



Bonsack United Methodist Church

Dear Virginia Conference Members:

Welcome to the Roanoke Valley in Virginia's Blue Ridge, host of the 2016 Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church of Virginia. The 234th 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 17 through Sunday, June 19, 2016. 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 and affordable lodging. Therefore, the Roanoke Valley in Virginia's Blue Ridge is a convenient and pleasant place to host a conference. The conference will be held at the Berglund Center (formerly the Roanoke Civic Center), that is complete with 46,000 square feet of exhibit space and a coliseum that can comfortably accommodate our delegates 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. Please check at the front desk for the shuttle schedule.

To provide convenient and appetizing options for delegates and guests to have lunch in the time allotted, the RVCVB will provide complimentary shuttle service from the Berglund Center to the Historic Farmers Market in Downtown Roanoke which 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 17, 2016 and Saturday, June 18, 2016 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 and answer any questions regarding the destination. A volunteer will be available to answer questions on the area on Friday, June 17 and Saturday, June 18, 2016.

The headquarter hotel will be at the Sheraton Roanoke Hotel, located conveniently near the Valley View shopping district and only minutes away from the Berglund Center and downtown Roanoke.

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 addresses of the individual hotels. The rates that are presented do not include applicable taxes. The housing committee received

your feedback last year about a couple of hotels. We have been in face to face discussions with the owners and are assured that all concerns are corrected. We have visited all of the properties listed and feel confident that each of the hotels will provide a wonderful experience.

Please follow the instructions before in making your reservation:

1. Make your reservation at least 30 days in advance of the 2016 Annual Conference to secure your special rate. Choose at least a 1st and a 2nd choice of the hotels listed remembering the number of rooms that the conference has "blocked" out for you.
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. Be sure before confirming your reservation 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 which 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 www.vaumc.org/AC2016. 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 timcraft@vaumc.org.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Tim Craft

ROANOKE HOTELS
VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSION
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HOTEL	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE FOR RESERVATIONS	ROOM RATE PLUS TAXES	AMENITIES	ROOM BLOCK
AIRPORT / MALL LOCATIONS				ALL ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SPECIAL RATE TO WELCOME EARLY ARRIVALS ON THURSDAY, JUNE 16	
Best Western Plus	5050 Valley View Blvd, Roanoke, VA 24012	540.362.2400	\$150.00	Hot Deluxe Complimentary Full Breakfast; Complimentary Wi-fi; Coffee Maker and Hairdryer in Room; Pool; Easy Access to I-581.	30
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.	52
Courtyard by Marriott	3301 Ordway Dr. NW, Roanoke, VA 24017	540.563.5002	\$129.00	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	80
Hampton Inn & Suites	5033 Valley View Blvd. NW, Roanoke, VA 24012	540.366.6300	\$134.00	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.	65
Holiday Inn Roanoke Valley View	2315 Ordway Dr, Roanoke, VA 24017	540.362.4500	\$129.00	Complimentary Wi-fi; Complimentary Parking; Restaurant (not complimentary); Coffee Makers in Room; Hair Dryers and Iron in Room; Pool; Easy Access to I-581	140
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	60
Main Stay Suites	5080 Valley View Blvd, Roanoke, VA 24012	540.527.3030	\$124.00	Complimentary Continental Breakfast; All guest rooms are Full Suites; Complimentary Parking.	25
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	60
Residence Inn by Marriott	3305 Ordway Dr, Roanoke, VA 24017	540.265.1119	\$139.00	All Suite Rooms; Complimentary Breakfast; Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Parking; Complimentary Pool; Easy Access to I-581	35
Sheraton Headquarters Hotel	2801 Hershberger Rd, Roanoke, VA 24017	540.563.9300	\$132.00	Complimentary WiFi; Fitness Center; Pools; 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	300

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DOWNTOWN LOCATIONS				ALL ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SPECIAL RATE TO WELCOME EARLY ARRIVALS ON THURSDAY, JUNE 16	
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.	100
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.	125
Econo Lodge	308 Orange Ave. NE Roanoke, VA 24016	540-343-2413	\$77.00	New renovation in 2013., Within walking distance to Berglund Center. Managers live on site to assist with any needs.	18
Holiday Inn Express	815 Gainsboro Rd, Roanoke, VA 24016	540.982.0100	\$149.95	Newly Renovated in 2014; Complimentary Breakfast, Complimentary WiFi; Outdoor Pool, Room Refrigerators, Coffee Makers, Hairdryers; Within walking distance to Berglund Center.	50
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.	50
SOUTH LOCATIONS				ALL ROOMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SPECIAL RATE TO WELCOME EARLY ARRIVALS ON THURSDAY, JUNE 16	
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	30
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; Earn Hilton Honors Points and Miles; Restaurant in Lobby serves breakfast and dinner for a modest cost.	50
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.	100
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.	80