

JANUARY PASTORS' CONFERENCE

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT
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JANUARY 25 - JANUARY 27, 2016
HOOD RIVER, OR 97031

November 19, 2015

Greetings brothers,

I would like to take this opportunity to formally invite you to join us, your Pacific Northwest District Mission Board, and your fellow brothers in the pastoral ministry in this great district, for our annual January Pastors' Conference. We will assemble at the Best Western Plus Hood River Inn again this year. The conference will begin on Monday, January 25, 2016 with an opening devotion at 1pm. Our time together will come to a close on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 12:00pm.

We have a block of rooms reserved at the Best Western Plus Hood River Inn. You can contact them at 1 (800) 828-7873. If you ask for a room in the block reserved for "WELS Pastors' Conference" you will be granted the \$90 plus tax room rate for a room with 2 double beds. You can check out the hotel at www.hoodriverinn.com. Feel free to ask for a river view room if you would like. They will provide them if they are available. There are some opportunities to upgrade for a cost to a King room or to a Junior Suite as well. You must make your reservation by January 5th in order to receive the discounted rate. Please remember that Hood River is 57 miles from Portland International Airport (PDX) and it takes slightly more than one hour to travel from the airport to the hotel.

We have planned our conference to carry an Apologetics theme. We have invited Pastor Luke Thompson, from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, to speak on this topic offering us two presentations - "Teaching Millennials" and "A Uniquely Lutheran Approach to Apologetics." Two of our own pastors will also present on Apologetic topics - Pastor Joe Johnson from Amazing Grace in Portland, will present on "Apologetics in the Bible" and also "Answering the Tough Questions." Pastor Geoff Cortright, from Saviour of the Nations in Vancouver, BC, will present "Engaging the Skeptic." Saviour of the Nations' Staff Minister David Sigrist will present on "Busting the (Bible as a) Myth Ideology."

Pastor Joel Hoff, from Divine Savior in Renton, Washington, will lead us in a text study of an upcoming text. Pastor Rob Guenther, from Grace in Kenai, Alaska, will feature a Tech Corner, giving tips and pointers on how to use Google Forms to serve ministry needs.

The conference fee is \$90 and includes lunch at the hotel on Tuesday as well as some nightly fellowship. We have provided you with an invoice for your treasurer if needed. Checks should be made out to: PNW DMB and sent to:

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Blessings brothers on your upcoming Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas worship!! Hope to see you in Hood River this coming January!!

In Christ,

Brian Hackmann (on behalf of your PNW District Mission Board)