



2023 Pacific Northwest District Missionaries Conference
at
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
North Nampa, Idaho

Dear Brothers in Christ,

Our PNW District Mission Board would like to invite you to attend the 2023 Pacific Northwest District Missionaries' Conference at **Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, North Nampa, Idaho, from Tuesday to Thursday, February 7-9, 2023.**

Our 2023 Missionaries' Conference is going to tackle something that has become a growing concern and interest to us as WELS missionaries. We're going to learn how to navigate our volatile political climate today in trying to reach people in our communities with the Gospel. More specifically, how we can de-emphasize political affiliations, and instead emphasize what we have in Christ. Certainly, if we are reaching out with Gods' Word to a culture more and more influenced by politics, then equipping ourselves to engage people about this topic is worth our time.

Professor E. Allen Sorum, from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will be the keynote speaker. He will be presenting a study on "Revelation as Pastoral Response to Pandemic," which looks at some of our modern crises (e.g. Russia/Ukraine war, China, COVID, Radical Islam, progressive anti-Christian politics, etc.) and looks at these through the Christology of Revelation.

Mr. Michael Schottey, a communications expert and former journalist from Palm Coast, Florida, will also be one of our presenters. Mike is a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church (WELS) and is a 2009 graduate of Martin Luther College. He is currently the Director of Communications for the American Society of Travel Advisors. He is probably most well-known for his years as a sports journalist for Bleacher Report, Turner Sports, Forbes, and a number of other media outlets. Mike will be presenting on the topic "Preaching Christ Crucified to a Fractured Nation." Specifically, he will teach us about...

- Separating Confessional Lutheranism from Christian Evangelicalism
- Stumbling Blocks to Politically Liberal Lutherans
- Practical Advice to reaching Left-Leaning/Gen Z
- Radical Love: Loving everybody a little more like Jesus

Our District Mission Board has arranged for a block of rooms at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 5750 East Franklin Road, Nampa, ID 83687 • Phone 208-442-0036. Discounted room rates are available at

___ **\$139/night** for a King Standard or King Study

___ **\$149/night** for a Double Queen

___ **\$159/night** for a King Studio Suite

Rooms must be booked by **January 15, 2023** to receive the group discount. (The group code is "**PNW Winter Pastors' Conference**").

Again, all the conference sessions will be hosted at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 6134 Birch Lane, Nampa, ID 83687. Phone 208-375-3992. You will be provided with two meals (dinner on Tuesday and lunch on Wednesday). You will be responsible for dinner on Wednesday. The Hampton Inn & Suites does include free breakfast if you stay there.

Conference Fee

The conference fee this year is **\$150.00** per attendee, not per congregation. The fees are used to cover the cost of flying in our speakers and the cost of food. Please submit your fee to Pastor Kevin Schultz. Checks may be made payable to Kevin Schultz or to "PNW DMB." If it is helpful, you may also send payments directly by Venmo to the account: **@PastorKevinSchultz**. If you prefer to mail a check here is the information:

Pastor Kevin Schultz, Registrar
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A receipt that you can submit to your treasurer for payment is attached to this email.

Also attached to this email is a tentative schedule so that you can plan when to arrive and leave. The exact session times and details are still being worked through.

Finally, if you would like to give a report or update on a certain area of ministry in our district or in the WELS (e.g. worship, evangelism, schools, synodical council, mission board, etc), please let me know by January 15th how many minutes you will need on the agenda. After that date, there is no guarantee I can include your report/update at the conference.

God be with you as you celebrate the birth of the Savior and have a blessed New Year!

In Christ,

Pastor Kevin Schultz
PNW DMB Chairman