
NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION 2012 ADVENTIST TEACHER'S CONVENTION NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE – August 5-8, 2012

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Dear Central California Conference Educators:

In just a few months now, Adventist educators from all across the North American Division will be joining together in a community effort to support and challenge each other through their spiritual, professional, and social experiences during the Nashville Convention.

- Educators will be able to enjoy a spiritually enriching atmosphere while attending the worship services every morning and participating in the breakout sessions from well-known speakers.
- Educators will also be able to enjoy the rich opportunities for professional growth as they attend the many breakout sessions and daily meetings, as well as visit the exhibit hall and book store.
- Educators will have ample opportunity for social networking as they attend the planned events such as the North American Division Buffet and the Central California Conference Special Event.

This letter will outline some important information you need to know prior to attending the North American Division 2012 Adventist Teacher's Convention in Nashville and also give you a little taste of what to expect.

➤ **Where will the Convention be held?**

The venue for the convention is the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Center located at 2802 Opryland Drive, Nashville, TN 37214. The telephone number for the hotel is 615.889.1000.

➤ **What is the theme for the Convention?**

"Moving Hearts and Minds Upward" has been chosen as the theme for the convention.

➤ **How do I register for the Convention?**

The Central California Conference Office of Education will take care of your registration. Please complete the employee registration form provided by your principal (also available online) and submit by November 17, 2011. If you wish to bring your spouse/family, please also complete the family registration form and submit to the CCC Office of Education no later than January 13, 2012, with full non-refundable payment by check.

➤ **What are the accommodations and room reservation procedures?**

The main hotel accommodating educators will be the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. We are hopeful that the Central California Conference educators and guests will be staying in this hotel; however, because of the large number of people attending, some conferences will need to stay in nearby hotels which will have similar quality accommodations. All CCC educators must stay at the hotel.

➤ **Will I need a credit card?**

Yes. The hotels require a major credit card to bill any incidental expenses such as room services, etc. **Please note: A debit card will not be accepted at hotel registration.**

➤ **How will I know who I will be rooming with?**

You will find out who your assigned roommate will be at some time prior to leaving to Nashville. For the most part your roommate will be from your school. Families and spouses will be able to stay in the same room.

➤ **Am I required to follow a certain dress code while attending the Convention?**

Yes. We are asking that you wear business casual to all of the meetings.

➤ **How can I get to Nashville?**

Please work through your principal for all travel arrangements. Your administrator will have details on travel, whether by airline or driving yourself.

➤ **Will there be shuttle service from the airport to the hotel?**

The NAD is providing a free shuttle service from the Nashville airport to the Gaylord Opryland Hotel.

➤ **What procedures do I follow if I am driving my own car?**

You must go directly to your hotel and check in. There is a daily parking fee of \$18.00 (per day) at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel so you may want to take the bus which the NAD is providing for all of your trips to and from the Convention Center.

➤ **Will there be an on-site registration booth for my union or conference?**

Yes. The Pacific Union Conference and the Central California Conference will have a booth where you must register and check in. You will receive a bag, convention program and schedule, meal tickets, etc. The booth will be located in the Convention Center and easily identified.

➤ **When is the first meeting?**

Tentatively, the first meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evening, August 5. Please be on time so you will not miss the special guest artist and the keynote speaker for the opening session.

➤ **Will I have to make my own meal arrangements?**

The Central California Conference Office of Education will provide meals and per diem as follows:

The NAD has made arrangements for breakfast and lunch to be purchased at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. All meals are vegetarian and will require meal tickets to be purchased in advance.

In lieu of per diem for Monday and Tuesday, we are purchasing meal tickets for all convention attendees (including family members) for three breakfasts (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and two lunches (Monday and Tuesday). The Monday evening NAD Buffet and the Tuesday evening CCC Special Event are also paid for by the Conference.

You will receive a combined per diem for Sunday and Wednesday in the amount of \$62 which will be included in your July 30 paycheck.

- **What do I need to know about the North American Division Buffet and Entertainment?**
The meal will be a delicious buffet on Monday, August 6, followed by an evening of special entertainment and awards. The dress for this special occasion will be business casual.
- **What do I need to know about the Central California Conference Office of Education Special Event?**
On Tuesday evening, August 7, the CCC Office of Education will be hosting a special event for all educators of the CCC. We are requiring attendance at this event which will include an opportunity for you to gather with your fellow CCC colleagues as well as enjoy a very special planned event—details to be shared at a later date.
- **Will I need to register for the breakout sessions?**
You will not have to register for any of the breakout sessions you choose to attend.
- **What else do I need to know about the breakout sessions?**
There will be more than 450 scheduled breakout sessions throughout the convention. Some of the areas of interest include pre-school, elementary, secondary, administration, small schools, technology, and more. Most of the sessions will be held in rooms adequately large enough to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend. There will be also a few mega-sessions featuring Carlton Byrd, Dwight Nelson, Alan November, Todd Whitaker, NAD President Dan Jackson and Christian humorist Ken Davis. You will be able to obtain a complete listing of the breakout sessions on the NAD website at www.nadeducation.org as the schedule is developed.
- **Will there be an exhibit hall and a bookstore?**
Yes, there will be an exhibit hall as part of the Convention with over 100 registered exhibitors, including education product vendors, technology, fund raising ideas, teaching materials, fun stuff and much more. Free gifts are also available.
- **Can I get certification credit for attending the Convention?**
Academic and non-academic (PAC) credit will be available. One Professional Activity Credit (one non-academic hour) is available to all attendees.

For further questions and information regarding the NAD Convention please check the following:

- The North American Division website at www.nadeducation.org
- The Central California Conference website at www.cccedu.adventistfaith.org

We hope this letter is helpful to you in preparing for the grand North American Division 2012 Adventist Teachers' Convention in Nashville!

God bless you,

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