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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 lessons 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 (1 Corinthians 5:8).

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), picture 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 55 locations around the world, including 12 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 28 (for members attending their assigned sites) and May 2 (for all other applicants).

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 rejoice at this year's Feast of Tabernacles!

In brotherly love,

Rick Shabi



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### 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 who 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, Caribbean or Australia

If you are registering for a Feast site outside of the U.S., Canada, Caribbean or Australia, please go to that site first for registration instructions.

After that, go back to the registration page, feast.ucg.org, with the listing of all the sites, scroll to the bottom and click on "International Sites." This will provide the international coordinator the needed details of all attendees.

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

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

### **Online Registration (Two Options)**

- Registering online takes about 10 minutes.
- Heads of household can register their entire family.

### **Option One Early Registration**

- For those that must attend their closest site (guaranteed approval if registration is on time)
- Begins on April 28 (Sunday) at 12 p.m. EDT.

### **Option Two General Registration**

- For those who don't necessarily have to attend their closest site and are applying for another site. You are welcome to register for your closest site unless it is closed.
- Begins on May 2 (Thursday) at 12 p.m. EDT.

To register, go to 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 in 2022 or 2023 or if you registered for the Winter Family Weekend your account is already active. Therefore, you do not need to create a new account with RegFox to register for the Feast. If you need to make changes later or purchase tickets for an activity, you will need to create a RegFox account after you've registered. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you create an account when you register for the Feast. Please email festival@ucg.org if you have any questions about registering or call (970) 484-5878.

### **Registration Assistance**

Members who do not have computers or access to the Internet or who need help can register at services. Please contact your local festival advisor or pastor by April 26, who will provide you with a form to fill out. They will register online for you starting April 28.

### **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 this 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 to the right, those attending the sites in first list should not book outside of the approved housing without permission. For sites in the subsequent list 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 email Festival@ucg.org.

### **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.

### 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 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 ensure their current passport 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 reservations yet.

**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.

### **Notification of Approval Procedure**

### If You Requested Transfer to Any U.S., Caribbean or 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.

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

Approval comes directly from the site's festival coordinator.

### Don't forget to check feast.ucg.org for updates.

#### Must Use Approved Housing

**United States** • Cincinnati, Ohio

#### **Housing Doesn't Affect Church Finances**

#### **United States**

- Aransas Pass, Texas
- Branson, Missouri
- Cedar City, Utah
- Gatlinburg, Tennessee
- Klamath Falls, Oregon\*
- Morehead City, North Carolina
- Ocean City, Maryland
- Panama City Beach, Florida
- Sturgis, South Dakota
- West Yellowstone, Montana
- Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin\*

#### Canada

- Calgary, Alberta
- Midland, Ontario\*
- Kelowna, British Columbia\*

\*Although it is not required, members are strongly urged to stay in housing at the meeting location, as this will help with costs and save the Church money.

### 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.

### **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.

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, New Living Translation).

Steve Myers

### 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 emptyhanded," (Deuteronomy 16:16) 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 28. If you can't find suitable housing, please notify your pastor or call (970) 484-5878 to let us know or send an email to Festival@ucg.org.

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

1) You must attend your closest site.

2) Handicapped—this includes those who absolutely must have a handicapped room, first floor room or no steps. However, if all the properties have elevators, the need may not exist.

3) 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.

4) 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 Thursday, May 2.

This is based on need, not as a perk for service. Ministers are not to make early reservations unless it is a need.

### **U.S. Feast Sites to Potentially Close Early**

Some Feast sites might reach capacity so if you must attend your closest site, be sure to register early (see "How to Register for the Feast"). West Yellowstone, MT is expected to fill quickly. Sturgis, SD might do the same. At this time, most other sites are not expected to close early. However, Wisconsin Dells and Panama City Beach have the potential.

### **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 Greece is a specialty site.

### **Satellite Sites and Registration Procedures**

Satellite sites (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. Register 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."

# **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 check often for the latest information.

### Australia

### **Albury, New South Wales**

Albury is situated on the picturesque Murry River which runs along most of the border between New South Wales (NSW) and Victoria. This is a new Feast location, replacing the site in Merimbula. The regional township of Albury is also located near Lake Hume where there is an abundance of water sports available. While there are numerous natural attractions and walks, the region also provides access to a range of other Feast-related activities for families and members.

**Services:** The venue this year is the Sailors, Soldiers and Airman's Club. The auditorium is on the first or upper floor of the facility and is separate from other Club activities. The capacity for the hall is over 300 seated theatre style and provides all the functionality necessary to facilitate a successful Feast experience.

**Housing:** A range of accommodations are available in the township and out near Lake Hume. The best place to locate accommodation options is the local Information Centre: visitalburywodonga.com/ operator/albury-visitor-information-centre/.

Holiday homes can be booked on:

- alburywodongaapartments.com.au
- sojourn@alburywodongaapart ments.com.au
- ianritchie.com.au/serviced-apart ments

**Travel:** Albury is uniquely positioned on the Hume Highway, on the border of New South Wales and Victoria, so there is freeway access from Melbourne and Sydney. There is also an airport serviced by QantasLink, Bonza and Rex. Train and bus services run from both Melbourne and Sydney.

For further details about this site, please email stephenclark@ucg.org.au.

**Location of services:** Sailors, Soldiers and Airman's Club, 570-582 Olive Street, Albury NSW, Australia.

Stephen Clark

### Rockingham, Western Australia

Rockingham is known for its relaxed holiday atmosphere, picturesque sunsets on the beach and a host of water and leisure activities. Along the beachfront is a large park and walking path.

The climate is Mediterranean, and at that time of the year temperatures could be expected to reach the low to mid-20s Celsius (low to mid-70s Fahrenheit).

**Services:** Services will be held in the Gary Holland Community Centre, a spacious, bright and modern hall located near the town center and close to most accommodations. There is plenty of room for those who would like to transfer to this Feast site.

**Housing:** Visit stayz.com.au and visitrockingham.com.au to find helpful information on Rockingham and accommodations.

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

**Travel:** Rockingham is an easy 40-minute drive south of the beautiful city of Perth and 30 minutes from the old port town of Fremantle. The Feast site is a 45-minute drive from Perth's domestic and international airports.

For further information, please contact MattSieff@ucg.org.au.

First service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Matthew Sieff

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

#### April 28:

- First round of early registration begins at 12 p.m. EDT.
- Early housing reservations begin for those attending their closest site.

### May 2:

- Second round of early registration begins at 12 p.m. EDT.
- General housing reservations begin.

### Sunshine Coast, Queensland

Kawana Waters, situated on the Sunshine Coast of Australia, is a lush and tropical destination with housing options covering all price ranges. Most accommodations are located on or near spectacular white sand beaches, and whales can often be spotted offshore as they typically migrate through this area around Feast time. The hinterland offers rainforest walks with breathtaking views of the unusually shaped Glasshouse Mountains. This marks our 18th year at this popular site.

**Services:** Our services will take place at Venue 114, a modern air-conditioned venue located between the towns of Mooloolaba and Caloundra, just a short drive from the accommodations in these areas. The venue offers a separate family room with services streamed for families with young children.

**Dining:** Restaurants and cafes are plentiful and offer a variety of cuisines. You can also easily prepare any or all of your meals in your own unit, as most are equipped with their own kitchenettes.

**Housing:** Generally, studio to threebedroom units with a kitchen and living area are available. These accommodations range from economy to luxury. Most are located on or within walking distance from the beach. Holiday homes and caravan sites are also available.

Accommodations can be found on popular websites such as:

- stayz.com.au
- booking.com
- wotif.com
- Airbnb.com

The festival location is situated between the towns of Mooloolaba and Caloundra and most stay in one or the other. The main area of Mooloolaba offers restaurants, shops and a grocery store within walking distance of most units; therefore, this is a popular destination. Caloundra is also popular but slightly more spread out. There is more limited accommodations available closer to the church hall in the Bokarina or Kawana Waters area.

**Activities:** Recreational activities revolve around the beach, ocean and hinterland, including surfing, swimming, kayaking and whale-watching boat trips. The weather is expected to be warm and gener-

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ally sunny, ideal for outdoor activities. Any occasional rain in this subtropical setting does not hinder our planned activities.

Steve Irwin's Australian Zoo is a 30-minute drive away, where you can view Australian wildlife, feed kangaroos, cuddle koalas and watch crocodile-feeding shows. Rainforest and hinterland sightseeing outings are also popular. The mountainside town of Montville is a popular day out with multiple souvenir shops and beautiful views of the coast. Some of our international visitors take the opportunity to visit the Great Barrier Reef while in Queensland on trips before or after the Feast.

There is a normal range of activities at this Feast site for all ages—family day, a young adults' activity, a seniors' lunch, a teen outing and an evening social/dance event for the whole family.

Travel: The Sunshine Coast is an easy 90-minute drive north of Brisbane International Airport. Car rentals are available at the airport, and having a car at this site is recommended. Visitors must remember that we drive on the left side of the road in Australia. ATMs are available in many locations for our international visitors to obtain Australian dollars. Most businesses and restaurants have EFT-POS machines for credit/debit card payments or tap payments with cards or phones.

For questions, please contact Joe Rivers at joseph.rivers.ucg@gmail.com.

First service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7p.m. at Oaks Sunshine Coast Oasis Resort, 2 Landsborough Parade, Caloundra. Entry to the venue is off of North Street. There is free parking on the resort grounds. If that is full there is free street parking on the surrounding Landsborough and North Street. The final parking option is across North Street, at the Woolworth's car park, to the north of the resort. All services for the rest of the Feast will be at Venue 114.

First Holy Day service: Thursday, Oct. 17, 2 p.m. at Venue 411.

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- Air conditioning ac
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- Campground С cb
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- ec Electric
- Free wireless fw
- h Hotel/motel



Services in Sunshine Coast, Australia

### 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 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

### Brazil

### Porto Seguro

God has opened the doors for a new Brazilian Feast site in Porto Seguro, in the state of Bahia at the Transoceânico Praia Hotel (transoceanico.com.br). We also hope to have a few brethren from Angola and Maloca de Moscow present at this site.

The Transoceânico Praia Hotel is located in the region where Brazil was first discovered by Portuguese navigators on April 21, 1500. The hotel is a true oasis by the sea, where natural beauty combines perfectly with the elegance of the environment, providing an ideal environment to celebrate God's festival.

Equipped for the handicapped

Laundry facilities on premises

Online reservations available

Indoor swimming pool Kitchenettes/efficiencies King/queen beds

Outdoor swimming pool

No maid service

Pets allowed

Suites

Located in one of the most charming regions of Brazil, the Transoceânico Praia Hotel offers its visitors a unique experience. This venue has been specifically chosen to be in a safe and peaceful region of Brazil, as well as affordable and easily accessible to the small flock of Brazilian brethren and prospects. The relaxed and welcoming atmosphere of Bahia combines with the tranquility and comfort of the hotel.

Additionally, the safe and calm beachfront location provides a spectacular setting for Christian fellowship. Brethren will be able to enjoy stunning views of the ocean while celebrating God's Feast. The gentle breeze and the sound of the waves add a special touch to the experience, making it truly unforgettable.

Services: We will have services every morning at 10 a.m. and on Holy Days and the Sabbath we will have two services, or a service and a Bible study. The messages will be translated into English, or Portuguese, depending on who the speaker is.

Housing: As the Church had to financially commit in advance to a certain number of rooms, 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.

The Brazilian currency is Reais (R\$) and as per current exchange rate, divide Reais by five to get the approximate U.S. dollar equivalent. Should the exchange rate change noticeably we will update the prices on the website accordingly. Therefore early payment will fix your price, in case there is a dollar devaluation.

Travel: The hotel is about a 15-20 minutes drive from the Porto Seguro airport which is easily accessible by direct flights of less than two hours from either São Paulo or Rio de Janeiro. Various car hire companies are available at the airport. Uber is also very popular in Brazil.

**Registration:** Register by directly contacting the festival coordinator Jorge de Campos at jorge\_decampos@ucg. org. Payment of 50 percent is due at the time of registration, via a check made to "United Church of God" sent to the home office in Cincinnati with a reference "FOT-Brazil." This reference must be mentioned on your check for it to be allocated for this specific purpose. Please

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inform Jorge that the check has been sent so that the transfer of the funds may be made to Brazil's church account. The full payment must be received by UCG's home office before Monday, Sept. 2. After that date, no cancelations will be allowed.

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 we willingly give of ourselves to serve one another. The Feast of Tabernacles promises to be full of special moments that will further strengthen the faith and unity of God's family. We hope you can join us in celebrating this special occasion of fellowship and learning.

**Location of services:** Transoceânico Praia Hotel Av. Porto Seguro, 1.300, Taperapuã, Porto Seguro - BA 45810-000.

First service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m. Jorge de Campos

#### Transoceânico Praia Hotel

US \$82 Single room US \$96 Double room US \$130.50 Triple room Features: cb, ec, h, w. Prices listed are per night, and are negotiated for a limited number of rooms and are based on booking for a total of nine nights (Wednesday, Oct. 16 afternoon check in and Friday, Oct. 25 morning check out). Breakfast and buffet dinner (specially catered for the Church) are included in the rates. One child under 12 is free in the same room as the parents. Electricity at this hotel is 220V. Make sure that any appliances you bring are for 220V. 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 will once again be held in the seaside town of Southport in the northwest of England.

Services: All services and social functions will be held in the Ballroom in The Prince of Wales Hotel, an authentic Victorian building. The opening night service will be on the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 16 and the final service will be in the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 24.

**Housing:** Booking arrangements with the hotel will be made available once members have a confirmed registration for the 2024 Feast. For information on other accommodations, members can visit visitsouthport.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.



Southport, British Isles

To the north about a 90-minute drive, you will find the outstanding Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks, areas of delightful natural beauty.

**Registration:** You can register online at: feastsouthport2024.com.

Members are requested to complete the registration form online. 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 accommodations. The planning team will also advise the procedure, agreed with The Prince of Wales Hotel, to be followed for booking accommodations in that hotel.

The UCG-British Isles Festival planning team, led by David Fenney and Jason Godfrey, will coordinate the Southport 2024 Feast. For further information, please email feast@ucg.org.uk.

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

First service: Wednesday evening, Oct. 16. Jason Godfrey

#### The Prince of Wales Hotel

£70	single room
£106	double/twin room
£159	triple room
£15	children between 3-12
	years; children under 3
	free of charge

*Features:* bb, h, U3F, w. A package including dinner, bed and breakfast has been arranged with the hotel.

### 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

### Calgary, Alberta

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

Calgary is the largest city in Alberta and its altitude of 1,045 m (3,428 ft) 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.

**Services:** Feast services will be held at The Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre. We have secured a larger conference facility this year, so we do not anticipate any seating capacity issues. Many will enjoy the convenience of the conference facilities being located within the hotel and the location near the airport and within driving distance to many attractions and a vast array of restaurants.

Housing: The hotel has an on-site restaurant and lounge, fitness room, indoor pool, 24-hour room service and a sundry shop. Additionally, there is complimentary Wi-Fi and parking. Each room has a microwave and refrigerator. Discounted housing has been negotiated at the Best Western. Please make every effort to stay on-site to show our support for the Best Western allowing reasonable prices on the meeting rooms. We are required to have a certain number of rooms utilized or there is additional cost to the Church. 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 Calgary, we plan to provide many organized activities for brethren of all ages to enjoy together! Some of the planned activities include group dinner options, a family dance, teen/young adult bowling, teen/ young adult Bible study, family Bible study, children's lessons, seniors' luncheon, family indoor mini golf and a jazz dinner night. Weather permitting, we may plan a day at the Calgary Zoo and if there is enough interest, we may plan a day in Banff with a gondola ride to the top of Sulphur Mountain and dinner in the picturesque town of Banff.

There are many cultural, historical and entertainment attractions available in Calgary to please young and old alike. Following are some of the 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 oiland 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!

We look forward to rejoicing with you and your family in Calgary, Alberta!

**Location of services:** The Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre, 1316 33 Street NE, Calgary, Alberta, T2A 6B6.

**First service:** Wednesday, Oct. 16 at 7:30 p.m. The following day's service will be at 1 p.m.

Michael Erickson

### Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel

1(403)207-8110 calgaryplaza.com 1316 33 Street NE Calgary, Alberta T2A 6B6 \$129 standard select king room \$214 elite king room (or 2 queen beds) \$249 executive suite (or jacuzzi suite) Prices are stated in CAD. Rates listed are for single or double occupancy. Each additional person is \$25 (which includes breakfast). The room block and the reduced prices will be released on Sept. 13. After this date rooms are at regular price and based upon availability. All rooms are subject to the applicable taxes at check in. To book a guestroom please call Best Western in-house reservations at (403) 248-8888 or email res@calgaryplaza.com between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Please quote the United Church of God Block ID: 283202

### Kelowna, British Columbia

Nestled in the orchards of the Okanagan Valley in British Columbia, Canada, the city of Kelowna is set to be a joyful site for the Feast of Tabernacles observance in 2024. Loaded with big city variety in a small package, the Kelowna area offers enjoyable activities for all—for the adventurous and for the less adventurous. It serves as the hub of the Okanagan Valley itself, which sprawls across the British Columbia southern interior with 176 km (109 miles) of stunning scenery—clear water lakes, mountainscapes, vineyards, fruit orchards and sandy beaches. The autumn harvest of apples, pears, plums and grapes abounds around Feast-time.

Popular activities throughout Kelowna and the valley include nature walks, hiking, biking, golfing, boating, winery tours, ziplines, amusement parks, gocarting, simulation rooms, bowling, escape rooms and shopping in the many charming communities. Late season limitations may affect some outdoor activities.

Services: The Fairfield Inn and Suites Kelowna will be the location for Feast services. The main meeting room is perfectly suited for our convocation needs with large windows, a vaulted ceiling and surround-sound. We also have a separate room that will be used for children's lessons, parenting needs and anointing and counseling. Additionally we have a third room to be used for communal fellowship during the Feast. The whole conference area is situated together on the ground floor and will serve nicely for all of our Feast needs.

**Dining:** Restaurants in Kelowna have a vast array of cuisine from fast food to fine dining, as well as excellent dining experiences at wineries and resorts.

**Housing:** The Fairfield Inn and Suites Kelowna has fresh, clean and comfortable guest rooms. Every room has free Wi-Fi, a mini-fridge and a microwave. Guests can enjoy a daily free continental hot breakfast. The lobby also offers complementary coffee and tea for guests, plus a convenience store and a social area for relaxing with small groups. The hotel also offers a fitness center, year-round outdoor hot tub, heated pool and water-slide, and selfuse laundry room. Both accommodations and the meeting space are accessible.

On-site housing at the Fairfield Inn and Suites Kelowna should be suitable for most attendees. We encourage everyone to consider it, as it would help with costs.

Activities: We are planning a variety of enjoyable fellowship opportunities throughout the Feast—beginning with a meet & greet reception, followed by engaging functions for everyone and ending with an Eighth Day Luncheon. We are also looking forward to using our fellowship room for drop-in socializing and games.

**Travel:** Only 12 minutes from Kelowna International Airport, the Fairfield Inn and Suites Kelowna is centrally located with walkable and short-drive attractions and is only a 10-minute drive from Lake Okanagan.

**Location of services:** Fairfield Inn & Suites Kelowna, 1655 Powick Rd., Kelowna, British Columbia, V1X 4L1.

First service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m. Wayne Ward Don't forget to check feast.ucg.org for updates.

#### Fairfield Inn & Suites Kelowna

1(250)763-2800 1655 Powick Rd. Kelowna, British Columbia, V1X 4L1 \$145 standard king \$145 standard double queen

- \$155 larger double queen
- \$165 king suite

Prices are stated in CAD. Rates are in effect for two nights before and two nights after the Feast. All rooms are subject to 16 percent tax: 5 percent GST, 8 percent PST and 3 percent Destination Marketing Fee. For more information visit the hotel website: marriott.com/en-us/hotels/ ylwfi-fairfield-inn-and-suites-kelowna.

### Midland, Ontario

We are planning to return to lovely Midland, Ontario, Canada for the 2024 Feast of Tabernacles. This location is truly hard to beat! As someone sagely observed, Midland is the next best thing there is to an all-inclusive Feast site.

Midland is perched on picturesque Southern Georgian Bay, an easy 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 visit several local sites that tell about the region's rich history. Area attractions include St. Marie Among the Hurons, Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, Huronia Museum, Ouendat Village and Little Lake Park. Shopping is available at several plazas downtown or in nearby Orillia at the Mariposa Market.

Services: We are returning to the Quality Inn, where the Feast was held last year. 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 the premier full-service hotel in the Southern Georgian Bay area. It has an excellent upgraded ballroom with seating capacity ideal for our needs.

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Dining: There are a variety of restaurants throughout the area. For those who would prefer to stay put, evening dining will be available at the on-site restaurant.

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 on-site 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. Members are encouraged as much as possible to stay at the Quality Inn. For those who need alternate housing, there are cottages and bed-andbreakfasts nearby.

Activities: "In-house" activities have been highly successful and will be continued in 2024 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 and variety show.

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 "please come back!"

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

Taxes: for guest room rates, there will be an additional 2.5 percent MAT (municipal accommodation tax).

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

First service: Wednesday Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Anthony Wasilkoff

#### **Quality Inn & Conference Center**

1(800)461-4265 924 King St.

Midland, Ontario LOR OB8

\$115 room for 1-4 people

\$15 extra person

Features: ac, e, fw, hr, ip, kq, l, r, s, sf, st. Prices are stated in CAD. These rates are available three nights before and after the Feast, depending on availability.

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### Chile

We are looking for a new site for the Feast in the south of Chile to combine the sites in Argentina and Chile. Prices have increased, so we have been looking for a more affordable location. Check feast. ucg.org for updates.

Marcelo Saavedra

### Colombia

A Feast of Tabernacles site for Colombia is planned for this year. Although the venue is still being determined at this time, updates will be posted on feast. ucg.org as they become available. Please contact Jaime Salek at jsalekc@gmail. com for further information.

Jaime Salek

### Côte d'Ivoire

### Blolé

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.

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Game night in Tallinn, Estonia

Mamadou Tokpa

### 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

### Estonia

### Tallinn

For the 28th time since 1997, UCG will host a Feast site in the beautiful Baltic nation of Estonia. This year the Feast will be held at the Park Inn Central by Radisson in the capital city of Tallinn, also known as the Port of Good News. Tallinn is located 50 miles south of Helsinki. Finland on the southern shore of the Baltic Sea. Tallinn is a "first-world city" with a population of approximately 450,000.

Old Town, the main tourist attraction in Tallinn, a five-minute walk from the hotel, is where you will find a wide va-

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riety of restaurants, shops and cultural sites. The ancient, medieval Old Town has history, architecture, culture and construction dating back to the 13th century. Tallinn is one of the best-preserved historical sites in all of Europe. For more information, see visitestonia.com.

Travel: The airport is one of the most modern and convenient in all of Europe with connections to many major European cities. Frequent ferry service is available from Helsinki. Taxis are available, affordable and convenient. The taxi ride from the airport or the ferry port to the Park Inn is 10-15 minutes.

**Registration:** As this Feast site may fill up quickly, it is important that you register online to attend the Feast of Tabernacles at feast.ucg.org and make room reservations directly with the Park Inn Central by Radisson.

For additional information, contact: Johnnie Lambert (jlambert49@gmail. com or 607-796-2669) or Tim Martens (martensoffice@yahoo.com or 479-530-3770) or fotestonia@gmail.com.

Location of services: Park Inn by Radisson, Studio I conference center (all services, including Atonement).

First service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m. Johnnie Lambert

#### Park Inn Central by Radisson

The Park Inn Central is offering our group a discounted rate for a "superior" room.

- €75 single superior
- double superior €85
- €17 extra bed (age 0-15)

extra bed (age 16 and older) €26

Rates include breakfast, Wi-Fi, refrigerator and exercise room. Book directly with the hotel at estonia.sales@parkinn.com. Reference "UCG" in your message subject to get the discounted rate. Rates will apply before and after the Feast of Tabernacles. Rates include taxes. Deadline for making room reservations is Sept. 1, 2024.

### France

### Club Miléade La Gaillarde

Your French brothers and sisters in Christ are pleased to welcome you back to Club Miléade La Gaillarde for the Feast of Tabernacles in 2024. The Feast will

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### Don't forget to check feast.ucg.org for updates.

be held on the beautiful French Riviera near the well-known tourist destinations of Saint-Tropez and Saint-Raphaël. We have enjoyed the Feast in this region of France for many years, and this will be our third time celebrating the Feast at this seaside location.

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 and 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. The room and board package provides the opportunity to experience full-course buffet-style French meals while enjoying fellowship with other brethren from around the world.

Housing: As with prior years, the Feast in France package price includes nine nights' lodging with breakfast, lunch and dinner. The cost for two or more adults lodging together will be €690 per person and for a person lodging alone, €870 per person. Children 13 and under pay a reduced rate. For more details, visit feast. ucg.org and visit the page for the French Feast site.

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

Registration: At this time, the Feast site in France is full; however, you can join the waitlist at feast.ucg.org.

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We look forward to welcoming all those interested in joining the French brethren at Club Miléade La Gaillarde for the Feast this year.

Tim Pebworth

#### Club Miléade La Gaillarde

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

€690	two adults (ages 14+)	
€870	one adult	
€580	one teen (ages 11-13)	
€495	one child (ages 6-10)	
€335	one child (ages 3-5)	
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Free children two years and under *Features:* ac, op, wellness area with hot tub, steam room, sauna, 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 a bathroom, small fridge and TV. No Wi-Fi in the rooms, but available in main building (lobby, bar, restaurant).



Mossel Bay, South Africa

### 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 mid-October 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 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 to \$125 for a vacation apartment and from \$50 upwards per person for hotel accommodations, which includes breakfast. Please note: Prices depend on the dollar/euro exchange rate.

Transfer guests are encouraged to make their own reservations; lodging information is available 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.

**Registration:** Visitors wishing to attend should register via the UCG-Germany website at vkg.org/fot.php. Registration is required and an email address is needed for registration. **Transfer capacity is limited to 50 guests this year.** 

Location of services: Kurhaus Titisee, Strandbadstraße 4, 79822 Titisee-Neustadt.

First Service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Paul Kieffer

### Ghana

#### Cape Coast

Cape Coast 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.

**Housing:** Room rates hover around \$30 per night. A castle and other tours in Cape Coast and Elmina are within minutes of the Feast site.

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

### Greece

### Crete

On Crete, the largest island in Greece, the Feast will be hosted by The Creta Maris Resort. This all-inclusive resort has an authentic Greek village feel. Pre- and post tours will make available biblical sites such as Athens and Corinth. Crete provides the remnants of brilliant civilizations, glorious beaches, fertile valleys and steep gorges.

This specialty site was announced in early 2023, so unfortunately at the time of printing registration is closed and the waitlist is full.

Charles Melear

### Guatemala

### Panajachel

The Feast of Tabernacles will be held in Villa de Panajachel again, in Sololá, Guatemala. The hotel Jardines del Lago will host all of our activities.

**Registration:** International guests, please register by emailing Israel Robledo at jisrael.robledo@gmail.com.

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

Israel Robledo

#### Hotel Jardines del Lago

\$46.05 single room
\$55.92 double room
\$78.95 triple room
Rates are per night. If paid with credit cards, there will be a 7 percent surcharge.

#### Prices for meals at the hotel:

\$6.58	Breakfast—Monday to Saturday
\$9.21	Buffet Breakfast—Sunday
\$9.21	Lunch—menu of the day

### Hong Kong

This year the United Church of God will be hosting the Feast of Tabernacles in Hong Kong for the first time in five years.

Hong Kong, also known as the Pearl of the Orient, is very welcoming to international travelers. This vibrant city also has stunning natural beauty, with lush green mountains, and Victoria Harbor, one of the great natural harbors of the world. You are invited to join us in celebrating God's Feast this year in Hong Kong!

For more information, please contact Terry Franke: terry\_franke@ucg.org.

Location of services: Best Western Plus, 308 Des Voeux Road West, Hong Kong.

Terry Franke

### India

### Agra

Your brothers and sisters in India warmly welcome you to join them for the Feast of Tabernacles 2024 in Agra India, home of the world-famous Taj Mahal.

Daily services as well as lodging and three meals each day will be at Hotel Grand Mercure. Services will primarily be in English with translation into the Hindi language for several of the local brethren from Agra. Services will be held in the on-site conference hall.

**Dining:** The lodging rate includes three buffet meals for two persons, inclusive of all taxes. Children ages 6-11 are an additional daily fee of \$35. The dining facility at the hotel is a multi-cuisine restaurant which provides a variety of international foods from around the world for guests to enjoy.

**Housing:** Rooms are air conditioned, well-furnished and equipped with modern amenities. Once you have registered, you will be emailed information and asked your bed preference and dates of stay. You will then be requested to send your international flight details. Full room payment is due on Sept. 1. Your room reservation is confirmed only when registration is completed and your deposit and flight details are received. The hotel requests you to make your room reservations through our Feast team.

For questions: Email David Schreiber at: david\_schreiber@ucg.org or call (507) 377-8151.

Activities: You will greatly enjoy meeting the local Agra brethren and other Indians traveling to the site, eating meals together and staying in the same hotel. You are encouraged to join in the "Feast variety show," which is a fun and enjoyable evening for everyone. Visitors may be interested in two afternoon group tours to famous area attractions such as the Taj Mahal and Agra Fort. Tours can be arranged via the hotel personnel.

**Travel:** India does require passport and a visa. At this time, there are no Covid travel restrictions. For updated travel and visa information see your travel agent or go to in.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/.

International guests can fly into the New Delhi international airport and economically hire a driver for the four-hour drive to Agra or take the train. Flights from Delhi to Agra are very limited.

**Registration:** To register for the Feast in India go to ucg-india.org/feast/. A \$50 registration fee (per family) is required and will be applied to overall Feast expenses.

À visit to India will be a life-changing experience. If you want to travel interna-

tionally 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!

**Location of services:** Grand Mercure Hotel Agra, Fatehabad Rd, Tajganj, Agra, Basai, Uttar Pradesh 282001, India.

First service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m. David Schreiber

#### Grand Mercure Hotel Agra

\$115	superior city view room
	(double occupancy)
\$165	triple room (includes
	extra rollaway bed)
FREE	children aged 5 and under
\$50*	rollaway bed
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*Features:* ac, ec, fw, h, op, r, U6F, w. Children ages 6-11 years of age in same bed as parent is an additional rate of \$35/night. \*All children requiring an extra bed: \$50/night. Includes three buffet meals each day.

### Italy

### Tuscany

The Feast of Tabernacles will be held in Tuscany, Italy at the Grand Hotel Terme Marine Leopoldo II. This hotel is located on the sunny shores of Marina di Grosseto on the Tyrrhenian/Mediterranean Sea.

The hotel is a full-service facility with spa and pool. It is located just yards from the sea. We will have the entire premises for ourselves. Included in the daily room rate are three meals daily (served together as a group so brethren can enjoy the company of each other at all meals. Access to the pool and the spa with thermal waters is included free of charge from 9:30 a.m.-7.30 p.m. daily. Other spa services will be available with a 30 percent discount for church members. The hotel website is: termemarine.com/.

**Activities:** More details on the area and possible pre- and post-Feast trips are forthcoming.

**Registration:** At this time, the Feast site in Italy is full. For more information, email feast@ucgitaly.org.

Vincenzo Alfieri

### Grand Hotel Terme Marine Leopoldo II

Rates are per day, per person. **Double room** 

- Classic/comfort for two—79 €
- Ocean view—85 €
- Swimming pool view—82€

### Single Room

### • Classic—114€

### Triple occupancy superior

- Adults (over 12 years old)—82 €
- Children (under 3 years old)—FREE
- Children (4-6 years old)—41 €
- Children (7-11 years old)—56 €

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- Children (under 3 years old)—FREE
- Children (4-6 years old)—34.5 €
- Children (7-11 years old)—48.3 €

Prices include taxes, service and three meals. Drinks included: 1/4 litre of wine and 1/2 litre of water, per person.

### Jamaica

### **Montego Bay**

We invite you to join us in Jamaica this year. We are hosting the Feast at Iberostar in Montego Bay for the fourth year in a row. All services, rooms and activities will be at Iberostar Beach Resort. This location is conveniently close to the airport and the Iberostar staff look forward to having us back every year.

**Housing:** Only 50 are rooms available this year—we are planning a smaller Feast site so that we will have more opportunities to build deeper friendships. We are asking that no one book at Suites or Grand to avoid our members being separated.

The Iberostar Beach is a fabulous hotel with several restaurants, a pool and an ice cream shop. You also have access to the fitness room and spa. It has everything needed to enjoy a great Feast, especially for those who are budget-minded.

**Registration:** Register online at feast. ucg.org. Instructions on how to make reservations will be forwarded to you once you have been accepted to this Feast site.

A three-night deposit for your hotel room(s) will be required two weeks after you have been accepted to this site. Balance will be due before Sept. 16, 2024. If you need to cancel, a refund for your deposit must be approved by the festival coordinator and also the hotel, before it is processed. From now until Aug. 2, 2024, the hotel will charge as penalty one night of the entire stay based on double occupancy. From Aug. 3-Sept. 15, this penalty will be three nights of the stay. From Sept. 16 to the day of arrival (Oct. 16), the hotel will charge for the entire stay.

All changes needed once the reservation is complete can be done only through the hotel by contacting Orel-Lee Sinclair at orellee.sinclair@iberostar.com.

Please take a moment to review their website at: iberostar.com/en/hotels/ montego-bay/iberostar-rose-hall-beach/#.

Location of services: Iberostar Rose Hall Beach Resort.

Jeff Lockhart

### Iberostar Rose Hall Beach Resort

Standard Room (max. four people per room; either two double beds or one king)

\$241	single
\$268	double
\$369	triple
\$468	quad
\$67	child rate
Tropical Room	
\$253	single
\$282	double
\$387	triple
\$492	quad
\$70	child rate
<b>Side Ocean View</b>	Room
\$268	single
\$298	double
\$411	triple
\$520	quad
\$75	child rate
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Two-Bedroom Family (min. four people, max. six people per room)

First two guests \$204 \$153 Second two guests \$102 Child rate

Child rates: Children under 3 are free in all types of rooms except two-bedroom family rooms. There must be two full paying adults in each room to apply the child rate (for ages 3-12). After minimum requirement of two guests paying at the adult rate, subsequent children can apply the child rate.

### Kenya

### Naivasha

Karibu sana from your Kenyan brethren! The Feast and Eighth Day location this year will be at the Clay Fish Hotel, on the shores of Lake Naivasha.

The Clay Fish Hotel provides an ideal location for the local brethren to celebrate the Feast in a serene atmosphere. International visitors are welcome to join your Kenyan brothers and sisters as we rejoice in the Word of God together. Many local brethren will lodge in tents and cottages for accommodations, with

#### Feature Codes:

- Apartment/condominium a
- Air conditioning ac
- Bed and Breakfast bb
- Campground С
- Continental breakfast included cb Dump station
- d Elevator
- e ec Electric
- Free wireless fw
- h Hotel/motel



Team building in Panajachel, Guatemala

cooked meals provided except on the Sabbath. International visitors will lodge in good hotels about a 30-minute drive from the Feast site or can stay on-site with the brethren.

We expect 170 members to celebrate God's Feast in Kenya this year. Sabbath services will begin on Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Activities will include a family day with various games. As a Feast group, we will also travel and visit local attractions, including Egerton Castle, Lake Nakuru National Park, Menengai Crater and the Kabatini waterfalls. A pre- or 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 Monte Knudson at monte\_ knudson@ucg.org.

Monte Knudson

### Malawi

### Blantyre

The Blantyre, Malawi congregation will be hosting the Feast of Tabernacles for the second year at Naming'azi Farm in the Zomba District of Malawi. Naming'azi Farm is about a one hour and

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twenty-minute drive from Blantyre. It is a unique location set on a 112-hectare historic farm established as a mission in 1903. It was first opened to produce food and meat for missionaries and later became a farm training center in 1992. The farm holds an indigenous forest with 300 trees and over 60 bird species. The brethren enjoy the peaceful millennial setting that adds to the inspiring messages, beautiful special music and group meals and fellowship throughout the Feast.

For more details about travel to Malawi, costs of accommodations and any other questions about keeping the Feast of Tabernacles in Blantyre, Malawi, please contact Gracious Mpilangwe through email (gracmpilangwe@gmail.com).

Gracious Mpilangwe

### Nkhwazi

The Feast of Tabernacles will be held again this year on the church property just outside of Nkhwazi, Malawi, 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), about a 30-minute drive north of Lilongwe.

Brethren will gather on the eight-acre piece of land and enjoy shared meals, various group activities and services. There is a group kitchen on-site 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 on-site 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 Cephas Chapamba through email (cephaschapambajumpha@gmail.com).

Cephas Chapamba

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### Malaysia

### Penang

The Feast of Tabernacles in southeast Asia will once again be held on the tropical island of Penang, Malaysia. We are very excited to announce a new venue for the Feast at the Shangri-La Resort, situated on the water's edge at Batu Ferringhi Beach.

The Shangri-La Golden Sands Beachside Resort is the ultimate family-friendly resort in Penang where wonderful memories are made for guests of all ages. Experience Golden Sands' warm service, calming sea views and sunsets over the Strait of Malacca and delicious cuisines from the three on-site restaurants. The resort also has a kids club with daily activities, water slides and an adventure zone entertainment area. Have a look at their website shangri-la.com/ penang/goldensandsresort/ to capture the ambience of the resort.

**Services:** Located at the neighboring Rasa Sayang Resort, services will be held in the Damai Room, a short walk through the lush gardens or a complementary buggy ride from the reception.

Activities: 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, fellowship and family time around the pool with brethren from all around the world.

**Travel:** Penang International Airport is located on the eastern side of the island approximately 35 minutes by road to Golden Sands. Airport transfers can be arranged through the resort if needed.

**Registration:** If you would like to attend the Feast in Penang, please contact festival coordinator Grant Chick at grantchick@ucg.org.au or +61 42155 5286. Once registered, you will receive more information on the discounted bed and breakfast accommodation offered, services schedule and planned activities.

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- a Apartment/condominium
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Please remember to indicate your ability to assist in helping to make the Feast a great success for all.

**Location of services:** Damai Room, Shangri-La Rasa Sayang Resort. Jalan Batu Ferringhi, Kampung Tanjung Huma, 11100 Batu Ferringhi, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia.

First service: Wednesday Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Grant Chick

#### Shangri-La Golden Sands

MYR400.00 superior room MYR500.00 deluxe room MYR177.00 extra bed *Features:* fw, h, w. Rates are per room per night, and quoted in Malaysian Ringgit (MYR). Current exchange rate is 4.73 Ringgit to 1 USD. Includes daily breakfast up to two adults and two children (aged 6 and below); extra bed charge includes breakfast. Rates are subject to 10 percent service charge, 8 percent government tax, "Penang Local Government Fee" (MYR3.00 net per room per night) and "Tourism Tax" at MYR10.00 net per room per night (only applicable for foreign guests). Room rates are applicable two days before and after the festival term, subject to room availability. Bedding configuration (king/twin) is subject to availability upon confirmation.

### Mexico

### Puerto Vallarta

### **Limited Capacity**

Mexico 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 email FOTMXPV@gmail.com.

The Feast in Mexico will once again be held at the all-inclusive Hotel Friendly in Puerto Vallarta. The facilities include three pools, Jacuzzis, a beachfront with

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Sharing a meal in DR Congo

warm ocean water and numerous activities within the hotel, among many other things. If the room block is met, the hotel will be exclusive for our group, making it an ideal Feast for families with children and teens. Translation into English will be available during the services.

Puerto Vallarta is considered a safe zone in Mexico. Thousands of tourists from cruise ships visit the city every week. The hotel is close to the picturesque downtown and boardwalk area with plenty of transportation available. There is a large supermarket in front of the hotel with a currency exchange office (to change dollars or other currencies into pesos).

We have had the Feast in this location for 11 years and thankfully, haven't had any security problems. Even though the hotel is on the Pacific shoreline, the weather has mostly a dry, semi-tropical climate with very few mosquitos. Temperatures can range from the 70s to the mid-90s, depending on the time of the year (this year, in mid-October, it is generally drier and cooler, with less 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, and a brick-oven pizza and grill station. In the lobby, there is free coffee, tea, cookies and ice service.

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- yu Provide your own kitchen utensils

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.

**Travel:** The hotel is only 10 minutes from the Puerto Vallarta Airport (the Airport Code is PVR).

**Registration:** Go to regpack.com/reg/ vallarta2024 and create an account to fill out the Step 1 form. You can register up to three rooms on the same registration form. A \$40 admin fee per account will also be added when you submit Step 1 (This fee is non-refundable).

Once you are accepted you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to access Step 2. A room(s) will be added to your account and you will be instructed to pay a \$400 deposit per room. This deposit is fully refundable until July 15, 2024.

In Step 2 you will select your room configuration, schedule ground transportation and rent a radio for translations. After this, the final payment is due Aug. 15. 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. Note: This is a limited capacity site.

Join our group on Facebook for the latest updates: facebook.com/groups/ 501500059913311/.

Mario Seiglie

#### **Hotel Friendly**

- \$145 single adult occupancy
- \$210 double adult occupancy
- \$285 triple adult occupancy (2 beds)

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- \$65 teens 13-17 years old
- \$40 children 7-12 years old
- Free children 0-6 years old

Pricing is per room, per night with a maximum occupancy of four per room. For Superior Oceanview Rooms above the fifth floor, there is an \$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.

### New Zealand

#### Taupo

This year, the Feast of Tabernacles will be held once again in picturesque Taupo, in the center of the North Island of New Zealand. Taupo has once again been named the most beautiful town in New Zealand. Taupo is about a 3.5-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. The Taupo region is a place of extraordinary natural beauty with its rivers, ancient forests and snow-blanketed mountains.

Local attractions include many waterbound activities such as world class fishing, boating, whitewater rafting and jet boating. There are plenty of walks, hikes, 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.

Please contact Michael Fike at michael\_fike@ucg.org for Feast site information and accommodations.

**Location of services:** Taupo Yacht Club, 9 Ferry Road, Taupo, New Zealand. *Michael Fike* 



Stonehaven, Tobago

### Nigeria

### Igbara-Oke

Plans are underway to once again hold the Feast of Tabernacles in Nigeria's Igbara-Oke region of Ondo State. If you are interested in attending the Feast in Nigeria, please contact senior pastor, Paul Moody at paul\_moody@ucg.org.

Paul Moody

### 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. As 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.

**Services:** The 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. Services in this location can easily accommodate as many as 150 feastgoers.

**Housing:** The GSP Ating Tahanan grounds have cottages, rooms and dormitory-type accommodations where feastgoers can lodge within short walking distances from the 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 U.S. \$10 per person per night for dormitory-type accommodations, to U.S. \$80 per night per cottage-room, as well as for nearby hotel room accommodations.

**Registration:** This year, we are again expecting some 120 to 130 attendees. These will mostly be brethren coming mainly from the Luzon Island region of the country. But as always, we are eagerly welcoming and looking forward to hosting brethren from international areas who would like to enjoy and celebrate the Feast with us this year. Those interested may get in touch with Rey Evasco by email at rey.evasco@gmail.com or by Viber/Mobile iPhone at +63(917) 814 7826.

**Location of services:** Multi-purpose Conference Hall of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP) Ating Tahanan grounds along South Drive, Baguio City, Philippines.

First service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6:30 p.m. Rey Evasco

### Mindanao

Our Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day will once again be held at Hotel De Susana and Resort in Bukidnon. Labeled as the highland paradise in the heart of Mindanao, Bukidnon derives its name from the Visayan term "bukid" for "mountain." It is predominantly a rolling grassland plateau with an average elevation of 915 meters. The rolling uplands, deep canyons and valleys alternating with low plains create a refreshing vista for dwellers and travelers alike.

One of the most striking and impressive features of Bukidnon is its breathtaking mountain landscape, with some areas still covered with forest. However, significant portions are grasslands planted with corn, pineapple and sugarcane, making the area highly suited to agriculture. Bukidnon is the primary source of agricultural products and raw materials that feed the processing plants in the province and the primary processing centers of Northern Mindanao. Hence, Bukidnon is tagged as the region's "Food Basket."

It is best to plan to arrive at the Feast site early on Wednesday, Oct. 16, to give enough time for registration and preparation for the opening night, orientation and welcome dinner at 7 p.m. that evening. Please arrange your travel plans accordingly and let us know your schedules so we can coordinate your arrivals.

Dining: Outside food is not allowed in the resort. All rooms are inclusive of a complimentary breakfast good for two. Breakfast is \$3 per meal per person (two viands, rice, coffee/choco drink). Lunch is \$8 per meal per person (three viands, rice, one fresh fruit). Dinner is \$5 per meal per person (two viands and ricelight meals only). All children ages 5 years old and below will be charged with a 50 percent discount, except for infants and toddlers who are still being fed by their parents; they are free of charge.

in the dining area. Also, each family or individual can choose where they want to have their dinner. Several restaurants are available around the area. However, we will provide dinner to a limited number of members who need assistance. Please indicate if you need assistance.

**Travel:** For guests outside Mindanao

Location of services: Hotel De Susana and Resort, Purok 2, Patag Bagontaas, Valencia City, Bukidnon, Philippines.

First Service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.

Noel Roy Gilos

Mineral water dispensers are available

who wish to reach the venue themselves, Hotel De Susana and Resort are accessible by plane from Laguindingan Airport via Cagayan de Oro City (150 km) or from Francisco Bangoy International Airport, Davao City (176 km). Find your way to the bus station from these airports and ride a bus bound for Bukidnon. Drop off at Valencia City Bus Terminal. From the bus terminal, ride a motorcycle cab to the resort. Our brethren from Mindanao can also take the following routes to the site: From the South, by Kidapawan City, North Cotabato (160 km via Kabacan-Carmen) and Davao City (176 km), from the Northeast by Butuan City, Agusan del Norte (260 km via CDO) and Tagum, Davao del Norte (154 km via San Fernando) and from the West by Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur.

### 2 guests, deluxe room

\$50

\$50

(one queen-size beds) \$60 3 guests, junior suite (one queen and one single bed) \$84

2 guests, superior room

(two single-size beds)

Hotel De Susana and Resort

4 guests, executive suite (two queen-size beds) \$90 2 guests, presidential suite (one king-size bed)

Features: ac, h, kq, s, w. Prices are per room, per night (rates are already discounted by 10 percent). Executive and presidential suites can be converted into dormitory accommodations for up to 10 beds. Addon rates will apply. All room rates include free breakfast for two. Add an additional \$10 for every extra bed without breakfast. Cable TV and hot and cold showers are available in all rooms. Mini-bar and swimming pool are available for all guests.

### Visayas

The Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day in Visayas, Philippines will be held at the Visayas State University (VSU)—a premier educational institution located in Baybay City at the western side of the Levte 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 (water buffalo) 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 six-hour 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-anda-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 twohour van trip to Baybay City.

**Registration:** For festival registration, reservations and more information, please contact the Visayas Festival coordinator, 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: Thursday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. Jose Campos

#### Visayas State University Hostel

P700 2 guests, standard twin P800 3 guests, standard triple P900 2 guests, deluxe matrimonial P1,000 3 guests, deluxe triple P1,500 2 guests, matrimonial superior Features: ac, h, w. Prices are per room, per night. TV, fridge and hot and cold showers are available in all except standard rooms (which do have a TV).

#### **ATI Room Accommodations**

P1,200	2 guests, standard room
P1,000	2 guests, matrimonial room
P1,500	2 guests, executive matrimonial
P600	1 guest, dormitory room
	(minimum 3 guests to reserve)



Children at the Feast in Ghana

*Features:* a, ac. Prices are per room, per night. All rooms include their own toilet and bathroom. Executive matrimonial room includes hot and cold showers.

#### Visayas State University Balay Alumni

P700 2 guests, standard (ground floor) 2 guests, standard (second floor) P800 Features: ac, h. Prices are per room, per night. All rooms include their own toilet and bathroom.

#### **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; up to 10 people)

Features: ac, w. Prices are per room, per night. TV is available in all rooms. Fridge and hot and cold showers 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 (large living room) 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/unit will be charged for the use of electric appliances such as flat iron, rice cooker,

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water heater, etc. at the VSU Apartelle room accommodations.

Note: Current exchange rate as of Feb. 19, 2024 is Php 56 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 are plenty of self-catering accommodations around the hotel, we encourage our international visitors to use the hotel accommodations, 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. Hotel rooms and suites include a full buffet breakfast. The hotel also has a fantastic restaurant for lunch and dinner.

Activities: Besides the scheduled activities. Mossel Bay offers а tremendous range of places to see, and 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.

With the proximity of shops and facilities, and the availability of very affordable taxi services, having your own transport is not a necessity. Just be aware

though that Uber does not operate in Mossel Bay.

Travel: International visitors have a number of options for getting to Mossel Bay: One option is to 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. Alternately, visitors can fly into Cape Town and enjoy a beautiful, 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.

For any queries, feel free to contact festival coordinator, Vivien Botha, at vivien\_botha@ucg.org. For help with accommodations, please contact our office manager, Isella Wallis, at unitedchurchofgod.sa@gmail.com. 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.

First service: Wednesday Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Vivien Botha

### Diaz Hotel and Resort diazbeach.co.za/ 1 Beach E Blvd Die Voor Bay, Mossel Bay 6500

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Diaz Hotel Rooms (B&B)			
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Features: ac, cb, ec, h, hr, kq, l, r, s, sf, w. A breakage deposit of R1 500.00 (per unit) is required upon arrival, and is refundable in due time. Rates for hotel rooms and suites include a full buffet breakfast. Current exchange rate is approximately 19 Rand to 1 USD.

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### Sri Lanka

### Kalutara

Your brethren in Sri Lanka warmly invite you to attend the Feast of Tabernacles with them at the Turyaa Hotel, Kalutara.

Kalutara is a major city in Kalutara District, in the Western Province of the beautiful island of Sri Lanka, known as the Pearl of the Indian Ocean. The city holds a unique position for one of the four major rivers in Sri Lanka, the Kalu Ganga, which joins the sea at the center of the city. Kalutara is known for making rope, baskets and other articles from the fiber of the coconut palm. Once an important spice-trading center, the town's name is derived from the Kalu Ganga ("Black River" in native Sinhala).

Sprawled across six acres of oceanfront land, Turyaa Kalutara hotel features 109 sea view rooms with private balconies, dining spaces, a large pool, spa and sauna, a gymnasium and recreational activities such as playing sets of badminton or shooting a cue ball across the pool table.

All brethren will be staying at the same venue and will have the unique and enjoyable opportunity to dine together at the "Svar" Restaurant. Three buffet meals are included in daily room costs and feature local Sri Lankan dishes as well as excellent international cuisine. The hotel conference hall will also be the site for daily services, which will be in English.

Activities: Tours can be arranged for outside activities such as visiting Galle Fort—(a UNESCO World Heritage Site), taking a boat ride in Madu River, visiting the Turtle Hatchery and/or Richmond Castle.

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 singalong and family dance, are sure to be a

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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!

**Travel:** Turyaa is located approximately 43 km (27 miles) south of the capital Colombo and 80 km (50 miles) or one hour and 15 minutes from the Bandaranayake International Airport via the expressway. (Transportation from the airport or from Colombo hotels to the Feast site can be arranged by the local Feast team, upon your request). At this time, there are no CO-VID-19 medical protocols or restrictions to travel to Sri Lanka. A Sri Lanka visa is required.

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: David Schreiber / 22909 Bluegrass Rd / Albert Lea, MN. 56007 or paid via PayPal: david.schreiber70@gmail.com.

After you have registered, you'll be emailed additional Feast information. Once your flight reservations are made, they must be emailed to our local Feast team. They will then arrange and confirm your lodging at the Turyaa, Kalutara. (If you choose to make your own reservations on turyaakalutara.com/ you will pay higher standard hotel rates).

For questions, please email David Schreiber at: david\_schreiber@ucg.org or call (507) 377-8151.

Location of services: Turyaa Hotel, Kalutara, 12580.

First service: Wednesday Oct. 16, 7 p.m. David Schreiber

#### Turyaa Kalutara

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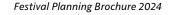
The daily room rates, inclusive of three buffet meals are as follows: single occupancy \$92

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Sharing a meal in Puerto Vallerta, Mexico

### St. Lucia

### Soufriere

This year's Feast of Tabernacles on the island of St. Lucia will be celebrated in the town of Soufriere. Soufriere is a fishing village on the Caribbean Sea. Visitors love sampling the freshest fish in the islands.

The meeting hall will be at the Leisure Inn, a small hotel with enough rooms to house the local brethren. The hall capacity will hold the local brethren plus about 70 visitors. Visitors will arrange their own housing-there is a plethora of hotels, guest houses, resorts and VRBO's within driving distance to match every budget. This site is located in close proximity to the Diamond Fall Botanical Garden and Mineral Baths, Drive-In Volcano and Sulphur Springs Park and Soufriere Fishing Pier. The Leisure Inn is a five-minute walk to the downtown restaurants and shops.

The town is just a 40-45-minute ride from the UVF International Airport in Vieux Fort. St. Lucia is the honeymoon capital of the Caribbean, so join for this Feast and you will see why. This is a firsttime site on the island.

Location of services: Leisure Inn, Sir Arthur Lewis St., St. Lucia.

Chuck Smith

### Togo

### Momé Hagou

This year the Feast will held at the Church's property in Momé Hagou, 80

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Children under five—no charge.

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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**

The Feast will once again be held on the tropical island of Tobago. The southernmost country of Trinidad and Tobago will provide brethren with tropical weather, beautiful beaches and some of the best cuisine in the world.

Make your escape to the secluded paradise of Villas at Stonehaven in the village of Black Rock on Tobago's west coast. Luxury villas offer a perfect blend of home-like privacy and hotel-class amenities. Designed in French colonial style with panoramic ocean views, these villas are nestled on a hillside next to a 260-acre bird sanctuary. Services will be held in the Stonehaven conference room.

The size of the meeting hall and locals attending will limit this site to 30-35 international visitors. Join us this year in Tobago for a Feast to remember!

**Location of services:** Villas at Stonehaven.

Chuck Smith

### United States

### **Aransas Pass, Texas**

Join us in making wonderful Feast memories in the seaside town of Aransas Pass, Texas for the first-ever Feast of Tabernacles held in this picturesque location. With its appealing meeting hall, a variety of accommodation options catering to all budgets and a plethora of shopping and dining venues, along with a beautiful beach on Mustang Island, this site promises an unforgettable Feast for families and individuals alike.

Services: The Feast is, first and foremost, about worshiping God. Our daily services will convene in the spacious Aransas Pass Civic Center, which has ample complimentary parking for all attendees.

**Housing:** From cozy budget-friendly options to luxurious beachside condos and homes, find your perfect stay within a mere three to 25 minutes from our service location.

Activities: Explore miles of pristine sandy beaches at nearby Port Aransas and Mustang Island, deservedly known as the Fishing Capital of Texas. Dive into a sea of activities with boat rentals, kayaking, paddle boarding, jet skiing and parasailing. Embark on scenic boat tours to watch dolphins and other marine wildlife in their natural habitat. Extend your adventure to Corpus Christi for even more exploration, shopping, museums and dining experiences.

With temperatures ranging from the cozy upper 50s at night to the pleasant low 80s during the day, the Aransas Pass Feast site offers the perfect backdrop for a myriad of activities, including teen events, family dances and much more, all under usually perfect weather conditions.

**Travel:** Just a 30-minute drive from the Corpus Christi International Airport, your gateway to Aransas Pass is conveniently close.

Experience the joy of the Feast set in one of Texas's hidden gems. Your United Church of God family at the Aransas Pass Feast site eagerly awaits welcoming you with open arms.

**Location of services:** Aransas Pass Civic Center, 700 W Wheeler Ave, Aransas Pass, TX 78336.

**First service:** Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. **Hotel tax:** 13 percent

Rod Foster

#### **Candlewood Suites**

(361) 226-6873 candlewood.com 501 E Goodnight Avenue Aransas Pass, TX 78336 \$109.99 2 queen beds *Features:* ac, cb, e, fw, h, hr, k, kq, op, l, p, sf, one mile from site, 13 units reserved. Rates available one day before and after the festival term.

#### **Executive Keys Condominiums**

(361) 749-6272 execkeys.com 800 Access Rd 1-A Port Aransas, TX 78373 Prices vary.

*Features*: a, ac, cb, e, fw, hr, kq, l, p, sf, 10.5 miles from site, set on 10 acres of pristine Mustang Island coastline with direct beach access. Cozy efficiencies to spacious three-bedroom condos and a townhouse, 50 units reserved. Mention United Church of God for 15 percent or

more discount. Rates available one day before and after the festival term.

### **Microtel Inn & Suites**

(361) 226-7906 wyndhamhotels.com 355 E Goodnight Ave Aransas Pass, TX 78336 \$72.45 1 or 2 queen beds *Features:* cb, e, fw, hr, kq, op, l, sf, one mile from site, 20 units reserved. Rates available one day before and after the festival term.

### Branson, Missouri

Services this year at the Feast in Branson will be held at Presleys' Country Jubilee. 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.

**Services:** Presleys' is a well maintained, modern auditorium offering comfortable seating and a mezzanine for small group gatherings. 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.

**Housing:** Branson has a wide variety of housing options ranging from first-class hotels to kitchenettes and cabins. Also available are many reasonably priced condos overlooking the hills or lakes.

Activities: 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.

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.

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

**First service:** Thursday, Oct. 17, 10:30 AM. No opening night service.

Taxes: Vary from 6 to 12 percent.

Joe and Pat Dobson

#### The Boardwalk Inn (formerly Baymont Inn)

(417) 417-0411 2719 W. Hwy. 76

Branson, MO 65616

\$75 room with 1 or 2 queens or kings *Features:* ac, cb, e, fw, h, hr, kq, l, p, sf, U18F, all rooms have microwave and refrigerator, 0.4 miles from site, 40 units available. Pets welcome for a \$50 one-time charge. Rates available three days before and after the festival term. *Taxes:* 13.35 percent.

### **Hotel Grand Victorian**

(417) 336-2935 (800) 324-8751 toll free hotelgrandvictorian.com 2325 W. Hwy. 76 Branson, MO 65616 \$80 1-2 people, 2 queens \$85 3-4 people, 2 queens *Features:* ac, cb, e, fw, h, hr, kq, l, ip, op, or, p, r, s, sf, st, all rooms have microwave and refrigerator, 0.7 miles from site, 25 units available. Group code is UCOG24. *Taxes:* 13.35 percent.

### **Hunter's Friend Resort**

(417) 338-2849

#### (800) 338-2842 toll free

huntersfriendresort.com 118 Myrtle Ln. Branson, MO 65616 \$65 motel, 1-4 persons \$80 studio or efficiency, 1-4 persons \$110 2-bedroom/1 or 2 bath apt, queen beds, 1-6 people \$120 2-bedroom 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, n, op, or, p, r, sf, wf, lakefront condos with free boatslips, three-bedroom condos have cleaning fee of \$130, rates based on seven nights. Rates available two days before and after the festival term. *Taxes:* 9.725 percent.

 Quality Inn on the Strip

 (417) 297-0392

 (800) 826-0368 toll free

 2839 W. Hwy. 76

 Branson, MO 65616

 \$74
 2 queen beds, 1-4 people

 \$82
 king bed, 1-4 people

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 king bed, 1-4 people

 *Features:* ac, cb, e, fw, h, hr, ip, kq, l, r, sf, w,

free full hot breakfast, 20 units available. \$2 admin fee per room charged to guest, 0.2 miles from site. Rates available three days before and after the festival term. *Taxes:* 14.35 percent.

### **Residence** Inn

(417) 336-4077 residenceinn.com/sgfbr 280 S. Wildwood Dr. Branson, MO 65616 \$155 1-bedroom, 1-4 people \$235 2-bedroom, 2-6 people studio, 1-4 people \$135 Features: a, ac, e, fw, h, hr, ip, kq, l, p, s, sf, hot deluxe breakfast, outdoor basketball court, exercise room, pets allowed (\$100 nonrefundable fee), one mile from site, 25 units reserved. Rates available two days before and after the festival term. Taxes: 12.1 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 1-bedroom condo, 1-4 people \$140 \$170 2-bedroom condo, 2-6 people \$235 3-bedroom condo, 1-8 people \$150 1-bedroom cabin 2-bedroom cabin \$185 \$245 2-bedroom cabin w/loft Features: a, e, l, hr, ip, kq, fw, s, sf, 59 units available. Rates available two days before and after the festival term. When booking, use the group code "UCOG2024."

### Cedar City, Utah

Taxes: 12.35 percent.

As a first-time site, Cedar City, Utah will host the Feast of Tabernacles. This charming community and area, nestled in the heart of scenic southern Utah is a nearly perfect Feast site.

Cedar City is surrounded by stunning natural landscapes, including nearby national parks, forests and wilderness areas. The city itself is located at the edge of the picturesque Cedar Breaks National Monument, known for its colorful rock formations and breathtaking vistas.

Services: Daily services will be held at the Heritage Center Theater providing free parking. This performing arts theater is much more accommodating compared to those who attended the University theater in St. George for families and handicapped needs. The meeting hall/ auditorium is perfect for conducting services and the smaller rooms for youth education, hospitalities, etc.

**Housing:** A wide variety of housing is available from three-25 minutes from church services. Every range of affordDon't forget to check feast.ucg.org for updates.

ability can be found whether you need a budget property or condos and homes.

Activities: With its proximity to outdoor attractions like Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon National Park and Dixie National Forest, Cedar City is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. Visitors can enjoy hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, camping, fishing and horseback riding amidst the region's rugged beauty. Historic downtown area is filled with charming shops, boutiques, cafes and restaurants housed in beautifully preserved buildings. Visitors can stroll along Main Street, admire the historic architecture and enjoy the small-town ambiance.

Temperatures can range from the mid-30s to upper 40s overnight to the upper 50s and mid-60s during the day. The altitude is 5,846 feet. Teen and young adult activities will be scheduled as well as a dinner at the meeting hall.

**Travel:** Cedar City has a regional airport served by Delta, one hour away is the St. George regional airport and just under three hours away is the Las Vegas International Airport.

**Location of services:** Heritage Center Theater, 105 N 100 E, Cedar City, UT 84720.

First service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Taxes: 6.45 percent.

Ken Loucks

### Americas Best Value Inn Cedar City

(435) 867-4700 choicehotels.com 333 N 1100 W. Cedar City, UT 84721 \$72 1-4 people *Features:* ac, cb, fw, h, hr, kq, l, p, sf, whirlpool and hot tub, 25 units available, 1.3 miles from site. Rates available one day before and after the festival term.

#### Best Western Town & Country

(435) 586-2082 bestwestern.com 50 W 200 N. Cedar City, UT 84720 \$99 1-4 people *Features:* ac, cb, fw, h, hr, ip, kq, l, r, sf, w, whirlpool and hot tub, 35 units available, 0.3 miles from site. Rates available one day before and after the festival term.

**Cedar Breaks Lodge by Hilton** (435) 677-3000 **(800) 438-2929**  hilton.com 223 W Hunter Ridge Dr. Brian Head, UT 84719 Studio (two queens) Sunday-Wednesday \$70 \$75 Thursday \$100 Friday-Saturday 1-Bedroom (1-4 people) Sunday-Wednesday \$80 \$90 Thursday \$120 Friday-Saturday 1-Bedroom Grand (4 people) Sunday-Wednesday \$90 \$100 Thursday \$150 Friday-Saturday 2-Bedrooms (2-6 people) Sunday-Thursday \$120 \$190 Friday-Saturday 2-Bedroom Grand (2-8 people) Sunday-Wednesday \$140 Thursday \$15O \$220 Friday-Saturday Features: a, e, fw, h, hr, ip, kq, or, r, indoor

hot tub, sauna, spa, fitness center, 38 miles from site. Rates available one day before and after the festival term. Resort fee: \$10 per day. Taxes: 15.17 percent.

#### **Quality Inn Cedar City**

(435) 586-2082 choicehotels.com 250 N 1100 W. Cedar City, UT 84721 \$82 1-4 people Features: ac, cb, fw, h, hr, ip, kq, l, p, r, sf, whirlpool and hot tub, 25 units available, 1.2 miles from site. Rates available one day before and after the festival term.

#### Ramada Inn Cedar City

(435) 267-0856 wyndham.com 1575 West 200 North Cedar City, UT 84720 1 bed, up to 2 people \$84 \$94 2 bed, up to 4 people Features: ac, cb, fw, h, hr, kq, l, p, r, sf, hot tub, sauna, 25 units available, 1.2 miles from site. Rates available one day before and after the festival term. Minimum seven night stay for this rate. Taxes: 10.31 percent.

#### rbself.com Vacation Rentals

### (435) 990-9999

435990.com

Prices vary; not discounted, but some of the best pricing for condos near Brian Head resort.

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Youth activities in Cincinnati, Ohio

Features: ac, fw, h, hr, kq, l, most units are around 40- to-45 minute drive from site. Rates available one day before and after the festival term.

#### Wingate Cedar City

(435) 867-8877 wyndhamhotels.com 1204 S Main St. Cedar City, UT 84720 \$99 1-4 people Features: ac, cb, fw, h, hr, ip, kq, l, or, p, sf, mini-refrigerator, microwave, coffee/tea maker, 25 units available, 1.2 miles from site. Rates available one day before and after the festival term. Visit bit.ly/3TX2zVK for discounted pricing.

#### 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!

Dining: 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.

Housing: Discounted housing has been negotiated at the Holiday Inn, and

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you are encouraged to stay there. If you would like to pursue other options, you may reserve suitable accommodations elsewhere at your discretion.

Activities: 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 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.

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.

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: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Taxes: 6.75 percent general sales, total

hotel tax is 13.75 percent.

Children under specified age are free

In walking distance of meeting facility

Provide your own kitchen utensils

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Holiday Inn Eastgate (513) 752-4400 (800) 465-4329 holidayinn.com 4501 Eastgate Blvd. Cincinnati, OH 45245 \$85 1-4 people \$125 King executive w/living room 2-bedroom suite \$240

Features: ac, e, fw, h, hr, ip, kq, l, p, r, s, sf, w. Reservations can be made online by going to the Cincinnati Feast website, housing tab and looking for the Feast of Tabernacles 2024 link. Guests may also call 513.752.4400 or 1.800.HOLIDAY to speak with a Guest Services Representative and mention block code UCG.

### Gatlinburg, Tennessee

Come join us as we celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles in beautiful Gatlinburg. Tennessee. This area is one of the most popular vacation locations in the United States. Gatlinburg is the gateway to the beautiful Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the most visited park in the National Park system. The Feast this year should be at the prime time to see beautiful fall colors. This area provides more choices for family activities than there will be time to enjoy them.

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. There are over 900 miles of hiking trails where you can explore forests and waterfalls while enjoying stunning mountain vistas. The average daily high temperature during October is 69 degrees and the average low is 56 degrees.

Services: Daily services will be conducted at Rocky Top Sports World. Additional special seminars, youth educational classes and Bible studies will also be provided.

Parking will not be a problem, as the facility has lots of free, on-site parking available. In addition, there is a convenient area to drop off and pick up passengers right by the front doors.

Dining: The area provides over 100 different restaurants to choose from. One can choose from a wide variety of casual dining options as well as something for that special night out.

Housing: Many options are available

#### Feature Codes:

- Apartment/condominium а
- ac Air conditioning bb
- Bed and Breakfast
- Campground Continental breakfast included cb
- d Dump station
- е Elevator
- ec Electric
- **Free wireless** fw
- Hotel/motel h

### Trouble with housing? Call (970) 484-5878 or send an email to Festival@ucg.org.

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. As this is a busy time of the year, it will be difficult to find group discounts.

**Activities:** We expect to have a family dance event and a seniors' activity. Also, a few sporting activities will be provided 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, or walking along the main street in Gatlinburg during the afternoon for fun and activities. Watch artists and artisans at their easels and pottery wheels throughout the vibrant crafts community in the galleries downtown or on the eight-milelong crafts loop that begins just outside of town. Numerous activities are also available for the whole family in nearby Pigeon Forge and Sevierville. These include family shows, miniature golf, go-kart tracks, shopping and much more.

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

First service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Taxes: 9.8 percent sales tax.

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Cabins For You (678) 679-3113 (800) 684-7865 cabinsforyou.com/ 1662 East Pkwy Gatlinburg, TN 37738 Prices vary. *Features:* a, ac, fw, kq, l, n, or, st, 5 percent discount for UCG members (some cab-

ins excluded). Go to website to search for units. Call or use online code, UNITED5 on the booking page. Members can also email Alicia directly for assistance at abazemore@cabinsforyou.com.

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  - Suites



Services in Gatlinburg, Tennessee

### Klamath Falls, Oregon

Join us for the 2024 Feast of Tabernacles in "Oregon's City of Sunshine," Klamath Falls. Located in Oregon's high desert, Klamath Falls boasts 300 days of sunshine a year. The city is nestled on the shores of Upper Klamath Lake, and in the backdrop of the Cascade Mountain Range. Mt. Shasta, Mt. Mcloughlin and a number of other peaks stand in contrast to the surrounding mountains.

Klamath Falls is an outdoor enthusiasts' paradise, with hiking and mountain biking and gravel biking trails, kayaking, paddle boarding, rock climbing and much more. Temperatures can range from the mid-60s during the day, down to the mid-30s in the evenings.

The Feast will be held in the ballroom at the beautiful Running Y Resort, a 3,600-acre property just 15 minutes outside of Klamath Falls. The Resort offers an Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course (the only one in Oregon), a spa and wellness center, outdoor basketball and pickleball courts, an indoor swimming pool, wading pool and hot tub. There are also outdoor tennis courts, horseshoe pits, cornhole, a sand volleyball court, a cardio and weight room with available fitness classes, a dry sauna, playground, horseback riding and hiking and biking trails.

Dining: There is only one restaurant on-site. There are a number of other dining options located in Klamath Falls, 15 minutes away.

Housing: Besides the discounted rates listed below, there are many options onsite through VRBO or Airbnb to consider.

Activities: Crater Lake National Park is a little over an hour away, which offers

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spectacular views, hiking trails, boat tours and opportunities for photography and wildlife viewing. Klamath Falls is known for its excellent fishing opportunities, with both river and lake fishing opportunities available. Upper Klamath Lake and nearby rivers provide numerous opportunities for boating, kayaking and canoeing.

The Klamath Basin National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center is 45 minutes away. There are also a number of museums within an hour's drive: Favell Museum, Klamath County Museum, Baldwin Hotel Museum, Fort Klamath Museum, Train Mountain Railroad Museum and the Collier Memorial State Park and Logging Museum.

We will also have numerous opportunities for teen, singles, young adult and family activities during the Feast of Tabernacles.

**Travel:** For those flying, most airlines service Medford (MFR) (a 1.5-hour drive from the Feast site), Eugene (EUG) (a three-hour drive), or Redmond (RDM) (an approximately three-hour drive). For those coming into Portland (PDX) it is a 4.5-hour drive.

**Location of services:** Running Y Resort Event Center, 5500 Running Y Rd, Klamath Falls, OR 97601.

**First service:** Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m.

**Taxes:** 17.5 percent state tax plus resort fees.

Ben Light

**Running Y Resort** (541) 850-5500 runningy.com 5500 Running Y Rd. Klamath Falls, OR 97601 2 queens or king \$119 \$169 mini or full suite \$229 2-bedroom vacation unit \$269 3-bedroom vacation unit \$299 4-bedroom vacation unit \$1,000 10-bedroom vacation unit Features: a, ac, e, fw, h, hr, ip, k, kq, l, p, r, s, w, \$95 cleaning fee.

### Morehead City, North Carolina

As a first-time site, North Carolina's Southern Outer Banks will serve as one of the settings for the Feast of Tabernacles. Services and events will be held at the meeting facility at the Crystal Coast Civic Center in Morehead City.

This picturesque site is situated on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean and offers beautiful sandy beaches, state parks and nature reserves—a wonderful backdrop to highlight some of the natural handiwork of our Creator God.

The community has a long maritime history, showcasing all sorts of outdoor activity opportunities. Temperatures in October can range from the mid-50s to mid-70s in Morehead City. Feel free to visit the community's website to further research the area. Don't forget to check feast.ucg.org for updates.

**Housing:** A wide variety of housing is available within a short distance from daily services. Every range of affordability can be found.

Activities: To focus on the primary goal of spiritual growth in the family of God, Bible studies and seminars for all ages will be planned in these eight days we keep the Feast together, in addition to the daily messages at services. Scheduled activities, which will emphasize family time and fellowship within the body of Christ, will be posted online as the much-anticipated Holy Days draw closer.

In addition to planned activities, this location offers ample opportunities for family attractions to suit any interest.

Outdoor activities include fishing charters, boat tours, kayaking, paddle boarding, parasailing, golfing and Blackbeard's recovered pirate ship. There are also several parks and nature reserves nearby for hiking and wildlife viewing.

Cultural attractions include the North Carolina Maritime Museum, which showcases the region's maritime history, Fort Mason State Park and North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores.

**Location of services:** Crystal Coast Civic Center 203 College Circle, Morehead City, NC 28557.

First Service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Taxes: Hotel tax is 12.75 percent. Andy Duran

### **Atlantic Beach Resort**

(252)247-5841atlanticbeachresortnc.com 715 W Fort Macon Rd Morehead City, NC 28512 \$109 1-4 people, king with sleeper 2-6 people, 2 rooms, king, 2 twins \$129 Features: a, ac, e, fw, hr, ip, kq, l, op, s, sf, three to five minute easy walk to beach, patio or balcony, spa, jacuzzi, outdoor grills, tennis, pickleball, playground, basketball, mini golf, 3.5 miles from site. Rates available two days before and after the festival term. Free parking, no resort fee. Taxes: 12.57 percent.

There are two ways to make a reservation: (1) Call (252) 247-5841 between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. EST. (2) Email pabreservations@latourgroup.com with your contact information along with the preferred dates of stay and room type. A front desk agent will reach out to assist in making arrangements.

### Bask Hotel at Big Rock Landing

(252) 499-9200 baskhotel.com 814 Shepard St. Morehead City, NC 28557 **Suite (1 queen)** \$139 Sunday-Thursday \$159 Friday-Saturday **1-bedroom condo (5 queens)** \$159 Sunday-Thursday \$159 Eriday Saturday

\$219 Friday-Saturday *Features:* a, ac, cb, e, fw, hr, kq, l, n, or, s, sf, towel exchange, fitness facility, three miles from site. Online reservation code: UCG10162024. Rates available two days before and after the festival term. Parking is \$7 and the safe fee is \$1.50 per night *Taxes:* 12.57 percent.

#### **Bluewater Vacation Rentals**

(866) 231 - 5892 bluewaternc.com/ 200 Mangrove Drive Morehead City, NC 28594 Prices vary.

*Features*: a, ac, e, fw, hr, ip, kq, l, op, p, sf, wf. 600+ condos and homes along the Crystal Coast ranging from 1-10 bedrooms. Please call and speak with a reservation specialist for availability. Mention "United Church of God" for \$100 off. *Taxes*: 12.57 percent.

#### Hampton Inn

(252) 240-2300
hamptoninn.com
4035 Arendell Street
Morehead City, NC 28557
\$109 1-4 people, efficiency *Features:* ac, cb, e, fw, h, hr, kq, op, p, r, s, sf, wf, microwave, refrigerator, 25 units available, backside looks out to Bogue
Sound, one mile from site. Rates available two days before and after the festival term. *Taxes:* 12.57 percent.

#### **Palm Suites**

(252) 252-6400 palmsuites.com 602 W. Fort Macon Road Morehead City, NC 28557 \$99 1-4 people, efficiency *Features:* ac, e, fw, hr, k, kq, l, op, or, s, sf, wf, 10 units available. microwave, refrigerator, sink (no stove top), backside looks out to Bogue Sound, 3.5 miles from site. Online reservation code: UCG10162024. Rates available two days before and after the festival term. \$2 admin fee per room. *Taxes:* 12.57 percent.

### **Ocean City, Maryland**

Ocean City, Maryland, situated along a nine-mile stretch of Atlantic Ocean beachfront, a 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. Feast services will be held in the Bayfront Ballroom at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center.

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! Museum, 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, throughout the campgrounds 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 at the nearby Carousel Resort. 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 some establishments are listed that are providing special rates for us.

**Travel:** Travelers on American Airlines can fly into Salisbury-Ocean City Regional Airport (SBY), just over a half hour away. For travelers on other airlines, there are nearby international airports, located in Baltimore, Maryland (BWI); Washington D.C. (DCA); Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (PHL) and Norfolk, Virginia (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 join us in Ocean City this year!

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

First service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 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 **Hotel Ocean Front** Oct. 16-17 \$90 \$145 Oct. 18-19 \$90 Oct. 20-24 Hotel atrium or west view \$75 Oct. 16-17 \$100 Oct. 18-19 \$75 Oct. 20-24

2-bedroom Condos		
\$160	Oct. 16-17	
\$200	Oct. 18-19	
\$160	Oct. 20-24	
3-bedroom Condos		
\$195	Oct. 16-17	
\$250	Oct. 18-19	
\$195	Oct. 20-24	

*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, 4.5 miles from site. Condos have washer/dryer and free detergent, but do not have daily maid service. Rates valid for one or two adults per guest room; additional adults will be charged \$10.00 per adult, per night with a maximum of five guests per room. Children ages 17 and under stay free in the same room as a paying adult. Resort fee is waived. *Taxes:* 11 percent.

Castle in the Sand Hotel (410) 289-6846 (800) 552-7263 castleinthesand.com 3701 Atlantic Avenue Ocean City, MD 21842 Standard Bayside Room \$74 Sunday-Thursday Friday-Saturday \$124 8 night average = \$85.50 Standard Oceanfront Room \$74 Sunday-Thursday Friday-Saturday \$134 8 night average = \$89 **Oceanfront Efficiency** Sunday-Thursday \$84 \$149 Friday-Saturday 8 night average = \$100.25 **Oceanfront Large Suite** Sunday-Thursday \$84 \$169 Friday-Saturday 8 night average = \$105.25 Features: ac, cb, e, fw, h, hr, k, kq, l, p, r, sf, w, wf, 0.2 miles from site. Rates available one day before and after the festival term. Taxes: 11 percent.

### Panama City Beach, Florida

The Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day will be celebrated in Panama City Beach this year along the beautiful Gulf of Mexico! Focus on the coming Kingdom of God in this picturesque millennial setting of warm weather, clear waters and beautiful beaches.

**Housing:** Edgewater offers one-, twoand 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. Don't forget to check feast.ucg.org for updates.

### 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, Oct. 9, 2024.

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.

Edgewater's gated community provides 11 swimming pools (10 of which are heated), children's splash pad, 10 tennis courts, 10 shuffleboard courts, five pickleball courts, basketball hoop, par three 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.

Members are no longer required to make reservations directly through Resort Collections. In addition, there are other options for accommodations listed that are a short drive from the Edgewater Conference Center. Please note there is a fee to park at the Conference Center for those not staying on-site.

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, Trouble with housing? Call (970) 484-5878 or send an email to Festival@ucg.org.

jet-skis, fishing and parasailing.

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

Location of services: Edgewater Beach Resort, 11212 Front Beach Rd., Panama City Beach, FL 32407.

First service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m. (local time-CDT).

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

Dan Preston

#### **Emerald Beach Properties**

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

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

### Sturgis, South Dakota

Sturgis has been a small satellite site in the past, but the very nice theater in the Sturgis Community Center can hold over 400 people, so this year it will be a fully designated Feast site.

Sturgis, a small community of around 7,000 people, is situated in the picturesque Black Hills region of South Dakota, offering scenic beauty and a historic downtown area with various shops, restaurants and shopping catering to both locals and tourists. The city also has a strong sense of community and hosts events throughout the year, including concerts, parades and rodeos. It is a location that provides outdoor recreational opportunities such as hiking, biking and camping. Overall, Sturgis blends its rich history with its reputation as a hub for motorcycle culture to create a unique and vibrant atmosphere.

Dining: The area offers a diverse selection of dining options that cater to both

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locals and visitors, ensuring that you'll find something to satisfy your appetite during your stay.

Housing: A wide variety of housing is available ranging from three-15 minutes from church services. Every range of affordability can be found, whether you need a budget property or prefer a condo or rental home.

Activities: A teen activity and a family activity are being planned. In addition, Sturgis, South Dakota offers a wealth of recreational activities thanks to its location in the beautiful Black Hills region. Here are some of the popular activities and attractions near Sturgis:

Mount Rushmore National Memorial-Located about 40 miles southwest of Sturgis. Mount Rushmore is one of the most iconic landmarks in the United States. Visitors can marvel at the massive sculptures of four U.S. presidents carved into the granite face of the mountain.

Custer State Park-Just south of Mount Rushmore, Custer State Park offers scenic drives, hiking trails, wildlife viewing and opportunities for fishing, boating and swimming in its lakes and streams. The park is also home to a large herd of free-roaming bison.

Crazy Horse Memorial-About 30 miles southwest of Sturgis, the Crazy Horse Memorial is an ongoing mountain carving project dedicated to the Native American leader Crazy Horse. Visitors can learn about Native American culture and history at the on-site museum and cultural center.

Black Hills National Forest-Encompassing over 1.2 million acres, the Black Hills National Forest offers endless opportunities for outdoor recreation, including hiking, mountain biking, camping, fishing and horseback riding. Scenic drives such as the Needles Highway and Iron Mountain Road are also popular.

Spearfish Canyon-Located to the northwest of Sturgis, Spearfish Canyon is known for its stunning scenery, including towering limestone cliffs, waterfalls and lush forests. Visitors can enjoy hiking, rock climbing, fishing and scenic drives along the Spearfish Canyon Scenic Byway.

Devils Tower National Monument-Located about 90 miles west of Sturgis in Wyoming, Devils Tower is a striking geological feature and sacred site for Native American tribes. Visitors can hike around

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- Suites



Children's Choir in Zimbabwe

the base of the tower or enjoy rock climbing with a permit.

Outdoor Adventure—The Black Hills region offers opportunities for various outdoor adventures, including ATV and off-road vehicle trails, zip-lining, rock climbing and whitewater rafting on the nearby rivers.

Travel: For those flying, the nearest airport is Rapid City (35 miles) and Gillette, Wyoming is 100 miles away.

Location of services: Sturgis Community Center, 1401 Lazelle St, Sturgis, SD 57785.

First service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. Taxes: Total hotel taxes are 8.5 percent. Ken Skorseth

#### **Baymont Inn & Suites**

- (605) 206-5400 wyndhamhotels.com 2721 Lazelle St. Sturgis, SD 57785 \$89 1 king bed \$99 2 queen beds \$129 king suite \$139 2 queen suite jacuzzi suite \$169
- \$250 presidential suite

Features: ac, cb, e, fw, h, hr, kq, l, p, r, s, sf, hot breakfast with turkey bacon, 35 units available. 1.4 miles from site. Rates available one day before and after the festival term. Pet fee: \$30. Credit cards on (no cash). Taxes: 12.7 percent.

#### **Black Hills Cabin Rentals**

### (605) 578-2342

blackhillscabinrentals.com Prices vary.

Features: a, n, or. Go online, find the unit you prefer, call the phone number and

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mention United Church of God Conference for a 10 percent discount. 12.7 percent tax per night.

#### **Black Hills Vacation Cabins**

(605) 920-1269 20841 Mollman Lane Lead, SD 57754 Prices vary. Call phone number, ask for Molly and tell her this is for the United Church of God conference. She will help you find discounted rental homes. 12.7 percent tax per night.

#### **Deadwood Connections**

(800) 240-3735 deadwoodconnections.com 717 W. Minnesota St. Rapid City, SD 57701 Prices vary.

*Features:* n, or. Go online, find the unit you prefer, call the phone number and mention United Church of God Conference for a 15 percent discount. Use code FESTIVAL24. 12.7 percent tax per night.

#### The Hotel Sturgis

(605) 561-0116
thehotelsturgis.com
1802 Junction Ave.
Sturgis, SD 57785
\$99 1 or 2 queen beds *Features:* ac, e, fw, h, hr, kq, l, sf, w, mini fridge, microwave, 0.3 miles from site, 10
units available. Housekeeping available
upon request. 12.7 percent tax per night.

#### West Yellowstone, Montana

This year, the small Montana town of West Yellowstone, with a population of 1,269, will host the Feast of Tabernacles. Located adjacent to the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park, feastgoers will have the opportunity to explore many unique sites and wonders of God's creation. Sitting atop one of the world's largest volcanic calderas, Yellowstone National Park features dramatic canyons, alpine rivers, lush forests, hot springs and gushing geysers, including its most famous, Old Faithful. There are over 10,000 thermal features, over 300 geysers and more than 290 waterfalls-the biggest being the 308-foot lower falls of the Yellowstone River. The park is home to hundreds of animal species, including bears, wolves, bison, elk and antelope.

Services: Feast services will be held at the Madison Crossing Event Center located in the heart of West Yellowstone just west of the intersection of Madison Avenue and North Canyon Street. The Event Center is over 1,600 square feet of space located in the original West Yellowstone School which was built in 1918. Capacity of the Center is limited to only 150, so this will be a small site.

We know many may want to come to West Yellowstone for the Feast, but please consider these facts when deciding if West Yellowstone is the site for you, especially this year:

• This year (2024) the dates of the Feast are the latest of this decade. The average high temperature for October in West Yellowstone is only 50 degrees. The average low temperature is 28 degrees. (The averages drop lower in November.)

• The elevation of West Yellowstone is 6,666 feet above sea level.

• The chance of precipitation during October is approximately 20 percent and there is about a 5-10 percent chance it could be snow. But if it does snow in October, the locals say it generally melts the next day.

• You'll want to bring warm clothes.

Housing: According to the local tourism information center there are approximately 2,000 rooms available in West Yellowstone. There are 18 motels within three blocks of the Madison Crossing Event Center and many more within a mile. There are also many campgrounds and RV parks. Additionally there are short-term rental units available. Although the Feast is late, the park is still open and so many tourists will still be coming to visit the park. Rates will be lower than the summer peak rates, but not considered cheap. With so many options available we believe everyone should be able to find housing to suit their needs. There are also many restaurants and other activities available such as the Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center, Museum of the Yellowstone, Yellowstone Aerial Adventures & Zipline Park and the Yellowstone Giant Screen Theater (IMAX).

**Travel:** The nearest airports to West Yellowstone are Bozeman, MT, Idaho Falls, ID and Jackson, WY.

**Location of services:** Madison Crossing Event Center, 121 Madison Ave., West Yellowstone, MT 59758.

**First service:** Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m. First Holy Day service will be on Oct. 17, 1 p.m. Dan Deininger

#### Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

We are very excited to return to Wisconsin Dells and be hosted by the Wintergreen Resort. The Dells' scenic beauty serves to highlight the handiwork of our Creator and enhance the observance of this special time of year. The weather can vary from beautiful autumn weather to cooler, crisper temperatures.

**Services:** The major focus of the Feast of Tabernacles is our spiritual growth in the family of God. To that end we will be diligently working to provide Bible studies and seminars in addition to the daily messages at services.

There will be ample opportunity to praise God during services each day. We also invite all who wish to participate in the special music program to contact our special music coordinator for details.

Housing: Although members are free to book housing where they prefer, for those staying in hotels, all reservations at the Wintergreen Resort directly save the Church money as we are obligated to book 40 rooms to have access to the meeting halls. Any rooms not reserved by members are paid for by the Church. Additional housing in the Dells is plentiful with an array of properties including ultra-modern themed resorts with elaborate indoor water parks and multior single-family condominiums. There are also homes and cottages available for rent near several of the nearby lakes and rivers, or in the woods. Most accommodations are within a few minutes' drive of the Wintergreen Resort. Whatever your housing needs are, you will find a property to suit your budget!

**Activities:** Look for scheduled activities to include a variety of options that will emphasize family time and fellowship with the brethren.

Wisconsin Dells also has a long history as a destination that provides many enjoyable family attractions to suit any interest. Outdoor activities like golf, hiking, touring the local waterways in the famous "Ducks" and many others, give people the opportunity to experience the beauty of God's creation firsthand. In addition to these outdoor options, the Dells is home to numerous indoor water parks, which are unparalleled among amusement parks anywhere in the world.

**Travel:** The Madison, Wisconsin airport is an hour from the Dells, the Milwaukee airport is two hours away and Chicago O'Hare is three hours away.

**Location of services:** Wintergreen Resort and Conference Center, 60 Gasser Rd, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965 (This venue does require using one or two overflow rooms to accommodate everyone. Parking is conveniently located next to the facility).

First service: Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7 p.m.

**Taxes:** The Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton area is considered a Premier Resort Area. Therefore, 6.75 percent sales tax is charged on most purchases and 12.25 percent tax on lodging accommodations.

Devin Shulz

#### Sand County Service

(800) 822-7768 sandcounty.com P.O. Box 409 Lake Delton, WI 53940 Prices vary. *Features:* a, ac, fw, kq, l, n, p, 75 units available. Go to website to view each property and email festival@ucg.org for specific rates (based on an eight-night stay). All properties include complete kitchen, basic supply of towels and linens, bathroom tissue, bath soap, garbage bags and dish soap. Bring your own beach/pool towels, paper towels, coffee filters, Kleenex, etc.

### Wintergreen Resort & Conference (800) 648-4765 x 1

wintergreen-resort.com 60 Gasser Rd. Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965 two queens or one king \$79 Features: ac, e, fw, h, hr, kq, op, p, r, sf, w, 40 units available. Some family rooms and two-room suites are available at a higher rate. Taxes: 12.25 percent.

### 7ambia

Looking to celebrate the Feast in a beautiful setting with brethren from a different part of the world? Consider joining us in Zambia! You are most welcome to rejoice before our God for the Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day with several hundred of your Zambian brethren and other internationals!

This year we are planning a single Feast location, capable of serving both our local brethren and international guests. Zambia is a beautiful country with diverse wildlife, the most majestic waterfalls in the world and a gentle and vibrant people.

Many of the local brethren will lodge in tents and cottages, with meals being cooked and provided for them. International guests will enjoy excellent lodging either on-site or nearby in western accommodations. According to the U.S. State Department, Zambia is considered the safest country in Africa, similar to Canada and Australia. English is the official national language, making travel and communication relatively easy.

Activities will include family day, African wildlife viewing, plenty of fellowship, Bible Studies, breaking of bread and intertwining of lives as we learn about God's way of life and His great plan of salvation for mankind. The Zambian brethren are warm, loving and eager for your arrival. Celebrating the Feast in Zambia this year will allow you to see the wonderful work God is doing in this country through His people. Your fellow brethren in Zambia welcome you to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles and Last Great Day with them!

There will be a double service on the first Holy Day, Thursday, Oct. 17, followed by daily services. Plan your departure no sooner than Oct. 25.

For more information on travel recommendations or other information about Zambia, please contact Ed Dowd at ed\_ dowd@ucg.org.

First service: Wednesday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m. Ed Dowd

### 7 imbabwe

The Feast of Tabernacles will be held in Zimbabwe again this year. International visitors are welcome, but should contact senior pastor, Lewis VanAusdle, before deciding to attend the Feast

### **2024 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

of Tabernacles in this location (lewis\_ vanausdle@ucg.org).

Lewis VanAusdle

### 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 "Unable 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!

### 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: 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 15-20 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

### 2024 FESTIVAL BUDGET PLANNER

Total funds available	Estimate	Actual
Expenses		
Pre-Feast Festival fund Other Holy Days Housing deposit Personal car prep Supplies and clothing		
<b>Travel to and from the Feast</b> Air/train/bus fare Car rental Gasoline/oil/other Lodging Meals Activities Emergency fund		
<b>Festival expenses</b> 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 email USFestival@ucg.org or call (970) 484-5878.

### 2024 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.

Your PIN number from your United News or Beyond Today: U

Donation Amount Enclosed: \$

Name

Address

City

State/Province

Zip/Postal Code

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# 2024 Feast of Tabernacles Sites

### Australia

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

> **Benin** Ouidah

**Brazil** Porto Seguro

British Isles Southport, United Kingdom

> **Cameroon** Douala Yagoua

**Canada** Calgary, Alberta Kelowna, British Columbia Midland, Ontario

### Chile

### Colombia

Côte d'Ivoire Blolé

> DR Congo Lubumbashi Mbuji-Mayi

Estonia Tallinn

**France** Club Miléade La Gaillarde Germany Titisee

**Ghana** Cape Coast

Greece Crete

Guatemala Panajachel

### Hong Kong

India Agra

**Italy** Tuscany

Jamaica Montego Bay

> **Kenya** Naivasha

Malawi Blantyre Nkhwazi

Malaysia Penang

Mexico Puerto Vallarta

New Zealand

Nigeria Igbara-Oke Philippines Baguio City Mindanao Visayas

South Africa Mossel Bay

> Sri Lanka Kalutara

St. Lucia Soufriere

**Tobago** Stonehaven Bay

**Togo** Momé Hagou

### **United States**

Aransas Pass, Texas Branson, Missouri Cedar City, Utah Cincinnati, Ohio Gatlinburg, Tennessee Klamath Falls, Oregon Morehead City, North Carolina Ocean City, Maryland Panama City Beach, Florida Sturgis, South Dakota West Yellowstone, Montana Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

### Zambia

Zimbabwe

More information about each site can be found at feast.ucg.org. Registration for U.S./Canadian sites opens at 12 p.m. EDT on April 28, 2024. United Church of God P.O. Box 541027 Cincinnati, OH 45254-1027

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# Join us for the Feast of Tabernacles 2024!



### About the United Church of God

This brochure is published by the United Church of God, an International Association, which has ministers and congregations throughout the world.

We trace our origins to the Church that Jesus founded in the early first century. We seek to follow the same teachings, doctrines and practices established then. Our commission is to proclaim the gospel of the coming Kingdom of God to all the world as a witness and to teach all nations to observe what Christ commanded (Matthew 24:14; 28:19-20).

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).

If you'd like to know more about the Feast of Tabernacles and the other festivals, you may request a free copy of the booklet *God's Holy Day Plan: The Promise of Hope for All Mankind*. You can request, download or read a copy on our website ucg.org, or contact one of our offices listed in the front of this brochure.