

JANUARY PNW PASTORS' CONFERENCE

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JANUARY 29 – JANUARY 31, 2018
HOOD RIVER, OR 97031

November 28, 2017

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 29, 2017 with an opening devotion at 1pm. Our time together will come to a close on Wednesday, January 31, 2017 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 \$105 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 may provide them as a complimentary upgrade 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 7th 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.

As always, our conference is designed to carry an Outreach theme. We are all missionaries and Outreach stands as one of the main reasons that we've been called to our prospective fields. Eager to grow and foster growth in that area, the Mission Board has planned an event that will, Lord-willing, offer you some encouragement and some tools to use in the mission field to which our God has called you.. Professor Kenneth Cherney, from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will offer a presentation entitled "The Unkown Unknowns: Enhancing Awareness for Cross-Cultural Ministry." Our own Pastor Joel Nitz from our Messiah in Lacey, WA, will lead us in an exegetical text study of an upcoming periscope text. Pastor Rob Guenther, from our Grace Lutheran Church in Kenai, AK, will feature a Tech Corner, encouraging us to utilize the gift of technology to enhance the spread of the gospel.

The conference fee is \$95 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 Advent and Christmas worship!! Though gathering our flocks in many locations around our district, what a joy to join together to look for the coming of our King and to rejoice that the one who was laid in a manger was born to live and die for us! By his grace, we long for his return and the blessed reunion in the glories of heaven. God bless you richly, brothers, as you herald that King to your congregations and communities!!!

In Christ,

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