

# **JANUARY PNW PASTORS' CONFERENCE**

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JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 1, 2017  
HOOD RIVER, OR 97031

December 20, 2016

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 30, 2017 with an opening devotion at 1pm. Our time together will come to a close on Wednesday, February 1, 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 \$95 plus tax room rate for a room with 2 double beds. You can check out the hotel at [www.hoodriverinn.com](http://www.hoodriverinn.com). Feel free to ask for a river view room if you would like. They may provide them as a complementary 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 a docket of speakers to present on various Outreach topics. Pastor Nate Strutz from Resurrection Lutheran Church in Verona, Wisconsin will offer a presentation to enhance outreach on personal, congregational and beyond the congregational levels. Former PNW Missionary and forever in our hearts, Pastor Jared Oldenberg from Eternal Rock Lutheran Church in Castle Rock, CO will present "Utilizing Your Gifts." Pastor Wayne Uhlhorn, new Chairman of the BHM and pastor of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Carlsbad, CA will present the BHM report and share with us some trends and patterns in WELS Mission congregations.

Pastor Joel Nitz from our Messiah in Lacey, WA, will be presenting "Breakout Churches - Sometimes a Great Idea" an assessment of the Congregational Assessment Program, how it worked at Messiah and how it could benefit your congregation as well. Pastor Dave Salinas, from our Grace Lutheran Church in Yakima, 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, giving tips and pointers on how Google Sheets and Friendly URLs make a powerful combination for online sign-up sheets for fellowship and outreach events.

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 Christmas worship!! Though gathering our flocks in many locations around our district, what a joy to join together at the foot of the manger to bow in humbly and joyful worship at the birth of our King! Blessings on your worship this season, your ministry until we meet again. I hope to see you in Hood River this coming January!!

In Christ,

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