agreement with the hotel, people staying outside the hotel will not be granted access to Friendly Vallarta during the Feast (including people only wanting to attend services). Everyone staying at Hotel Friendly will receive a bracelet at check-in which will be checked by security at both entrances of the hotel. For more information or questions e-mail FOTPVMX@gmail.com.

Location of services: Second floor ballroom, Hotel Friendly Puerto Vallarta.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m.

Mario Seiglie

Hotel Friendly

\$135	single adult occupancy
\$190	double adult occupancy
\$260	triple adult occupancy (2 beds)
\$340	quadruple adult occupancy
	(2 beds only)
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\$45 children 7-12 years old Free children 0-6 years old

*For Junior Suites, above the fifth floor, there is an extra \$30 upgrade fee per night per room; these rooms include a minifridge and are all full ocean view. Group rates can be extended for three days before and three days after the Feast. These rates include all food costs. Taxes and gratuity are already included, although we encourage giving some extra tips since the hotel staff earns so little. All the rooms have air conditioning, a balcony or terrace and a full or partial ocean view (cribs and a limited amount of small refrigerators are available as a special request). In 2023, rooms have been remodeled.

New Zealand

Taupo

This year, the Feast of Tabernacled will be held once again in picturesque Taupo, in the center of the North Island of New Zealand. The Taupo region is a place of extraordinary natural beauty with its rivers, ancient forests and snowblanketed mountains. Taupo is about three-and-a-half-hour drive south of Auckland, and a five-hour drive from Wellington. Taupo is a scenic and popular tourist resort town, nestled on the banks of Lake Taupo, New Zealand's (and the Southern Hemisphere's) largest freshwater lake. The lake is at the heart of New Zealand's central volcanic plateau and the shining expanse of blue and jade green water is crystal clear to a depth of 13 meters. It is home to one of the best wild trout fisheries in the world.

Local attractions include many water-bound activities such as world class fishing, boating, whitewater rafting and jet boating. There are plenty of walks, hikes and biking tracks, along with golf, geothermal attractions and natural hot pools. There are plenty of restaurants and cafes, with a variety of food types.

Rotorua is a one-hour drive east and hosts many activities. Waitomo Caves is a two-hour drive West where you can enjoy rafting or the famous Glowworm Caves.

This year, our guest speaker will be Darris McNeely. Darris and his wife will be coming to New Zealand for the first time to enjoy the Feast. While they are here we are planning to invite the *Beyond Today* subscribers to hear from one of the presenters and writers of the publications.

Please contact Michael Fike at michael_fike@ucg.org for Feast site information and accommodations.

Location of services: Taupo Yacht Club at 9 Ferry Road, Taupo, New Zealand.

Michael Fike

Nigeria

Igbara-Oke

Plans are underway to once again hold the Feast of Tabernacles in Nigeria at the Premier Hotel in Igbara-Oke, Ondo State. Nigeria is currently receiving international travelers by air entry. It is highly recommended that you familiarize yourself with the current COVID-19 related travel requirements for Nigeria before booking travel. If you are interested in attending the Feast in Nigeria, please contact senior pastor Paul Moody at paul_moody@ucg.org, or festival coordinator Oludare Akinbo at oludare@tishrinig.com.

Oludare Akinbo

Philippines

Baguio City

Baguio is a city in the northern mountain province of Benguet in the Island of Luzon some 260 kilometers (160 miles) north of Manila. Being one of the very few temperate places in this predominantly warm and humid tropical country, it has been officially known as the Summer Capital of the Philippines.

The festival location in Luzon for this year's Feast of Tabernacles in Baguio City will again be at a multi-purpose hall of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP) Ating Tahanan grounds. The multi-purpose hall where services will be held can easily accommodate as many as 150 festival goers.

Housing: The GSP Ating Tahanan grounds have cottages, rooms and dormitory type accommodations where feastgoers can lodge within short walking distances from the multi-purpose service hall. But for those who are more adventurous and prefer to stay outside the festival grounds, nearby hotels and inns are also available. Costs of accommodations range from US \$10 per person per night for dormitory type accommodations, to US \$80 per night per cottageroom, as well as for nearby hotel room accommodations.

This year, we are again expecting about 120 to 130 feastgoers. These will mostly be brethren coming mainly from the Luzon Island regions of the country. But as always, we are eagerly welcoming and

looking forward to welcoming overseas brethren, especially those coming from international areas who want to enjoy and celebrate the Feast with us this year.

Rev Evasco

Visayas

The Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day in Visayas, Philippines will be held in a new festival site at the Visayas State University (VSU)—a premier educational institution located in Baybay City on the western side of the Leyte Island.

The campus covers over 1,000 hectares of fertile land flanked by a high mountain range which is dominated by Mount Pangasugan on its eastern side and the Camotes Sea on the west. The clear sea waters of VSU's beach area are a protected marine sanctuary which provides home to a rich biodiversity of marine life. Coupled with its beautiful sunsets and fresh sea breeze, the beach-front truly exudes an ambience of peace and relaxation—a perfect atmosphere for beholding God's beautiful creation.

A large part of the university is nestled amid lush greenery and rolling hills. The cool shades of towering trees planted alongside every road provide good shade for morning walks and group strolls. Brethren can also tour around and visit some exhibits and museums that are available in different departments within the university's upper campus.

The university has its own resort and room accommodations along with a spacious function hall that can accommodate 100-150 people, and which will be used for services and other activities. Other amenities include a swimming pool, mini zoo, wide playing areas and several sports facilities; with all these, VSU offers a serene place where brethren can gather in celebration of Jesus Christ's coming millennial reign on earth.

Dining: VSU has several food stations for brethren to choose from. Meals for breakfast and dinner at the VSU Cafeteria and other food stations at the VSU Market range from P50 to P100 per person. Lunch will be served at the VSU Pavilion at P250 per person in a controlled buffet setup.

Fruits, snack items and even fresh carabao milk are also available at the VSU Market. Brethren who wish to consume food in their room accommodations are advised to bring utensils. Eating food items is only allowed in the lounge area of both VSU Hostel and Apartelle.

Travel: While we expect most of the attendees will come from the Visayas, brethren from other areas of the Philippines and overseas are also welcome to join us in this beautiful site.

Visayas State University is accessible by air, sea or land, depending on your location. Guests coming in from Bacolod City and Davao City may take a direct flight to Cebu City. Then from Cebu City, take a five to sixhour ferry boat trip to Baybay City. From Baybay, a cab can take you to the venue. Most cab drivers know the place, which is just a 10 to 15-minute ride away. You may also take a two and a half to three-hour fast ferry boat trip from Cebu to Ormoc City, then from Ormoc, take a 45-minute to one-hour travel via bus or van to VSU.

Mindanao guests can also take a daily inter-region bus trip to Ormoc City which will pass by VSU on its way to its terminal stop in Ormoc City. Another travel option is taking a direct flight from Manila or Cebu City to Tacloban City. Then from Tacloban, take a one and a half to two-hour van trip to Baybay City.

Registration: For festival registration, reservations and more information, please contact the Visayas Festival coordinator, Mr. Jose T. Campos at campos_jt@yahoo.com or +63 (966) 963 3924 (globe).

Location of services: Visayas State University, Pangasugan, Baybay City, 6521 Leyte, Philippines

First service: Saturday, Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m. *Jose Campos*

Visayas State University Hostel

P700 2 guests, standard twin
P800 3 guests, standard triple
P700 2 guests, deluxe matrimonial
P800 3 guests, deluxe triple

P900 2 guests, matrimonial superior *Features*: ac, h, w. Prices are per room, per night. TV, fridge and hot and cold shower are available in all except standard rooms.

Visayas State University Apartelle

P1,500 standard room, 3 single beds
P1,500 matrimonial room, queen bed
P1,600 superior room, king bed
P1,600 8 guests, dormitory room
P2,000 10 guests, dormitory room
P2,400 12 guests, dormitory room
P150 extra bed, dormitory room

P3,500 seafront villa (or P350 per person) Features: ac, w. Prices are per room, per night. TV is available in all rooms. Fridge and hot and cold shower are available for all except dormitory type rooms. The superior room includes a washing facility. Dormitory type rooms feature a double deck. The seafront villa includes four air-conditioned rooms, a sala and a dining area and kitchen.

Note: Extra bed in both VSU Hostel and VSU Apartelle costs P150/night. Extra person is allowed in all accommodation types of VSU Hostel at P60/person/night. An additional fee of P200.00/unit will be charged for the use of electric appliances such as flat iron, rice cooker, water heater, etc. at the VSU Apartelle and VSU

Hostel room accommodations.

Note: Current exchange rate as of March 9, 2023 is Php 55.19 per U.S. dollar—it may vary from time to time.

South Africa

Mossel Bay

This year's Feast site is located on the Southern Coast of South Africa in the historical town of Mossel Bay, which is the start on the Cape Town side of what's known as the "Garden Route"—an area popular with both local and international tourists stretching for about 200km along the east coast to Storms River, and characterized by a beautiful variety of vegetation and scenery.

Housing: Our wish is to have everyone staying within walking distance of the central venue, which is the Diaz Hotel and Resort conference facility, where our daily services will be held. While there is a lot of self-catering accommodation around the hotel (to be found on Booking.com), we encourage our international visitors to use the hotel accommodation, with single, double and family options available, as well as self-catering apartments, which are great for small groups, families or those wishing to do some of their own catering and entertaining.

The Feast this year falls squarely in our school holidays, and with Mossel Bay being a popular holiday destination, accommodation availability might be a little more limited this year, so get in there early!

With the proximity of shops and facilities, and the availability of very affordable taxi services, having your own transport is not a necessity. However, Uber does not operate in Mossel Bay.

Activities: Free time during, before and after the Feast, can be spent relaxing or touring, with exceptional opportunities provided. Visitmosselbay.co.za/gives you more information on many of these activities.

You can also visit (and like) our Facebook page at facebook.com/MosselBayUCG/ for more of a visual overview, and to keep up to date with our planning.

Travel: International visitors can either fly into Cape Town or O.R. Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg, and then catch a connecting flight to George domestic airport (only 39km, or 24 miles, from the Diaz Hotel) or fly into Cape Town and enjoy a beautifully scenic drive of about five hours to Mossel Bay.

Registration: There is no registration fee for this Feast site, but a donation towards Feast assistance and administration would be greatly appreciated. This can be paid in cash at the Feast.



A festival choir in Guatemala

For any queries, feel free to contact Vivien Botha, festival coordinator at vivien_botha@ucg.org. We look forward to meeting you there!

Location of services: Diaz Hotel and Resort conference facility, 1 Beach E Blvd, Die Voor Bay, Mossel Bay, 6500, South Africa.

Vivien Botha

Diaz Hotel and Resort

diazbeach.co.za/ 1 Beach E Blvd Die Voor Bay, Mossel Bay 6500 Diaz Hotel Rooms (B&B)

single, B&B R 1 210.00

R1600.00 double, B&B, 2 people R 2 169.00 quad, B&B, 2 adults,

2 kids under age 12

Beach Club / Self-Catering Units

R1500.00 2 bedrooms, 4 people R 2 000.00 3 bedrooms, 6 people

Features: ac, cb, ec, h, hr, kq, l, r, s, sf, w. Please be advised that a breakage deposit of R1 500.00 (per unit) is required upon arrival which is refundable in due time. Rates for hotel rooms and suites include a full buffet breakfast. The hotel also has a fantastic restaurant for lunch and dinner. For help with accommodation, please contact our office manager, Isella Wallis: unitedchurchofgod.sa@gmail.com.

Sri Lanka

Habarana Village

Your brethren in Sri Lanka warmly invite you to attend the Feast of Tabernacles with them at the Habarana Village

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for updates.

by Cinnamon. Habarana is a small city in the Anuradhapura District in the North Central Province of the beautiful island of Sri Lanka known as the Pearl of the Indian Ocean.

Habarana Village is sprawled across 27 acres of lush, forested land bordering a stunning lake. The hotel's cozy and comfortable chalets lie in clusters. The bungalow-style rooms are surrounded by greenery amid high rise trees that provide plenty of shade.

The sunset over the mountainous horizon beyond the lake at rear of the hotel is a beautiful and peaceful site in the evening. One may be inclined to take a boat ride on the lake or take a peaceful stroll around the resort and enjoy the quiet and breathtaking views that surround you. Occasionally you can take in the view of a herd of elephants beyond the lake. You and your family can bicycle on the narrow roads running through the neighboring village. The hotel grounds feature an outdoor swimming pool and facilities for cricket, tennis, volleyball and badminton.

Services: The hotel conference hall will also be the site for daily services which will be in English.

Dining: All brethren will be staying at the same venue and will have the unique and enjoyable opportunity of dining together at the "El Hena" Restaurant. Three buffet meals are included in daily room costs and feature local Sri Lankan dishes as well as excellent international cuisine.

Activities: Tours can be arranged for outside activities, which include hiking in the "Ritigala" nature reserve or riding an ox cart in a village track known as "Hiriwadunna." For those who dare to be adventurous, The Minneriya National Park, Pidurangala Rock and The Sigiriya Fortress are less than a 40-minute drive from the hotel.

Family day is a traditional favorite at the Feast in Sri Lanka. A special afternoon full of fun team events is followed by another afternoon of cricket, in which the whole family can participate and enjoy.

The variety show as well as a sing-along and family dance are sure to be a highlight as the Sri Lankan brethren are very talented and musical.

A visit to Sri Lanka will be a life-changing experience. If you want to travel internationally and you earnestly desire to celebrate and serve at the Feast with your brothers and sisters who live overseas, the Feast in Sri Lanka would be an exceptional opportunity for you. A visit to this tropical island where food is delicious and the brethren are gracious, friendly and enthusiastically desiring to see the coming of God's Kingdom, is a Feast you'll not soon forget! We sincerely seek and appreciate your earnest prayers for God's blessing on the Feast in Sri Lanka and on all the Feasts around the world where God has chosen to place His name.

Travel: Habarana Village is a 5 ½ to 6-hour drive from Bandaranaike International Airport or from the city of Colombo (Transportation from the airport or from Colombo hotels to the Feast site can be arranged upon request). As of March 2023, foreign tourists are allowed into Sri Lanka without any COVID-19 medical protocols or restrictions.

Registration: To register go to ucgsrilanka.org/feast. A \$50 registration fee (per family) is required and will be applied to the Feast expenses. (This can be mailed to: 22909 Bluegrass Rd, Albert Lea, MN. 56007 or paid via PayPal: david. schreiber70@gmail.com).

After you have registered, you'll be sent additional Feast information. Once your flight reservations are made and e-mailed to us, your lodging at the Habarana Village will be arranged and confirmed by our Sri Lanka Feast team. (If you choose to make your own reservations, you will pay higher standard hotel rates).

For questions e-mail david_schreiber@ ucg.org or call (507) 377-8151.

Location of services: Habarana Village David Schreiber

Habarana Village by Cinnamon

cinnamonhotels.com/habaranavillage cinnamon

The daily room rates, inclusive of three buffet meals are as follows:

\$80 single occupancy \$105 double occupancy \$155 triple occupancy Children under five—no charge.

Feature Codes:

- Apartment/condominium
- Air conditioning
- Bed and Breakfast
- Campground
- Continental breakfast included
- Dump station e Elevator
- Electric
- ec
- Free wireless Hotel/motel

- Equipped for the handicapped
- Indoor swimming pool Kitchenettes/efficiencies ip k
- King/queen beds kq
- Laundry facilities on premises No maid service
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- Outdoor swimming pool
- Online reservations available Pets allowed
- Restaurant on premises or adjacent

- Shower facilities
- sf Shopping facilities nearby
- Steep grades or many steps st
- Sewer SW
- Tent facilities
- Children under specified age are free w In walking distance of meeting facility
- wa Water
- Waterfront wf
- Provide your own linen
- Provide your own kitchen utensils

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feast.ucg.org

for updates.

St. Lucia

Vieux Fort

The 2023 Feast will be held at the fivestar all-inclusive Coconut Bay Beach Resort and Spa in Vieux Fort, less than five minutes from Hewanorra International Airport (UVF). This is a family-friendly resort, complete with a separate family wing, St. Lucia's largest water park featuring a large activity pool, lazy river and exciting water slides, and a fully supervised "Kidz Klub." It is also located in a secluded, millennial setting. Take a peek at their website: cbayresort.com. The local brethren will be staying at the resort with us, and there will be ample opportunities for fellowshipping and enjoying activities together in this beautiful setting.

After you register for the Feast, you will receive instructions for making your hotel reservations. Do not make reservations through the hotel websitethe special rates will not be available there. The site is currently full, but you can join the waitlist on feast.ucg.org.

Any updates regarding this Feast site will be available at feast.ucg.org. Questions can be directed to stluciafot@ gmail.com or 754-220-9621.

Location of services: Coconut Bay Beach Resort & Spa.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. Chuck Smith

Coconut Bay Beach Resort & Spa

(758) 459-67000 cbayresort.com

000, Vieux Fort Lighthouse

St. Lucia

Splash (family friendly) Wing

garden view, single \$275 garden view, double \$367 \$284 ocean view, single ocean view, double \$380

\$294 premium ocean view, single premium ocean view, double \$392 \$316 concierge prem. ocean view, single

\$421 concierge prem. ocean view, double \$443 garden view connecting, single \$591 garden view connecting, double

Harmony (adults only) Wing

\$275 garden view, single garden view, double \$367 \$284 ocean view, single \$380 ocean view, double

\$294 premium ocean view, single \$392 premium ocean view, double \$316 concierge ocean view, single \$421 concierge ocean view, double concierge junior suite, single \$371 \$495 concierge junior suite, double

Resort cost by age

\$99 age 18+ \$59 ages 12-17 \$39 ages 3-11 **FREE** ages 0-2

Features: ac, ec, kq, op, r, U3F. All-inclusive plan includes accomodations, transportation to and from the Hewanorra International Airport, full breakfast, lunch and dinner daily in a choice of eight restaurants, unlimited alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks in a choice of seven bars, daily activities and nightly live entertainment, use of five resort swimming pools and outdoor whirlpool, adult oasis with two pools, expanded pool bar and cabanas and waterpark featuring slides, lazy rivers and waterfalls. Max occupancy per room: three adults or two adults and two children under 18.

Togo

Momé Hagou

This year the Feast will held at the Church's property in Momé Hagou, 80 km from Lome the capital city. Momé Hagou is set in a beautiful plain near the border with Benin. Because the Feast time is during the rainy season there are a lot of fruits. It will be pleasant to have brethren come visit in Togo. If you are interested in attending the Feast in Momé Hagou, Togo, please register on this website and then contact Kossi Fiaboe at fiaboekossi@yahoo.fr.

Kossi Fiaboé

Trinidad and Tobago

Stonehaven Bay

For the first time in several years, there will be a Feast site on the beautiful island



Puerto Vallerta, Mexico

of Tobago, the smaller and slower-paced partner of the twin-island state of Trinidad and Tobago, located a few miles off the coast of South America. Tobago's white sandy beaches washed by the blue Caribbean Sea, coral reefs inhabited by colorful marine life, lush tropical vegetation and friendly people combine to make this a millennial setting for the Feast. Feast-goers can enjoy swimming, diving, fishing, water sports, nature walks, golfing and sampling the local cuisine.

The location for accommodations and services will be at Stonehaven Bay, which boasts a long, wide beach with spectacular sunsets. Once you register for the Feast, you will receive additional information and instructions.

This will be a small, mostly local site, but there is space for around 25 visitors. If you enjoy small, intimate sites, the Trini brethren would love to welcome you and share the Feast with you.

Questions can be directed to tobagofot@gmail.com or 754-220-9621.

Location of services: Stonehaven Bay First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m.

Chuck Smith

United States

Branson, Missouri

Because of a scheduling conflict at the Mansion Theater, brethren attending the Feast in Branson will again be holding their services at Presleys' Country Jubilee. This well-maintained, modern auditorium offers comfortable seating and a mezzanine for small group gatherings.

Feature Codes:

Apartment/condominium

Air conditioning

Bed and Breakfast bb

Campground

Continental breakfast included cb

Dump station

Elevator

Electric Free wireless Hotel/motel

hr Equipped for the handicapped

Indoor swimming pool Kitchenettes/efficiencies ip k

King/queen beds Laundry facilities on premises No maid service

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op Outdoor swimming pool

Online reservations available Pets allowed

Restaurant on premises or adjacent

Suites

or

Shower facilities

Shopping facilities nearby

st Steep grades or many steps

Sewer

Tent facilities

Children under specified age are free w In walking distance of meeting facility

Water wa

Waterfront wf

Provide your own linen

Provide your own kitchen utensils

Trouble with housing? Call (970) 484-5878

or send an e-mail to

USFestival@ucg.org.

There is also a "cry room" for fussy babies which has audio and window viewing into the back of the theater. The parking lot is very level with good access to the building for those needing assistance. Unfortunately, a separate fragrance-free room is not available.

Presleys' is located in the heart of Branson-a widely-recognized, familyoriented resort town located in the hardwood-forested hills of the Ozarks. Fall colors provide a stunning, millennial setting during the Feast. An afternoon drive through the spectacular scenery brings you into close contact with God's beautiful creation.

In addition to its natural beauty, Branson is home to several museums including the Veterans Memorial Museum and the Titanic Museum. Showboat Branson Belle and the Branson Scenic Railway present enjoyable excursions into the local countryside. Kids will love the go-cart tracks and miniature golf courses. Fritz's Adventure is a dynamic family attraction that brings the excitement of outdoor adventure into a multidimensional indoor environment! Music enthusiasts are treated to at least 90 live music shows. This year the Sight & Sound theater presents "Esther."

Branson Landing offers waterfront shopping and dining in many upscale shops and fine restaurants. The College of the Ozarks is minutes away and is recognized for its unique values driven program. Campus services that are open to the public include dining and a gift shop. "Top of the Rock" Ancient Ozark Natural History Museum explores the rich past of the Ozarks. This venue also includes the Lost Canyon Cave and Nature Trail. Dogwood Canyon Nature Park is a nature preserve open for hiking, biking and tram tours. Big Cedar Lodge has a new attraction called Fun Mountain. This full amusement arcade includes bowling, laser tag, bumper cars and traditional arcade games.

Housing: Branson has a wide variety of housing options ranging from firstclass hotels to kitchenettes and cabins. Also available are many reasonably priced condos overlooking the hills or lakes. Weather during the Feast is usually mild with lows in the 50s and highs in the 60s and 70s.

Location of services: Presleys' Country Jubilee, 2920 W. 76 Country Blvd., Branson, MO 65616

First service: Saturday, Sept. 30, 10:30 a.m. No opening night service.

Taxes: Vary from 6 to 12 percent.

Ioe and Pat Dobson

The Boardwalk Inn (formerly Baymont Inn)

(417) 417-0411

wyndhamhotels.com/baymont/bransonmissouri/baymont-by-wyndhambranson-theatre-district/rooms-rates 2719 W. Hwy. 76

Branson, MO 65616

\$52 1 or 2 queens or kings, indoor or

outdoor entrance

\$52 ADA rooms, indoor entrance. Features: ac, cb, e, fw, h, hr, kq, l, sf, U18F, all rooms have coffeemaker, iron, refrigerator, microwave and 32-inch plasma TV, 0.4 miles from site, 50 units available. Taxes: 14.35 percent.

Hotel Grand Victorian

(417) 336-2935

(800) 324-8751 toll free

hotelgrandvictorian.com 2325 W. Hwy. 76

Branson, MO 65616

\$89.95 flat rate, 1-2 people extra person

Features: ac, cb, h, r, sf, l, hr, st, p, ip, or, op, kq, s, e, fw, all rooms have microwave and refrigerator, 0.7 miles from site, 10 units available. Group code is UCOG23. Taxes: 14.35 percent.

Hunter's Friend Resort

(417) 338-2849

(800) 338-2842 toll free

huntersfriendresort.com

118 Myrtle Ln.

\$120

Branson, MO 65616

\$65 motel, 1-4 persons

\$80 studio or efficiency, 1-4 persons

\$110 2 bedroom/1 bath apt, king beds, 1-6 people

\$110 2 bedroom/2 bath apt,

queen beds, 1-6 people

2 bedroom/2 bath apt,

queen beds, 1-8 people

3 bedroom condo, 2-6 people \$179

\$10 condo charge for extra person

Features: a, ac, fw, hr, k, kq, l, n, op, or, r, sf, U5F, wf, lakefront condos with free boatslips, three-bedroom condos have cleaning fee of \$130, nine miles from site, rates based on seven nights. *Taxes:* 9 percent.

Quality Inn on the Strip

(417) 297-0392

(800) 826-0368 toll free

2839 W. Hwy. 76

Branson, MO 65616

\$89 2 queen beds, 1-4 people

extra person

\$5 Features: ac, cb, e, fw, h, hr, ip, kq, l, r, sf, w, free full hot breakfast, 25 units available. \$2 admin fee per room charged to guest, 0.2 miles from site.. Taxes: 14.35 percent.

Residence Inn

(417) 336-4077 residenceinn.com/sgfbr 280 S. Wildwood Dr.

Branson, MO 65616

\$139 1 bedrooms, 1-4 people \$159 2 bedrooms, 2-6 people \$129 studio, 1-4 people

Features: a, ac, cb (deluxe hot breakfast), e, fw, h, hr, ip, kq, l, p, s, sf, outdoor basketball court, exercise room, pets allowed (\$100 nonrefundable fee), one mile from site, 25 units reserved. Taxes: 14.35 percent.

Thousand Hills Resort (877) 262-0430

thousandhills.com 245 S. Wildwood Dr. Branson, MO 65616

\$90 queen suite, 3 people \$115 king suite, 1-4 people

\$140 1 bedroom condo, 1-4 people \$170 2 bedrooms condo, 2-6 people \$235 3 bedrooms condo, 1-8 people

\$150 1 bedroom cabin \$185 2 bedroom cabin 2 bedroom cabin w/loft \$245

Features: a, e, h, sf, l, hr, ip, kq, fw, s, half-mile from site, 59 units available. When booking, use the group code "UCOG or United Church of God." Taxes: 14.35 percent.

Cincinnati, Ohio

Worship services for the Feast of Tabernacles in Cincinnati, Ohio will be at the Holiday Inn Eastgate. Many of our members enjoy the convenience of having lodging in the same building as services, with meals available there as well. This location and facility provide a great place for extended families to meet and celebrate the festival together. A range of activities are being planned that will provide something for everyone—young and old!

In addition to organized festival activities for all ages, the beautiful southwestern Ohio landscape boasts cultural and historic attractions, entertainment venues and a wide-variety of high-quality restaurants to suit all tastes.

Many scenic parks and gardens adorn the Cincinnati area with relaxing biking and walking trails, including the beautiful Smale Riverfront Park in downtown which provides a unique family-friendly experience in the city. This can be coupled with an afternoon visit to the well-known Newport Aquarium or the

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Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. Visit Newport, or Covington, Kentucky to have beautiful views of the Ohio River and the skyline of Cincinnati.

Cincinnati affords numerous cultural activities to choose from, including the Cincinnati Museum Center, stargazing at the Cincinnati Observatory, the renowned Taft Art Museum and free entrance to the Cincinnati Art Museum. After a fun-filled afternoon, stop to enjoy a show at either the Cincinnati Music Hall or the Aronoff Center, which regularly feature high-quality concerts and plays. For weekend activities, some families like to attend a Cincinnati Bengals game.

The Creation Museum is about a 43-minute drive southwest in Petersburg, Kentucky. Approximately one hour's drive south is the life-size Ark Encounter, while to the north is the National Air Force Museum in Dayton, which is home to the largest and most extensive collection of U.S. Air Force history in the country.

The Holiday Inn Eastgate will host the Feast. Along with the restaurant located within the hotel, there are several restaurants and a mall within walking distance. The spacious hotel lobby provides a comfortable place where brethren gather to fellowship anytime throughout the Feast. Discounted housing has been negotiated at the Holiday Inn, and you are encouraged to stay there. If you would like to pursue other options, you may reserve suitable accommodations elsewhere at your discretion. We look forward to joyfully worshiping God together with you and your family this year in Cincinnati!

Location of services: Holiday Inn Eastgate, 4501 Eastgate Blvd., Cincinnati, OH 45245.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. **Taxes:** 6.75 percent general sales

Frank Dunkle

Holiday Inn Eastgate

(513) 752-4400

(800) 465-4329

holidayinn.com 4501 Eastgate Blvd. Cincinnati, OH 45245

\$83 1-4 people

\$123 King executive w/living room

\$239 2 bedroom suite

Features: h, r, sf, l, hr, p, w, ip, kq, ac, s, e, fw. Reservations can be made online attinyurl. com/6c5pdzym. Guests may also call 513.752.4400 or 1.800.HOLIDAY to speak with a Guest Services Representative and mention block code FTG.

Estes Park, Colorado

"Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's

house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it" (Isaiah 2:2).

With this image in mind, we invite you to come up into the mountains and join us in keeping God's Feast of Tabernacles in beautiful Estes Park. Colorado is home to more than 1,000 mountain peaks with an elevation of more than two miles. The Front Range of the Colorado Rockies is home to stunning mountain views, rivers, lakes and abundant wildlife. Estes Park is situated in the heart of it, and at the entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park. This is the home of the highest visitor center in the U.S. National Park System, as well as the highest continuous paved road in the United States. There are countless opportunities to rejoice in the splendor of God's creation. In addition to the millennial setting, Estes Park has a multitude of choices for dining and shopping.

You can view the digital Estes Park Visitors Guide here: tinyurl.com/2r8m7mbf.

The Feast site is also within driving distance of other attractions found in and around the front range. Estes Park is approximately one hour and 30 minutes from Denver International Airport. With shuttle service directly to Estes Park. The housing opportunities are not within walking distance to the Event Center.

Housing: Estes Park boasts an abundance of housing options to suit everyone's needs: hotels, cabins, campgrounds, resorts, bed and breakfasts and vacation homes. Since there is no housing connected to the Event Center members are welcome to search for their own housing. Many condos, homes, hotels and motels are nearby. The housing is above average in terms of affordability. It is recommended to begin your search early to find what priced housing you will need.

We are planning to have plenty of fellowship opportunities as well. Services will be held each day at the Estes Park Events Center. Visit estesparkevents complex.com/ to read about this location.

The Event Center will have plenty of room for everyone and all our activities, even if social distancing is required.

We are excited for you to keep God's Feast of Tabernacles with us in beautiful Estes Park Colorado!

Location of services: Estes Park Events Center, 1125 Rooftop Way, Estes Park, CO 80517.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. *Rod Foster*

Galveston Island, Texas

The United Church of God will once again observe the Feast of Tabernacles on Galveston Island. With 32 miles of

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for updates.

beaches, abundant leisure activities for all ages, excellent restaurants and Feastfavorable housing accommodations, every Feast-goer will enjoy Galveston and the family atmosphere it has to offer.

Services: Daily services will be held in the beautiful Galveston Island Convention Center at the San Luis Resort. Centrally positioned, the center combines unparalleled views of the Gulf of Mexico and first-class meeting facilities.

Housing: Hotel rooms, kitchenettes and condominiums are abundantly available. Many are a short drive or walking distance to church services. There are also single/multi-family beach and bay house rentals available only slightly farther from the convention center where services will be held.

Activities: The island offers more than 32 family-friendly attractions. Recreational opportunities include the Pleasure Pier (an amusement park opened in 2012), Moody Gardens (part theme park, part educational and rehabilitative facility housing a 10-story rainforest, one of the world's largest aquariums and an educational Discovery Museum) and the first 3D IMAX Theater in the country. Docked at Moody Gardens is the Colonel, a 650-passenger, 19th-century-style, triple deck sternwheeler that offers a unique view of the gardens and an enjoyable cruise.

Museums abound with the Galveston Railroad Museum, the Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig and Museum and the Texas Seaport Museum, which features the 1877 tall ship Elissa on Pier 21. Galveston is also home to the 1894 Grand Opera House (the official opera house of Texas).

Everyone will want to stroll the Historic Strand Shopping District with shops, art galleries and restaurants. The Great Storm, a multimedia presentation at the Pier 21 Theater, gives visitors a glimpse of the devastating 1900 storm through a multi-image documentary experience. The 27-minute story gives actual accounts from diaries and letters of survivors during and after the storm.

Travel: For those flying to the Feast, two major airports in the Houston area are conveniently located for an easy drive down to Galveston.

Location of services: Galveston Island Convention Center at the San Luis Resort, 5600 Seawall Blvd., Galveston, TX 77551.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. *Mark Welch*

Baymont Inn & Suites

(409) 744-3000 baymontinn.com 2826 63rd Street Galveston, TX 77551

motel room, 1-4 people

Features: ac, e, fw, h, hr, kq, l, sf, all rooms have a microwave, refrigerator and balcony, one mile from site, 40 units available.

Beachcomber Inn

(409) 744-7133

(800) 733-1354 toll free

beachcomberinngalveston.magnuson hotels.com

2825 61st Street

Galveston, TX 77551 1-4 person motel room (Sunday

through Thursday nights) 1-4 person motel room (Friday \$90

and Saturday nights)

Features: ac, fw, h, hr, k, l, n, op, or, r, sf, one mile from site, 25 units available.

Beachfront Palms Hotel

(409) 740-1261

beachfrontpalmshotelgalveston.com 5914 Seawall Blvd

Galveston, TX 77551

Hotels rooms 1-4 people

\$70 Thursdays \$145 Fridays \$180 Saturdays

Average cost for eight days of the Feast is \$102.50 per night

Features: ac, cb, e, fw, h, hr, kq, l, op, p, r, sf, w, wf, 0.1 mile from site, 40 units available, full hot breakfast, maid service every three days, linen and trash service daily. Rates are available two nights before and after the Feast based upon availability.

Casa del Mar Beachfront Suites

(409) 740-2431

(800) 392-1205 toll free

casadelmartx.com 6102 Seawall Blvd Galveston, TX 77551

\$144.50 1 bedroom, 1-4 people extra person (up to six \$20 people per unit total)

Features: ac, e, fw, h, kq, l, op heated, or, s, sf, wf, 0.4 miles from site, 30 units available, plenty of dining options close to property.

Feature Codes:

Apartment/condominium

Air conditioning

hh Bed and Breakfast

Campground

Continental breakfast included

Dump station e Elevator

Electric Free wireless

Hotel/motel



Gatlinburg, Tennessee

The Galvestonian

(409) 765-6161 galvestonian.com 1401 East Beach Drive Galveston, TX 77550

1-, 2-, 3- & 5-bedroom beachfront condos. Features: a, ac, e, fw, kq, n, op, or, wf, 5.7 miles from the site. Use code CON20 for a 20 percent discount for a stay of seven or more nights. Use code CON15 for a 15 percent discount for a stay of six or less nights.

Hilton Galveston Island Resort (877) 425-4753 toll free

galvestonhilton.com 5400 Seawall Blvd Galveston, TX 77551

2 person room (Sunday through

Thursday nights)

\$209 2 person room (Friday and

Saturday nights)

Features: ac, e, fw, h, hr, kg, l, op, r, sf, w, wf, adjacent to site, fitness room, 10 units available.

Holiday Inn Resort (800) 465-4329 toll free

ihg.com

5002 Seawall Blvd Galveston, TX 77551

2 person room (Sunday through \$139

Thursday nights)

\$199 2 person room (Friday and

Saturday nights)

Features: ac, e, fw, h, hr, kq, l, op, or, r, sf, w, wf, 0.4 miles from site, fitness center, tennis court, kids island, rainforest river ride, 10 units available.

Equipped for the handicapped

Indoor swimming pool Kitchenettes/efficiencies ip k

King/queen beds

Laundry facilities on premises No maid service

n

Outdoor swimming pool Online reservations available

Pets allowed

Restaurant on premises or adjacent

Trouble with housing? Call (970) 484-5878

or send an e-mail to

USFestival@ucg.org.

Islander East Resort

(409) 765-9301

(866) 900-9301 toll free

islandereast.com

415 East Beach Drive

Galveston, TX 77550

Features: a, ac, e, fw, kq, l, n, op, wf, 5.5 miles from site, pickle ball, tennis courts, heated pool, direct beach access, some units have Wi-Fi, Wi-Fi in lobby, rates available two nights before and after Feast. Find the unit you are interested in online, then call. Mention "United Church of God" for a 20 percent discount. Fees: \$15 per day facility fee, \$100 cleaning fee.

Ryson Vacation Rentals

(409) 740-1600

GalvestonTxBeachRental.com

2115 61st St., Suite 101 Galveston, TX 77551

Rates vary by house or condo

Features: a, ac, e, fw, sf, kq, l, n, op, or, p, wf, 250+ condos and homes in Galveston; amenities vary by property. Group reservation code is "UCG" for 10 percent discount. Properties are professionally cleaned before arrival. Speak with a vacation planner for specific accomodations. Ask about traveler's insurance.

Super 8 Motel

(409) 740-6640 Super8Galveston.com 2115 1/2 61st St. Galveston, TX 77551

1-4 people

Features: ac, fw, h, hr, kq, l, op, sf, 0.5 miles from the site, 40 units reserved.

Gatlinburg, Tennessee

For the third time the Rocky Top Sports World will be our meeting location for the Feast of Tabernacles in Gatlinburg TN. Here you'll enjoy a family friendly Feast with God's people in a peaceful, safe environment amid beautiful autumn colors.

Shower facilities

Shopping facilities nearby sf

st Steep grades or many steps

Sewer

Tent facilities

Children under specified age are free

In walking distance of meeting facility W

Water wa

Waterfront wf

Provide your own linen

Provide your own kitchen utensils

The Gatlinburg and surrounding area is one of the most popular vacation and honeymoon locations in the United States. It is also the gateway to the beautiful Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Here is some additional information to help you plan your Feast.

Services: A service will be conducted each day, plus one or two special seminars and Bible studies.

Dining: You'll have over a hundred restaurants to choose from in the greater area. You can choose from a wide variety of casual dining options as well as something for a special night out.

Housing: Many options are available within five to 25 minutes' drive including economy motels to multi-room condos and rental homes. Members will be responsible for finding their own housing.

Activities: We expect to have a family dance event and a seniors' luncheon. Also, we would like to organize a few sporting activities if there is sufficient interest (the facility is great for sports). Other activities and events will be announced later on the UCG members website at feast.ucg.org.

The Gatlinburg area offers a unique range of entertainment, arts, shopping and attractions. You can choose live music or theater, dinner shows or dancing. Even walking along the lively main street in Gatlinburg during the afternoon is full of fun and activity. Watch artists and artisans at their easels and pottery wheels throughout the vibrant crafts community in the galleries downtown or on the eight-mile-long crafts loop that begins just outside of town. Numerous activities are also available for the whole family in the nearby Pigeon Forge and Sevierville areas. These include family shows, miniature golf courses, go-kart tracks, shopping and much more.

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a large part of why the area has become such a popular holiday destination. It offers 800 square miles of spectacular flora, fauna and outdoor activities. Plus, over 900 miles of hiking trails so you can explore forests and waterfalls while enjoying stunning mountain vistas. The average daily high temperature is 69 degrees and a low of 56 degrees during October.

Parking: The Rocky Top Sports World facility has lots of free, on-site parking available. In addition, the entrance has a large convenient area to drop off and pick up passengers right by the front doors.

Trouble with housing? Call (970) 484-5878

or send an e-mail to

USFestival@ucg.org.

Location of services: Rocky Top Sports World 1870 Sports World Blvd, Gatlinburg, TN 37738.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. Craig Scott



Baguio City, Philippines

Jekyll Island, Georgia

Come join us as we celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles 2023 at Jekyll Island, Georgia! This year marks the 60th anniversary of when Church members first gathered for a festival on this beautiful island, back in 1963.

Jekyll Island is a protected state park and offers a millennial-type setting which emphasizes God's glorious creation as we worship together and celebrate the coming Kingdom of God!

Services: Daily services will be held at the Jekyll Island Convention Center, which is positioned along the oceanfront and provides ample parking. Additional Bible studies and youth education classes will also be available for children, teens and young adults.

Housing: A variety of festival housing is available on-and-off the island and members are welcome to make reservations at the accommodation of their choice. For those who prefer camping, the Jekyll Island Campground offers 18 wooded acres with numerous tent and RV sites.

Activities: Church activities include meet-and-greet opportunities for various age groups, a teen activity, a family day at the Beach Pavilion, a senior's luncheon and a family dance. Temperatures in October are expected to be very pleasant, with highs in the upper 70s and lows in the 60s Fahrenheit.

Jekyll Island offers a peaceful and relaxing environment, along with a variety of activities for everyone in the family. Consider taking a tram ride of the charming Historical District or tour the Turtle Center on the island. There are plenty of beaches to roam, trails to walk, horseback riding along the beach or bicycling around the island.

Additional activities include swimming, golfing, miniature golf, tennis and dolphin tours. If you prefer to canoe or kayak, the Tidelands Nature Center offers rentals, as well as several exhibits for live marine animals.

Travel: Two major airports are located about an hour away in Jacksonville, Florida and Savannah, Georgia. Additional housing, restaurants, shopping and a smaller airport are available in Brunswick, Georgia. Currently, there is an \$8 toll, per vehicle, as visitors enter the island.

Location of services: Jekyll Island Convention Center, 75 Beachview Dr N, Jekyll Island, GA 31527.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. Taxes: State tax is 7 percent; hotel tax is 5 percent, plus a \$5 per night Georgia resort tax.

Doug Wendt

Days Inn

(912) 635-9800

(888) 635-3003 toll free

daysinnjekyll.com 60 S. Beachview Dr. Jekvll Island, GA 31527

\$115 1-4 people, island side, hotel \$125 1-4 people, oceanside, hotel 1 bedroom efficiency includes \$165 sleeper sofa and kitchenette

Features: cb, h, k, sf, l, hr, wf, op (heated), kq, ac, s, e, fw, U18F, balconies/patios, island's closest hotel to the beach, located 0.5 miles from site. Taxes: 12 percent.

Hampton Inn & Suites

(912) 635-3733

(800) 426-7866 toll free

hampton.com 200 S. Beachview Dr. Jekyll Island, GA 31527

Equipped for the handicapped hr

Indoor swimming pool Kitchenettes/efficiencies ip k

King/queen beds

Laundry facilities on premises No maid service

n

Outdoor swimming pool

Online reservations available or

Pets allowed Restaurant on premises or adjacent

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Shower facilities

Shopping facilities nearby

Steep grades or many steps

Sewer

Tent facilities

Children under specified age are free w In walking distance of meeting facility

Water wa

Waterfront wf

Provide your own linen yl

Provide your own kitchen utensils

Feature Codes:

Apartment/condominium

Air conditioning bb Bed and Breakfast

Campground

Continental breakfast included Dump station

Elevator Electric

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Free wireless Hotel/motel

\$149 standard room, 1-4 people \$164 king studio w/sleeper sofa,

1-4 people

\$174 2 queens w/sleeper sofa

1-4 people

Features: ac, cb, e, fw, h, hr, kq, l, op, or, s, wf, microwave, refrigerator, lobby bar and food service, whirlpool, bike rentals, fitness center, located one mile from site. Call and mention United Church of God to receive group rate. Taxes: 12 percent.

Holiday Inn & Suites (912) 635-2211

ihg.com 701 Beachview Dr N Jekyll Island, GA 31527

\$149 1-4 people, island view \$169 1-4 people, ocean view Features: h, r, l, hr, p, wf, op, kq, ac, s, e, fw, or, U19F, up to two kids ages 11 and under eat free, all rooms have microwave and mini refrigerator, 1.3 miles from site, 10 units reserved. Taxes: 12 percent.

Jekyll Realty

(912) 635-3301

(888) 333-5055 toll free

jekyllrealty.com 21 Main St. #107 Jekyll Island, GA 31527 \$110-1,200 houses

Features: a, ac, fw, kq, l, n, op, s, sf, yl, after May 1, find your home online, then call Jekyll Realty. To receive a discount of 2.5 percent on the rental rate, mention United Church of God. 150 units reserved. Taxes: 12 percent.

Parker-Kaufman Realty

(912) 635-2512

(888) 453-5955 toll free

parker-kaufman.com 21 Main St. Suite 103 Jekyll Island, GA 31527

\$99-895 1-6 bedroom apts/condos

Features: a, ac, fw, kq, l, n, op, or, p, r, sf, \$45 damage insurance required, distance from site varies. Call on Monday. Cleaning fee, taxes and other fees not included. Half total rent required at booking, contact realty for cancellation policy. Rates available seven nights before and after the Feast based on availability. Taxes: 12 percent.

Residence Inn

(912) 635-2764 marriott.com 178 S. Beachview Dr

Jekyll Island, GA 31527

\$229 island view studio \$239 ocean view studio \$279 hotel room, island view \$299 hotel room, ocean front Features: ac, cb, e, fw, h, hr, k, kq, l, op,

or, r, s, sf, U18F, wf, shuttle service any-

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where on island, destination fee \$20 per day (waived). Rates available two nights before and after the Feast based on availability. Taxes: 12 percent.

Villas by the Sea

(912) 635-2521

(800) 841-6262 toll free

villasbythesearesort.com 1175 N. Beachview Dr. Jekyll Island, GA 31527

\$129 Mini island side villa \$129 Studio island side villa \$139 1 bedroom unit (2-4 people) island side \$149 1 bedroom unit (2-4 people) ocean side (no view)

\$169 1 bedroom unit (2-4 people) ocean view

\$179 2 bedroom suite (2-6 people) island side

\$189 2 bedroom suite (2-6 people) island side (no view)

\$209 2 bedroom suite (2-6 people) ocean view

\$219 3 bedroom suite (2-6 people) island side

\$229 3 bedroom suite (2-6 people) ocean side (no view)

\$249 3 bedroom suite (2-6 people) ocean view

Features: a, ac, fw, hr, k, kq, l, op, r, s, sf, U18F, 3.5 miles from site, 34 units reserved. Rates available three nights before and after Feast based on availability. Taxes: 12 percent plus 5 percent resort fee.

Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

As a first-time site, the Timber Ridge Resort will host the Feast of Tabernacles. The scenic Lake Geneva community has the "Feast feel" and offers a wide range of activities and options for the entire family. Although a small town, museums, shopping and a variety of dining for upscale and family budgets dot the area. Hiking and biking trails, boating, fishing and golf are some of the outdoor opportunities, plus zip lining and Safari Lake Geneva—a unique conservation park featuring a variety of species living in virtually free-range conditions. A number of other lakes are in the nearby area.

Housing: The Timber Ridge Lodge has only one and two-bedroom condos. The condos should be economical compared to a hotel and expense of paying for all meals at restaurants. There are also hotel rooms available at the Grand Geneva Re-

sort, plus they have some additional villas and condos. All attendees are required to stay at the listed housing below. Anyone with exceptions or special circumstances should contact the Feast coordinator to discuss the situation prior to registration. If you are interested in the additional villas or condos on site, contact the Feast coordinator for details and pricing.

The Timber Ridge Resort is situated on 1,300 acres in the woodlands of Grand Geneva Resort and Spa. The amenities of the Grand Geneva Resort are available to everyone staying at the Timber Ridge Resort. The Timber Ridge Lodge normally operates a water park, but unfortunately, during the Feast it will be under renovation. However, this means that basically only Church members will be at the resort, but the Grand Geneva Resort has an indoor pool and a nice lap pool with free access.

An additional free amenity available to everyone is the Well Spa facility, which includes a nice lap pool, indoor basketball, indoor volleyball, pickle ball, sand volleyball, free fitness classes, saunas, disc golf and hiking trails. For extra charges, the facility provides inside rock climbing, rentable scooters, electric bikes, a golf course, archery, horseback riding, spa and salon. A free shuttle is available throughout the 1,300-acre campus.

Members can expect the traditional youth, teen and young adult activities and the spiritually enriching youth education and Bible studies.

Location of services: Timber Ridge Lodge, 7020 Grand Geneva Way, Lake Geneva, WI 53147.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. **Taxes:** 8.5 percent plus \$15 resort fee.

Stan Martin

Timber Ridge Lodge

(855) 833-5345 timberridgelodge.com/ 7020 Grand Geneva Way Lake Geneva, WI 53147

\$129 1-bedroom condo \$209 2-bedroom condo

\$199 hotel room (Grand Geneva Re-

Features: a, ac,e, fw, hr, ip, k, kq, l, p, r, w.

Ocean City, Maryland

Ocean City, Maryland, situated along a nine-mile stretch of Atlantic Ocean beachfront, will be the Northeast region's festival location in 2023. This family-oriented oceanfront resort town, located on the Delmarva Peninsula, has been a favorite vacation destination for families from the mid-Atlantic area for over a century.

Ocean City abounds in dining and shopping opportunities, as well as family attractions and areas of natural beauty. Nearby is the Ocean City Boardwalk, home to Ripley's

Believe It or Not! Muse-um, amusement rides, a fishing pier and several restaurants. At nearby Assateague Island National Seashore, wild horses and other wildlife can be seen up close, roaming free on the beach and along the nature trails of this undeveloped barrier island. A short drive from Ocean City is the historic town of Berlin, home to several specialty stores, antique shops and restaurants. A popular ice-skating rink is located within the nearby Carousel Resort, where the Feast was held in previous years. With several golf courses, fishing piers and outlet malls nearby, Ocean City has something for everyone!

Housing: There is an abundance of hotels, motels, rentable homes and condominiums near the convention center. Members are free to search for their own housing, but the Carousel Oceanfront Resort listed below has provided some discounted rates.

Typical Ocean City weather in early October will bring daytime high temperatures about 70 degrees Fahrenheit, with nighttime lows in the mid to upper 50s.

Travel: Travelers on American Airlines can fly into Salisbury-Ocean City Regional Airport (SBY), just a half hour away. For travelers on other airlines, there are nearby international airports, located in Baltimore (BWI), Washington D.C. (DCA), Philadelphia (PHL) and Norfolk (ORF), all of which are within a three-hour drive.

Whatever mode of transportation you choose, we look forward to having you and your family joining us this year!

Location of services: Roland E Powell Convention Center, 4001 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842. Website: ocmdconventioncenter.com

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. **Taxes:** Maryland sales and hotel tax is 11 percent.

Don McCoy

Carousel Oceanfront Resort

(800) 641-0011

Group code—United Church of God Conference Group carouselhotel.com 11700 Coastal Hwy

Ocean City, MD 21842

2 Bedroom Single Balcony Condos

Sept. 29-3
Oct. 1-5
Oct. 6

2 Bedroom Double Balcony Condos

Sept. 29-30

\$279	Sept. 29-30
\$209	Oct. 1-5
\$279	Oct. 6

3 Bedroom Condos

\$309

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\$239	Oct. 1-5
\$309	Oct. 6
3 Bedroom Condos with Den	
\$329	Sept. 29-30
\$249	Oct. 1-5
\$329	Oct. 6

Features: a, ac, e, fw, h, hr, ip, kq, r, s, sf, w, wf, year-round indoor ice-skating rink, Jacuzzi, sauna, tennis court, fitness center, game room, condos have washer/dryer and free detergent, condos do not have daily maid service. 4.5 miles to site. All rooms have an 11 percent tax per night.

Panama City Beach, Florida

Registration Fee Announcement

As many of you are aware, ownership of the Edgewater Beach Resort in Panama City Beach changed last year leading to a significant increase in the meeting facility rental. In order to help defray the cost and keep Panama City Beach as a Feast site, a registration fee is being implemented. The fee is \$25 for anyone over 18 years of age and will be collected online at the time of registration. If anyone has financial needs and Panama City Beach is your closest site, please contact your pastor so arrangements can be made to waive this fee. The registration fee will be refunded if members who need to cancel their plans to come to Panama City Beach. The last day to cancel in order to receive a refund will be Sunday, Sept. 24, 2023.

Also, the Panama City Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau is donating funding to the United Church of God to help offset our rental expenses and make pricing comparable to other sites. However, they are requiring documentation of where members are staying. At the Feast, attendees will be required to list the name of the condominium or hotel used during the Feast on the housing survey.

We are once again excited to offer Panama City Beach as a site to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day this year! Warm weather, clear Gulf waters and pristine sandy beaches provide a millennial setting to focus on God's plan and coming Kingdom.

Services are held each day at the Edgewater Beach Resort. Edgewater offers one, two- and three-bedroom condominiums overlooking the beach and pools. Those staying in the condos can either ride a tram or walk to services via a private bridge that crosses over the road. One-, two- and three-bedroom golf villas are also available for those who prefer to stay closer to the convention center. All suites and villas come with a full kitchen and washer/dryer.

Edgewater's gated community provides 11 swimming pools (10 of which are heated), children's splash pad, 10 tennis

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courts, 10 shuffleboard courts, five pick-leball courts, a golf course, four hot tubs, gift shop, free Wi-fi, a Starbucks and a full-service restaurant, Oceans. In addition, Edgewater Beach Resort now has their own app! Search "Edgewater Beach & Golf Resort" in your favorite app store.

In addition, there are other options for housing accommodations listed that are a short drive from the Edgewater Conference Center.

There is an abundance of dining and shopping in all price ranges in and around Panama City Beach area. There is a wide variety of family-oriented entertainment such as miniature golf, scooter rentals, jet-skis, fishing and parasailing.

Please make sure to check out the Panama City Beach website for occasional and important updates. We look forward to seeing you there!

Location of services: Panama City Beach Event Center at Edgewater Beach & Golf Resort, 520 Richard Jackson Blvd., Panama City Beach, Florida 32407 (Please note that this is the same building and location as in previous years, however the name has changed).

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 6:45 p.m. (local time —CDT).

Taxes: Room tax is 13.12 percent at Edgewater. Sales tax is 8 percent.

Dan Preston

Book That Condo

(850) 588-7414 bookthatcondo.com 13000 Hutchison Blvd Panama City Beach, FL 323407 Features: a, ac, e, fw, l, kq, n, op, sf, wf

Emerald Beach Properties

(850) 234-0997 emeraldbeachproperties.com 2027 Joan Avenue Panama City Beach, FL 323408 Prices vary.

Features: a, ac, e, fw, kq, l, n, op, sf, wf, 80 units at Edgewater Beach Resort, plus other locations. Go online and select the unit you are interested in, call and mention United Church of God to waive the booking & damage waiver fees (this can save up to \$150).

Spokane Valley, Washington

The CenterPlace Regional Event Center in Spokane Valley will host the Feast

Trouble with housing? Call (970) 484-5878

or send an e-mail to

USFestival@ucg.org.

of Tabernacles 2023. The meeting hall has seating for 600 and is a beautiful modern facility with many smaller meeting rooms to serve the variety of family-oriented activities planned during God's Festival.

Spokane Valley is just east of the City of Spokane on I-90 and 15 minutes from the Idaho State line. Located in the northeast corner of Washington State, the greater Spokane area (including Northern Idaho) offers both the climate and terrain for outdoor enthusiasts. In minutes you can be hiking a densely forested trail, picnicking at one of the spectacular forest lakes or just strolling along the Spokane River as it winds its way through town. If you like boating, kayaking, whitewater rafting, mountain biking, rock climbing, offroading, horseback riding, fishing, photography or just relaxing in Gods great splendor, this is the place for you!

Love good food? The area has a thriving foodie scene and whatever your culinary taste, you will find it here. The area is also well-known for its beautiful wineries and unique craft breweries. During the Feast, the Green Bluff Fall Harvest Festival comes to life over 12 square miles, as 30 family farms and many artisan vendors offer their land and goods to the public. It is a real local treat.

The area is filled with history and blessed with beauty. In 1974, Spokane became the smallest city to ever host the World's Fair. Still home to the United States Pavilion and other Riverfront Park attractions, the area was named "America's most beautiful urban park" in 2020 by the National Geographic. There are many Hotels near the Spokane River, and the area is rich in Vacation Rental properties. Northern Idaho offers a variety of scenic outdoor activities as well, and of course the beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene is just a short 30-minute drive from services.

Northeast Washington State has a drier climate with average daytime temperatures ranging from low 70s to the low 60s;

evenings are typically in the mid to low 40s. The elevation in the Spokane area is 1,850-2,000 feet above sea level. Sunrise is around 7 a.m., and sunset near 6:30 p.m. The sunshine during the day and the brisk clean air in the evenings provide a perfect setting for God's fall festival.

We will be updating the website with information pertaining to the schedule and activities as our team works hard to prepare. For more regional tourist information, please VisitSpokane.com.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7 p.m.

Rob Slocum

My Place Hotels Spokane Valley

(509) 228-6105 myplacehotels.com/spokane-valley 16106 E Indiana Ave Spokane, WA 99216

\$169.49 1 bedroom, 1-4 people \$179.49 2 bedrooms, 2-6 people Features: a, ac, e, fw, hr, k, kg, l, 25 units reserved, all rooms include full size refrigerator, ice maker, two-burner cook top, microwave and toaster.

Residence Inn Spokane East Valley

(509) 892-9300 marriott.com 15915 E Indiana Ave Spokane, WA 99216

\$129 studio 1 bedroom unit \$129 3 bedrooms \$179

Features: ac, e, fw, h, hr, ip, k, kq, l, p, s, sf, 25 units reserved. Taxes: 15.15 percent.

St. George, Utah

Feast Site Alert

We still don't have a contract with Utah Tech University in St. George, Utah. This will be the third consecutive year at the university, so we expect the process to complete soon. However, it is recommended that members not make housing reservations until the contract is finalized or at least not to make non-refundable housing arrangements.

Scenic St. George, Utah and the Utah Tech University (formerly Dixie State University), Cox Performing Arts Center will host the Feast of Tabernacles 2023. Cox Performing Arts Center



Alberta, Canada

seats 1,200 and we expect ample room for social distancing if needed. This is a theater with steps like we have used in Branson, Wisconsin Dells and Hawaii in previous years. The average temperature can be in the low 50s and highs around 82 degrees.

This area of southwestern Utah is called Greater Zion. Greater Zion offers more than 2,400 square miles of adventure and inspiration. Zion National Park, the fourth most visited National Park in the United States, is the premier attraction. The park is distinguished by Zion Canyon's steep, red cliffs accented with massive sandstone cliffs of cream and pink that soar into a brilliant blue sky. Zion Canyon Scenic Drive cuts through its main section, leading to forest trails along the Virgin River. The river flows to the Emerald Pools, which have waterfalls and a hanging garden. Also, along the river, partly through deep chasms, is The Narrows, a popular wading hike.

This family friendly community provides a picturesque setting with snowcapped mountain peaks, red rock canyons and red sand mountains. Zion National Park is the premier attraction, but Zion is only the beginning. Four state parks including Sand Hollow, Gunlock, Quail Creek and Snow Canyon, as well as a multitude of year-round recreational lands set the stage for a burgeoning mountain biking scene, scenic and challenging play at 13 top-rated golf courses and more, plus world-class cultural per-

Feature Codes:

- Apartment/condominium
- Air conditioning
- hh Bed and Breakfast
- Campground
- Continental breakfast included
- Dump station
- е Elevator
- Electric ec
- Free wireless Hotel/motel

- Equipped for the handicapped hr
- Indoor swimming pool Kitchenettes/efficiencies ip k
- King/queen beds kq
- Laundry facilities on premises No maid service
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- Outdoor swimming pool Online reservations available
- Pets allowed
- Restaurant on premises or adjacent

- Shower facilities
- Shopping facilities nearby sf
- st Steep grades or many steps
- sw Sewer
- Tent facilities te
- Children under specified age are free
- In walking distance of meeting facility W wa Water
- wf Waterfront
- Provide your own linen
- Provide your own kitchen utensils

formances at Tuacahn Center for the Arts. This is a site where you won't be able to do everything you want during the Feast.

Dining: There are all price ranges of restaurants.

Housing: There is no hotel within walking distance to the meeting facility. The nearest cluster of hotels is a five-minute drive. Please check the St. George Feast webpage on housing for updated discounted housing. Members are free to find their own housing.

Activities: To discover the attractions in the Greater Zion area, visit greaterzion. com/ or watch a video at youtube.com/ watch?v=qYOfGHx3ZOk. Singles and teens will have many options for group activities.

Parking: Nearby street parking should be available since the university will mostly be on break and golf carts will transport attendees from our reserved and designated parking lot, but is also close enough to walk. A Utah Tech University map (including parking) is available at dixiecenter.com/attendees/facility-maps.

Travel: Delta, American and United all fly into St. George regional airport. The Las Vegas airport is about two hours away.

Location of services: Utah Tech University, Cox Performing Arts Center, 325 S 700 East, St. George, UT 84770.

First service: Friday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m. **Taxes:** total lodging tax is 12.32 percent and state sales tax is 7 percent at stores.

Ioshua Creech

Zimbabwe

This year there will be two Feast of Tabernacles sites in Zimbabwe. One site will be in the village of Chemba in the Gokwe region of Northwestern Zimbabwe. Brethren from the Gokwe region will be gathering in this rural village setting to keep the Feast together, cooking their meals together, accommodated in tents and gathering for services in an outdoor shelter.

The second site is planned to be held on the newly purchased property outside the city of Kadoma in central Zimbabwe a few hours west of the capital city of Harare. Brethren from the surrounding congregations will be gathering in Kadoma, cooking their meals together, accommodated in tents and gathering for services in an outdoor shelter. Visitors are welcome, but should contact senior pastor, Lewis VanAusdle, before deciding to attend the Feast of Tabernacles in Zimbabwe (lewis_vanausdle@ucg.org).

Lewis VanAusdle



Kenyo



Malawi



Sri Lanka



Canada



Australia



Texas

Not Able to Attend the Feast

Some brethren due to health conditions and other emergencies may not be able to attend the Feast in person. We still want these members to register under the category of "Not Able to Attend." This will allow the Church to send you emails about connecting to the Feast via the Internet and other announcements. We are here to support you and ensure that you feel deeply connected to God and His people during this year's Feast of Tabernacles!

Scott & Lauren Buchanan



Philippines

2023 Family Education Festival Resources

The United Church of God education team has again developed resources for families to help in discussions about God and how His Holy Days detail His plan for mankind.

My Festival Activity Booklets are divided into three categories: K-1 (kindergarten and first grade), 2-3 (second and third grade) and 4-6 (fourth through sixth grades). These booklets are designed to help children learn about God's plan of salvation. They contain activities and articles as well as family discussion points, which provide questions with scriptural

references. We hope this will encourage family discussions at the Feast.

These booklets will be handed out during the Feast. To ensure that your children will receive copies, please register online for the Feast site you will be attending. Find your site at feast.ucg. org and click "Registration" to begin the registration process. The number of booklets printed will be based on the number of children registered on the website with their families. The booklets will also be posted online as PDFs so parents can print extra copies.

Two festival youth classes for preteens will also be offered at many sites. Each lesson will have a specific topic and activity relating to the Feast. These classes are separate from the My Festival Activity Booklet.

We hope that the booklet and festival youth instruction classes, along with family Bible studies at the Feast sites, will provide an opportunity for God's Word to grow even deeper into the hearts and minds of our children.

The Education Team

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Guidelines for Tipping



One expense that is easy to forget about when making a Feast budget is tipping. It is sometimes difficult for us to know how much should be tipped and to whom. Below are some guidelines in North America—note they may not be the norm in other parts of the world. Research tipping practices in the area you are planning to visit before you leave.

Hotel maid service: about \$2-10 per night. It is important to tip daily since there will be turnover in those cleaning the room.

Restaurant servers: 10-20 percent of the total bill before taxes.

Bartenders: about \$1 per drink.
Food delivered to your room:

Food delivered to your room: 10-20 percent. A "service charge" does not go to the server, while a "gratuity" charge does. If you request food delivery, the delivery person should receive \$2-4 or about 15 percent of the food cost.

Valet parking attendant: \$2-10. Airport personnel: \$1-3 per bag. Drivers: \$3-20 depending upon the service rendered.

Hairdressers: about 15-20 percent. Nail stylists: about 10-20 percent.

There are many websites that give guidelines for tipping. Some tip expectations are consistent, while others vary. In the end, it is about being respectful to those who are serving us in these capacities and knowing that for some, it is expected that they will receive tips to offset low wages.

Linda Wasilkoff

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2023 FESTIVAL BUDGET PLANNER

Total funds available Expenses	Estimate	Actual
Pre-Feast Festival fund Other Holy Days Housing deposit Personal car prep Supplies and clothing		
Travel to and from the Feast Air/train/bus fare Car rental Gasoline/oil/other Lodging Meals Activities Emergency fund		
Festival expenses Lodging (subtract deposit) Meals/food/drinks Entertainment Other (gifts, etc.)		
Total expenses		
Balance		

Fragrance Free/ Allergy Free Room

The United Church of God is aware of the increasing sensitivities to allergens and fragrances affecting our members and society in general. For the Feast of Tabernacles it is nearly impossible to offer a completely allergy-free room or even a room that eliminates all fragrances. However, most of our U.S. Feast sites attempt to provide some relief by either reserving a room prohibiting anyone to enter that is wearing perfumes etc., or designating a section of the meeting hall as a fragrance free area.

While these are not full solutions, they do aid somewhat those who experience allergic reactions.

Festival registration has a category for those with allergy sensitivities to alert the Feast coordinator of the situation. As much of a cultural shift as it might be, we ask members not to attend church services and activities with perfumes and colognes so that we all can fellowship and worship together.

If you need more details as to what the specific site that you want to attend offers, please contact the Feast coordinator or e-mail USFestival@ucg.org or call (970) 484-5878.

2023 Festival Fund

To help meet festival expenses throughout the world, U.S. members are asked to send in a 10 percent donation from their expected second tithe total (a tithe of the tithe). Canadian members may make a similar donation to the Canadian office. You may use this form, or make your donation online at donate.ucg.org.

- Please indicate the amount you are sending in the space below.
- Make your check payable to United Church of God and label it "Festival Fund."
- Clip out and enclose the completed form, along with your check, in one of the labeled reply envelopes mailed to you from the home office.
- Affix postage and mail.

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2023 Feast of Tabernacles Sites

Australia

Merimbula, New South Wales Rockingham, Western Australia Sunshine Coast, Queensland

Benin

Ouidah

Bolivia

Santa Cruz

Brazil

Cabo Frio, Rio de Janeiro

British Isles

Southport, United Kingdom

Cameroon

Douala Yagoua

Canada

Abbotsford, British Columbia Calgary, Alberta Midland, Ontario St. John's, Newfoundland

Chile

Pichilemu

Dominica

DR Congo

Lubumbashi Mbuji-Mayi

Estonia

Tallinn

France

Club Miléade La Gaillarde

Germany

Titisee

Ghana

Cape Coast

Guatemala

Panajachel

India

Agra

Italy

Sabaudia

Côte d'Ivoire

Blolé

Jamaica

Montego Bay

Kenya

Nakuru

Malawi

Chilema

Nkhwazi

Malaysia

Penang Hagou

Mexico

Puerto Vallarta

New Zealand

Taupo

Nigeria

Igbara-Oke

Philippines

Baguio City Visayas

South Africa

Mossel Bay

Sri Lanka

Habarana Village

St. Lucia

Vieux Fort

Tobago

Stonehaven Bay

Togo

Momé Hagou

United States

Branson, Missouri Cincinnati, Ohio Estes Park, Colorado

Galveston, Texas Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Jekyll Island, Georgia Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

Ocean City, Maryland Panama City Beach, Florida Spokane Valley, Washington

St. George, Utah

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The Feast of Tabernacles is one of seven annual festivals given by God to ancient Israel that were kept by Jesus Christ, the apostles and the New Testament Church (Leviticus 23:39-43; John 7:1-14). The Feast of Tabernacles will be observed by all mankind during Christ's 1,000-year reign on earth, which it pictures (Zechariah 14:16-19; Revelation 20:4). At that time, the many prophecies of an unprecedented time of peace and prosperity will be fulfilled (Isaiah 2:2-4; 11:1-9; 35:1-10).

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