



February 10, 2015

Dear Virginia Conference Members:

Welcome to the Roanoke Valley in Virginia's Blue Ridge, host of the 2015 Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. The 233rd Session of the Virginia Annual Conference will take place in one of the most unique locations within our Commonwealth, the City of Roanoke, on Friday, June 19 through Sunday, June 21, 2015. The Roanoke Valley, located within the beautiful and majestic Blue Ridge Mountains, offers many wonderful attractions and museums that highlight its rich culture, history and love of the arts, as well as great amenities such as outstanding cuisine and lovely, affordable lodging. The conference will be held at the Berglund Center (formerly the Roanoke Civic Center), complete with 46,000 square feet of exhibit space and a coliseum that can comfortably accommodate our members and guests. More information regarding meeting facilities, hotels, restaurants, attractions and the area in general can be found at www.visitroanokeva.com.

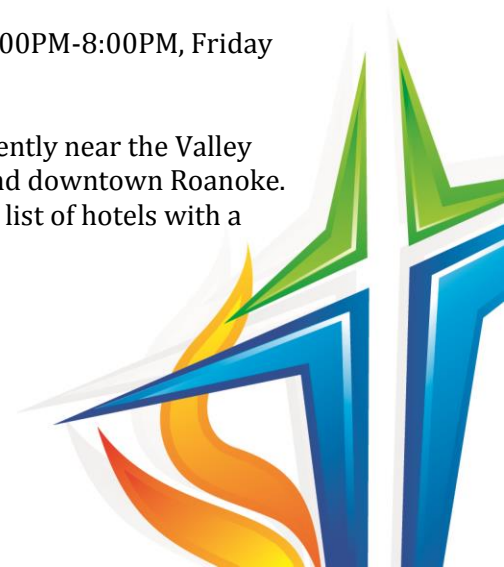
In an effort to provide convenient travel to the Berglund Center, the Roanoke Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau (RVCVB) is delighted to provide complimentary shuttle service on a continual basis to the Berglund Center from the Sheraton Roanoke Hotel & Conference Center, Courtyard by Marriott Roanoke Airport, Residence Inn by Marriott Roanoke Airport and the Holiday Inn Roanoke -Valley View hotels on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20 from 8:00 am to 9:30 pm, as well as on Sunday, June 21 from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm.

The Berglund Center will provide convenient and appetizing meal options for the Conference. To ensure that all members and guests have lunch in the time allotted, the RVCVB will also provide complimentary shuttle service from the Berglund Center to the Historic Farmers Market in Downtown Roanoke to provide additional convenient and appetizing options. Downtown Roanoke features a new plaza area ideal for outdoor dining, many locally-owned and independent restaurants offering delicious and diverse cuisine, as well as an International Food Court. The shuttle service for lunch will be provided on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20 from 11:30 am to 2:15 pm.

Also, the Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitor's Bureau will provide a Visitors Information Table near conference registration to provide additional assistance. A volunteer will be available to answer questions about the area on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20.

Conference registration will be open the following times: Thursday from 1:00PM-8:00PM, Friday from 8:00AM-5:00PM, and Saturday until noon.

The headquarter hotel will be the Sheraton Roanoke Hotel located conveniently near the Valley View shopping district and only minutes away from the Berglund Center and downtown Roanoke. Please take note that The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center is not on our list of hotels with a special rate, however you are welcome to contact them to book a room.





Included with this letter you will find all the other hotel listings, with prices and amenities. You will also find the reservation telephone numbers and address of the individual hotels. The rates that are presented do not include applicable taxes.

Please follow these instructions when making your reservation:

1. Make your reservation at least 30 days in advance of the 2015 Annual Conference to secure your special rate. Choose at least a 1st and a 2nd choice of the hotels listed.
2. Have all your information ready before calling the number listed, including names and number of persons staying in the room, plus any special needs that you might have.
3. Call only the number provided on the attached hotel list. Please do not use another 800 reservation service, as those answering may not be aware of our special rate.
4. Please remember to identify yourself as a member of the "Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church" to receive the special rate. Before confirming your reservation be sure that you will be receiving all the amenities that you will need for your time in Roanoke.
5. Finally, be sure to save your reservation confirmation number and information concerning your hotel's cancellation policy. Also verify with the hotel your method of payment.

Camping will NOT be available on the Berglund Center grounds. We suggest you contact our own Roanoke District Camp Alta Mons that offers camping. Camping information is also available on the Roanoke Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau website at <http://www.visitroanokeva.com/hotels-lodging/camping> or by calling the Roanoke Valley Visitor Information Center at 800-635-5535.

As we approach our Conference date we invite you to stay connected by checking the Virginia Advocate updates and the Virginia Conference website at vaumc.org. Each District will also be offering "orientation sessions" for conference in regard to voting procedures for this year, as well as other important information and we encourage delegates to attend these meetings.

On behalf of the entire Annual Conference Planning Committee we hope you have a wonderful Annual Conference in Roanoke. If you have a question and would like to contact me please email me at tim@bonsackumc.org.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Craft".

Rev. Tim Craft
Conference Housing



**ROANOKE HOTELS
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HOTEL	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE FOR RESERVATIONS	ROOM RATE PLUS TAXES	AMENITIES
AIRPORT LOCATIONS ALL ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SPECIAL RATE TO WELCOME EARLY ARRIVALS ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18				
Comfort Inn Airport	5070 Valley View Blvd, Roanoke, VA 24012	540.527.2020 - Ext 2	\$119.00	Hot Deluxe Complimentary Breakfast; Complimentary Wi-fi; Microwave and Refrigerator in Room; Coffee Maker and Hairdryer in Room; Fitness Center; Pool; Easy Access to I-581; Suites are available for the special rate of \$129 and \$139.
Courtyard by Marriott (Shuttle service to this hotel)	3301 Ordway Dr. NW, Roanoke, VA 24017	540.563.5002	\$119.00	Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Parking; Complimentary Indoor Pool and Fitness Center; Restaurant (not complimentary), Coffee Makers in Room; Hair Dryers and Iron in Room; Easy Access to I-581
Hampton Inn & Suites	5033 Valley View Blvd. NW, Roanoke, VA 24012	540.366.6300	\$134.00	This is a new hotel just opened this year; Rooms include Microwave, Refrigerator, Coffeemaker; Complimentary WiFi; Flat Screen TVs that are DVR capable; Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet; Heated indoor saline Pool and Fitness Center; Easy Access to I-581; Earn Hilton Honors Points and Miles; Suites are available at special rate for \$144.
Holiday Inn Roanoke Valley View (Shuttle service to this hotel)	2315 Ordway Dr, Roanoke, VA 24017	540.362.4500	\$119.00	Complimentary Wi-fi; Complimentary Parking; Restaurant (not complimentary); Coffee Makers in Room; Hair Dryers and Iron in Room; Pool; Easy Access to I-581
Hyatt Place	5040 Valley View Blvd, Roanoke, VA 24012	540.366.4700	\$115.00	Newly Renovated All-Suite Guest Rooms; Complimentary Full Hot Breakfast Buffet; Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Parking; Located within walking distance of Valley View Mall and Restaurants; Easy access to I-581
Main Stay Suites	5080 Valley View Blvd, Roanoke, VA 24012	540.527.3030	\$121.00	Complimentary Continental Breakfast; All guest rooms are Full Suites; Complimentary Parking.
Quality Inn Airport	6626 Thirlane Rd, Roanoke, VA 24019	540.366.8861	\$70.00	Newly Renovated Guest Rooms; Complimentary Full Hot Breakfast Buffet; Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Parking; Outdoor Pool; Business Center; Easy access to I-581
Residence Inn by Marriott (Shuttle service to this hotel)	3305 Ordway Dr, Roanoke, VA 24017	540.265.1119	\$129.00	All Suite Rooms; Complimentary Breakfast; Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Parking; Complimentary Pool; Easy Access to I-581
Sheraton (Shuttle service to this hotel)	2801 Hershberger Rd, Roanoke, VA 24017	540.563.9300	\$119.00	<u>This is the Headquarters Hotel!</u> Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Fitness Center; Complimentary Pool; Complimentary Parking; Shula's Restaurant and Sheraton Restaurant (Neither are Complimentary); Complimentary Link@Sheraton(SM) with Microsoft® in the heart of the Lobby; Easy access to I-581

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DOWNTOWN LOCATIONS				
Cambria Suites	301 Reserve Ave, Roanoke, VA 24016	540.400.6226	\$120.00	All Suite Rooms; Complimentary WiFi; Restaurant in Lobby provides Hot Breakfast Buffet for \$9.50 and Continental Breakfast for \$5.50; Complimentary Pool and Fitness Equipment; Complimentary Parking.
Days Inn Civic Center	535 Orange Ave, NE, Roanoke, VA 24016	540.342.4551	\$79.00	Complimentary Breakfast, Complimentary WiFi; Outdoor Pool, Room Refrigerators, Coffee Makers, Hair Dryers; Within walking distance to Berglund Center.
Holiday Inn Express	815 Gainsboro Rd, Roanoke, VA 24016	540.982.0100	\$139.95	Newly Renovated in 2014; Complimentary Breakfast, Complimentary WiFi; Outdoor Pool, Room Refrigerators, Coffee Makers, Hairdryers; Within walking distance to Berglund Center.
Rodeway Inn	526 Orange Ave, Roanoke, VA 24016	540.981.9341	\$69.95	Complimentary Breakfast, Complimentary WiFi; Outdoor Pool, Room Refrigerators, Coffee Makers, Hairdryers; Within walking distance to Berglund Center.
ALL ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SPECIAL RATE TO WELCOME EARLY ARRIVALS ON THURSDAY, JUNE 18				
SOUTH LOCATIONS				
Baymont Inn and Suites	179 Sheraton Dr, Salem, VA 24153	540.562.1912	\$79.00	New Renovation just opened in 2014; Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Breakfast; Complimentary Parking; Coffee Maker, Refrigerator, Hair Dryer, Iron in Room; Outdoor Pool; Business Center
Hilton Garden Inn	4500 South Peak Blvd, Roanoke, VA 24018	540.776.3400	\$139.00	This is a new hotel just opened in January 2015; Located just across from Tanglewood Mall; Complimentary Parking; Complimentary WiFi; Pool, Fitness Center and Business Center; Restaurant in Lobby serves breakfast and dinner for a modest cost.
Holiday Inn Tanglewood	4468 Starkey Rd, SW, Roanoke, VA 24018	540.774.4400	\$95.00	Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Parking; Pool; Room Refrigerators, Coffee Makers, Hairdryers; Restaurant serves breakfast and dinner at a modest cost.
Ramada Inn	1927 Franklin Rd, SW, Roanoke, VA 24014	540.343.0121	\$75.00	Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Breakfast; Complimentary Parking; Outdoor Pool and Fitness Center; Rooms with Microfridges, Coffee Makers, Hair Dryers, Irons; Restaurants and Shops within walking distance.