



## **Frequently Asked Questions about Central Region Conference**

### **1. Is the conference center attached to the hotel?**

Yes, the Capitol Plaza in Topeka, Kansas has both our lodging and our conference sessions. It's about a 10-minute downhill walk from the hotel lobby area to the conference center, and it is all indoors and wheelchair/stroller accessible. You will not have to leave the building or move your vehicle unless you choose to go somewhere during free time.

### **2. What time does the conference start and when will it end?**

Conference registration will be from 3 to 5 pm on Thursday, November 3rd. Check with your local conference POC to determine what time you'll be departing from your installation. We'll finish up around 11 am on Sunday, November 6th.

### **3. Are nursing mothers able to attend?**

Yes, we will be allowing nursing moms to attend with infants up to 6 months of age. Out of courtesy to our other conference attendees, we do kindly ask that Mom excuse herself if the baby is fussy or causing distraction during a general session or workshop. We do have single rooms available if any mom would prefer not to have roommates, although there is an additional cost to that option. Also, it would be important to know that while the conference center is wheelchair and stroller accessible, it is about a 10-minute walk from the main area of the hotel where our sleeping rooms are located.

### **4. Does the hotel have internet access available?**

Yes, every hotel room has FREE wireless internet. The workshop and general session rooms do not have internet.

### **5. I do not live near a military base or a local PWOC but want to attend. Can I still come?**

Non-affiliated individuals who want to attend should download and follow the Registration Instructions for Special Group Participants.

### **6. I want to invite someone not in PWOC. Can she come?**

Talk with your Local POC. Have your invitee send the completed registration form and her total conference costs to your Local POC.

### **7. I have friends in the area that I want to stay with. What is the day rate?**

We encourage all attendees to get the full conference experience by staying at the hotel with us. There is no "day rate" this year.

### **8. I can't stay the whole time. Is there a special rate for that?**

We encourage all attendees to get the full conference experience by attending the entire conference. Unfortunately, we are unable to give discounts or refunds if you cannot stay for the entire conference.



**9. Can I make my own hotel reservations?** That is not available; we are providing the hotel a rooming list. If you have special needs regarding your room, please note that on your registration form.

**10. What happens if I find out I can't go after the registration forms & money have been turned in?**  
The conference fees are non-refundable, but they are transferable. This means another woman from your local PWOC could attend in your place.

**11. Will there be Roll Call this year?**  
Yes!

**12. Will there be a place for us to hang our banner?**  
If you have a banner for your local PWOC group, bring it! The hotel has offered to hang them for us in the main conference area!

**13. Can I set up a table as a vendor at the conference?**  
Unfortunately, we do not have enough space in the conference center to set up vendor tables.

**14. I love the free conference stuff! What are we getting this year??**  
It's usually a closely-guarded secret, but we thought you might want to know that we're all getting tote bags that double as insulated lunch coolers! They're a little smaller than a regular conference bag (9" x 10" x 4") but they will easily hold your free conference notebook and a smaller Bible that you bring from home. If you want to bring your giant study Bible, you might want to also pack a bigger tote bag.

**15. How many beds are in a room?**  
Rooms will either have 2 double beds or one king-sized bed plus one pullout sofa. The price difference comes from how many people will be in the room.

**16. Is the registration fee included in the pricing?**  
Yes. The \$50 registration fee is already included in the pricing, which is as follows:  
Single room: \$431/person  
Double room: \$311/person  
Triple room: \$271/person  
Quad room: \$251/person

**17. How much is it for our Chaplain to attend?**  
The price for Chaplains is \$381, and they will be housed in a single room.

**18. If my Chaplain husband is attending, can I stay in his room?**  
Of course! Just make sure you note it on your registration form. The price for a Chaplain's wife rooming with her husband is \$191.



**19. Are suites or larger rooms available?**

Yes. If you'd like to reserve one, please let your local POC know so she can get specific pricing from the Conference Coordinator.

**20. Workshop Survey: Here's the link for the workshops that are being offered at this year's conference!**

**(<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C3P8YBR>)** I'd be most appreciative if you would take the time to choose the workshops you'd be most interested in, so we can make sure each room has plenty of chairs and handouts. I strongly encourage you to write down your choices as you take the survey, since we will not track that information. Everyone will still have the freedom to change their mind about any workshops at any time. The survey will be available online until **Saturday, October 29th**.

**21. Roll Call: We will have Roll Call on Friday afternoon during our Regional bonding time.** If you've never heard of Roll Call before, it's a tradition at Regional Conference to come with a short song or cheer to do when we call out your installation's name. Have fun with it! If you have local installation shirts, this would be a great day to wear them!

**22. Theme Dinner: Saturday night's dinner will have a "Click Your Heels" theme.** We'll be in Kansas, the land of The Wizard of Oz, so if you have red shoes or other Oz-friendly apparel, or your favorite heels, wear them!

**23. Designated Offering: Our designated offering this year (which will be collected on Saturday) will go to Mercy Ministries.** They have a residential program right here in our Region, in St. Louis, Missouri! "Since 1983, Mercy Ministries of America has provided hope and healing to generations of desperate young women who are seeking freedom from sex trafficking and sexual abuse, as well as life-controlling issues such as eating disorders, self-harm, drug and alcohol addiction, depression, and unplanned pregnancy. Mercy Ministries provides a Christian residential program completely FREE of charge that includes biblically-based counseling and teaching, life-skills training and transitional care services. The program helps residents stop destructive cycles, discover purpose for their lives and prepare to bring value to their communities as productive citizens." ([www.mercyministries.com](http://www.mercyministries.com))

**24. Worship:** Due to scheduling conflicts, Amy Magsig will no longer be able to join us as the Praise and Worship Leader. However, we are so excited that God has quickly provided Lisa Pratt to lead us in worship at conference. She is really looking forward to praising God with all of us during our weekend together. More information about Lisa can be found at the conference website.



**25. Weather: It's pretty chilly in Kansas in November.** The average high is in the upper 60s and the average low is in the low 40s, so please pack and dress appropriately. This is especially important for you ladies coming from the South where it's still hot! Layers are highly encouraged, as conference centers can run either hot or cold.

**26. Breakfast:** We will be having a full, hot breakfast each day of the conference.

**27. Banner:** If your installation has a banner, bring it! The hotel will hang it in our general session room. Please make sure it's labeled with your installation's name, and safety-pin a contact name and cell phone number to it before you turn it in to us. We will collect the banners at registration so be sure it is handy when you arrive at the hotel!

**28. Greeters:** We're in need of some help staffing our doors at general sessions with bright, smiling faces. If your installation would be willing to serve as greeters, please let me know!

**29. My questions isn't on here. Who do I ask?**

Any further questions can be directed to either Yvonne Schrepfer at [centralvp@pwoc.org](mailto:centralvp@pwoc.org) or Ashleigh Hoeprich at [centralconference@pwoc.org](mailto:centralconference@pwoc.org)

Thank you so much for your attention! We are eager to see each of you and are anticipating with excitement all that God will do in our hearts and lives during conference...and beyond!