

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is time to set our sights on our fall pastor/teacher conference. This year the conference is being held at the Tolovana Inn which is located just south of downtown Cannon Beach, one of the Oregon coast's favorite beach communities.

As always, it is my prayer that our Fall Conference will serve as a time of both physical and spiritual renewal. This year our theme reflects that as we are "Renewed by the Promises of God".

We have a wonderful opportunity to be renewed on the Oregon coast. Also, we will grow professionally as we are bringing in Professor Steven Thiesfeldt from Martin Luther College. He will present on the topic *"The Foolishness of God: A Biblical Perspective on Science"*.

The rapid growth of scientific knowledge has a profound impact on today's world. Higher education and the media provide humanistic explanations to past and present discoveries in science that pose a threat to Christianity. New discoveries raise ethical issues about the use of technological advancements. Christians ask, "How do I confront issues like these in my life?" Based on the inspired words of the apostle Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians (1:25), "The foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom," this workshop takes a broad overview of the issues and provides Bible-based guidance for Christians in every walk of life.

Advance registration is available online. Please visit our district's website to complete that form (<http://welspnw.weebly.com/2016-fall-pastorteacher-conference.html>). For those who prefer hard copies, registration forms are attached that can be printed, filled out and then mailed to Pastor Robert Guenther with your conference fee. Either form of advance registration helps our district secretary with his bookkeeping and makes for a more streamlined conference experience. Please note that advance registration will save you from a higher fee for those who register at conference.

Our conference Hotel is the Tolovana Inn located at 3400 S Hemlock St, Cannon Beach, OR 97145.

Reservations: 800-333- 8890 or online

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NOTE: Mention "The WELS Conference" to get the reduced rate

The negotiated prices vary depending on your room preference. Those wishing to stay additional night (midweek) are eligible for the group discount. Weekend rates, however, are at the regular rack rate.

The cutoff date for the group discount is SEPTEMBER 12, 2016. Rates for the rooms are as follows:

Mountain View Queen (sleeps 2)	\$85
Mountain View King (sleeps 2)	\$98
Studio Ocean View (sleeps 2)	\$134
Studio Oceanfront (sleeps 2)	\$179
One Bedroom Ocean View (sleeps 4)	\$164
One Bedroom Oceanfront (sleeps 4)	\$209
Two Bedroom Ocean View (sleeps 6)	\$209
Two Bedroom Oceanfront (sleeps 6)	\$247

The hotel has recently undergone a great deal of renovation and they are excited to host us for the duration of our conference. They have reserved four separate meeting rooms (Grace Haven, Warren, Foyer and Executive Boardrooms) for our use and will prepare the outdoor fire pits for our evening fellowship.

Please keep in mind that we are committing to a certain number of rooms to receive the discounted rates and failure to reach 75% of the contracted room block after the cut-off date could result in fee charges calculated at one room charge per lost room. Additional information regarding the conference and a complete agenda will be made available in September. However, if you have any questions feel free to contact Pastor Joel Hoff fisherofmen83@gmail.com

God's blessings on your ministry and hopefully we will see all of you at the Tolovana Inn!

The Fall Conference Committee,

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