

ENCOUNTER JESUS

EXPERIENCE EXCELLENCE

CHICAGO | AUGUST 6-9, 2018

Countdown to the convention

It is exciting to know that August is fast approaching and we will be together in Chicago for a celebration of each of your ministries. The North American Division, each union and conference, have sacrificed so that we can celebrate what you do in the classroom everyday! You are the hands, feet, voice and arms of Jesus to the children in your classroom and school. I sincerely thank you for what each of you do and look forward to our time together.

Included in this newsletter you will find important information to help guide you while in Chicago, so please take the time to review it carefully.



LOCATION: McCormick Place, 2301 S. Martin Luther King Drive • Chicago, Illinois

SCHEDULE

Monday August 6

6:30 pm Keynote: Elizabeth Talbot
8:00 pm Concert: Steven Curtis Chapman

Tuesday August 7

8:00 am – 9:30 am Worship: Sam Leonor
Concert: Angela Bryant-Brown
9:45 am – 11:00 am Breakout 100
11:15 am – 12:30 pm Breakout 200
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm LUNCH
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm General Session: Technology –
Eric Sheninger, “Learning Transformed:
8 Keys to Designing Tomorrows Schools, Today”
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm Breakout 300
5:15 pm – 6:45 pm Evening Buffet
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Evening program: Concert –
Oakwood Aeolians

Wednesday August 8

8:00 am – 9:30 am Worship: Sam Leonor
Concert: Jamie Jorge
9:45 am – 11:00 am General Session: Inspiration – Manny Scott
11:15 am – 12:30 pm Breakout 400
12:30 pm – 2:30 pm LUNCH
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm General Session: Pedagogy –
Brad Giese, “Creating a Shared Vision for
School Improvement”
3:45 pm – 5:00 pm Breakout 500
5:15 pm – Evening Free

Thursday August 9

8:00 am – 9:30 am Worship: Sam Leonor
Concert: Michael English
9:45 am – 11:00 am Breakout 600
11:15 am – 12:15 pm Commitment Service: Dan Jackson
Concert: Wintley Phipps

MONDAY	Keynote	Lake Union
TUESDAY	Worship	Pacific Union
	General Session	Southwestern Union
	Evening Program	Columbia Union
WEDNESDAY	Worship	Atlantic Union
	General Session	Southern Union
	General Session	North Pacific Union
THURSDAY	Worship	SDACC Union
	Commitment Service	Mid America Union



Breakout Highlights

Although we have more than 375 breakout sessions, the NAD Office of Education Team wanted to point out a few larger sessions you might want to attend. You will notice that some rooms begin with “w” that means they are in the west section, if it begins with an “s” it is in the south building.

BILL HENSON — *“Loving LGBT+ Youth in our Christian Schools”*

To honor God, we must retain a biblical-sound sexual ethic. Equally, we must radically love people who fall short of our position. LGBT+ youth can be vulnerable to teasing, bullying, exclusion, family rejection, and religious condemnation. Suicide and homelessness rates are deeply concerning. We don't need to change our position, but we must shift our posture. Come discover what you can do to genuinely love vulnerable LGBT+ youth. (Highly recommended! Larry) Breakout 300 – main auditorium

ERIC SHENINGER — Two major breakouts

Breakout 100 – main auditorium – *“Digital Pedagogy for Deeper Learning”*

Breakout 200 – main auditorium – *“Creating Schools that Work for Kids”*

ADVENTIST RETIREMENT — We are having three repeating sessions, and suggest that you include one of these that relate to your point in life.

“Growing through the Journey: Long-term Planning for Retirement”

Breakout 124, room s100BC, and Breakout 427, room s100BC

“Completing the Journey: Reaching your Retirement Goals”

Breakout 224, room s100BC, and Breakout 520, room s100BC

“Starting the Journey: Maximizing Your Employer Provided Saving Account”

Breakout 321, room s100BC, and Breakout 615, room s100BC

OPAL SINGLETON, Two sessions:

“Social Media and the Exploitation of our Students”

Breakout 431, room s100A

“Preparing Our Students to Meet the Dangers of a Technological World Without Borders”

Breakout 524, room s100A

Brad Giese *“The “Why, What, and How” of Using Data for School Improvement”*

Breakout 500, main auditorium

ADVENTIST RISK MANAGEMENT

David Fournier *“Building Safe and Secure School Environments”*

Breakout 510, room w190B

Daisy Montes de Oca, *“Understanding Your Healthcare and Benefits”*

Breakout 115, room w190A

Daisy Montes de Oca, *“No Bullying Allowed, Setting Bullying Prevention Policies”*

Breakout 509, room w183B

NOTE: there will be some exciting sessions in the w170-176 but we will be video taping in those rooms and they are small. We want the rooms full, but if you cannot get into one of these sessions, it will be available on Adventist Learning Community.

EXHIBIT HALL HOURS:

Monday	3:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Tuesday	11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday	Noon – 5:00 pm

SETUP

Sunday	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Monday	8:00 am – noon

Tear Down

Wednesday	5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Thursday	8:00 am – noon

MEALS:

Breakfast	6:30 am – 7:45 am
Lunch	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Evening Buffet	5:15 pm – 6:45 pm

IMPORTANT

Every person, visitor, child, guest, etc. must have a name badge to enter the exhibit hall. There WILL be security there to deny entry without a badge. If you are visiting or have children or spouses you want to enter the exhibit hall, you will need to get a badge from your union/conference, or if you are an outside guest, from the NAD registration booth.

Only those with convention registration badge will be allowed into the eating area. No individual meal tickets will be sold. You can purchase registration badge, including meals, at the NAD registration booth.



Shuttle Service from the hotels to the convention center

The shuttles pick up at each hotel and take you directly to the convention center, then you can get back to your hotel every ½ hour from the same drop off point in the convention center. ANYONE, including children MUST have either a convention badge holder or a wrist band (for children) to get on the bus. Shuttles on Monday will allow you to get from your hotel to the convention center, but after that everyone must have a badge holder or wrist band.

If you want breakfast, it is suggested that you arrive at the convention center by 7:15 each morning. Breakfast lines will begin at 6:30 and close at 7:45 so that you may attend the worship service.

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE

Complimentary shuttle service is provided between McCormick Place West Building and the official hotels listed on this flier. Check the shuttle information sign in your hotel lobby for additional information and updates.

MONDAY, AUGUST 6

12:30pm - 2:00pm Every 25-30 minutes
2:00pm - 10:00pm * Every 20 minutes

TUESDAY, AUGUST 7

6:30am - 9:30am Every 20 minutes
9:30am - 4:30pm Every 25-30 minutes
4:30pm - 10:00pm * Every 20 minutes

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8

6:30am - 9:30am Every 20 minutes
9:30am - 1:30pm Every 25-30 minutes
1:30pm - 5:30pm * Every 20 minutes

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9

6:30am - 1:30pm * Every 20 minutes

* Last shuttle departs McCormick Place West Building at this time.
Last shuttle departs hotels coming to convention center approximately 60 minutes prior to this time.

HOTELS & BOARDING LOCATIONS

Route #1

Hilton Chicago The Blackstone
Boarding Location: Curbside on 8th at Hilton Chicago

Route #2

Palmer House Hilton
Boarding Location: Curbside on Wabash

Route #3

Hyatt Regency Chicago
Boarding Location: Curbside on Wacker Drive

WALK HOTEL

The following hotels are within walking distance of McCormick Place West Building, therefore no shuttle service is provided.

Hyatt Regency McCormick Place



If you have questions about the shuttle or need to make a reservation for a wheelchair-lift vehicle, please see the supervisor at the convention center or call Kushner & Associates at (747) 275-8713.

SHUTTLE PROVIDED BY



Disabilities or difficulty in walking

Although the Hyatt McCormick Place is connected directly to the convention center, it is a very long walk, through the hotel, over the sky-bridge and through the convention center. It is strongly suggested that persons with difficulty walking be placed in hotels other than the Hyatt McCormick, as the shuttle picks you up in the lobby and drops you off inside the convention center, there is less walking than if you are in the Hyatt McCormick. Also, there is a dedicated wheel-chair lift van, see the note on the shuttle service page. There will be wheelchairs and motorized scooters available on-site to rent. Please see: Scootaround Mobility Solutions at 888-441-7575 or visit www.scootaround.com/rentals/m/mccormickplace.



Parking

ALL parking is fee-based, there are no free or low-cost parking affiliated with the convention center or the hotels. Unless you have made arrangements with your sponsoring organization, no parking fees will be reimbursed. Bus parking is available (at a fee) please contact Larry Blackmer for details (443-391-7280)

Hotels

All ECEC-12 employees MUST get their hotel reservations through their sponsoring conference/union. Guests, visitors, out-of-division personnel, higher education personnel, unless otherwise contacted, and general retirees must use the both the registration site for meal tickets and the hotel registration site to get a room. www.2018teachersconvention.com

Breakout Sessions

We have scheduled more than 375 breakout sessions. You do not need to register for individual breakouts, but you must have a convention registration badge to get into breakout sessions. General visitors will not be allowed to attend breakouts, without a badge.

Convention App

There will be a convention app that is available beginning July 15, 2018. It will have all of the breakouts, presenters, maps of the convention hall, social media outlets, etc. included. This will also be the way you share your information with the vendors in the exhibit hall.

Internet/WiFi

We have purchased building-wide Internet WIFI. This is not intended to download large files, or stream content. It is strictly for email, texting, and general Internet searches. Please help us out by not attempting to use apps, sites, services, etc., that use high bandwidth. Also, we have arranged free Internet in all the sleeping rooms.

Registration

Once you arrive in Chicago, follow the advice of your union or conference as to how to get to the hotels from the airport. Once you arrive at the convention site, check-in to your hotel, (this is suggested, so that you do not carry your luggage around the convention center) then take a bus (see schedule) to the convention center. (If your room is not ready, have the hotel hold your luggage until you register and return)

Once at the convention center proceed from level one to level three where registration will take place. (This is also the level for food service and the exhibit hall.) In front of Hall F you will find the conference/union booth for registration. You will pick up your convention bag, which will contain your program and other materials. Your conference/union will give you a name tag and badge holder. If you have spouses, friends, or children that are NOT registered, then they will need to be given a handwritten name tag and a wrist band. (These individuals will not be able to enter breakout sessions or the eating area) Everyone must either have a wrist band or name tag if they are under 12 years of age, a name tag with the child's name and a cell phone number in case of an emergency or lost child scenario. The exhibit hall opens at 3:00 so avail yourself of the free time. There are no programs designed for children.



Tipping

How much should I tip? It is important to give appropriate tips to those who serve us and make our stay more comfortable. Recommended tips are as follows:

- Hotel maid \$2 (each day your room is serviced – leave tip on the pillow)
- Bellhop \$1-\$2 per bag
- Skycap/student \$1-\$2 per bag
- Taxi 10-15% of fare
- Restaurant server 15-20% of total bill. (not necessary at the NAD arranged meals)

Credit cards

It is essential that all teachers have a major credit card at the time of hotel check-in. It will be used to cover extra charges such as room service, movies, faxes, or phone charges. **The hotel will not allow you to register without a valid credit card.** A debit card is NOT acceptable. Again, you will not be able to register without a credit card.

Prayer time

Each morning there will be a special prayer service in front of the main stage beginning at 6:15. We will be sure that it concludes on time so you can get breakfast. There will be an international group who has volunteered to have a 24-hour prayer session for our convention, it consists of teachers and administrators. So from 5 pm Monday night straight through until 1 pm on Thursday we will have someone praying for you every single minute!

Anointing Service

On Wednesday morning, during the 6:15 to 7:30 time slot we will have a very special anointing service for teachers and administrators. Do you want your ministry to have power and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit this year? Come and let us anoint you, to asking the Holy Spirit to do something amazing in your life this school year.

Academic Credit

We will have available academic credit from several Adventist Universities. If you are interested in academic credit, please see your union office registration booth, or the NAD registration area.

Luggage on Thursday

Most of you are leaving on Thursday after the Commitment Service. You will need to check out of your room BEFORE you go to the Commitment Service. There will be areas in the lobby to store your luggage, the hotel is prepared for this so please plan ahead. We will also have luggage storage areas at the convention center on Thursday morning.

Medical Emergencies

We are required to have an EMT on site during convention hours. If you or someone around you, is having a serious medical emergency, please call 911. If you need minor medical needs, you can come to the NAD and we will have access to SDA nurses.

Projectors

Each time we have a convention the NAD buys projectors to be used during convention and then sells them to schools below even Amazon prices. Because of the demand, and the needs of the convention, we ordered a total of 80 projectors, this is a special deal and the company is subsidizing the price, as are we at the division office. Please send the funds to the NAD Office of Education before the convention, or please bring a school check with you. If you have ordered a projector, **be sure to bring your receipt to the NAD registration booth on Thursday directly after the commitment service to pick up your projector.** If you are going to ship them, it will be your responsibility to take the projector to the FedEx shipper in the hotel and have it shipped. We will not be responsible for any projectors not picked up by 2 pm on Thursday.



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