

Annual Conference 2024

Annual Conference will be held Wednesday, July 3–Sunday, July 7 at the DeVos Place Convention Center in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Please note that it is a different daily schedule than we've had recently.

Registration Fees

Advance Registration (March 1 – June 10):

Delegate.....	\$330
Non-Delegates Adult – Full Conference..	\$150
Non-Delegates Adult – Daily.....	\$50
Post-High School to Age 21 – Full.....	\$40
Post-High School to Age 21 – Daily.....	\$20
Current high school and younger.....	Free*
Active BVSer.....	Free **

On-Site Registration (opens July 2):

Delegate.....	\$405
Non-Delegates Adult – Full Conference..	\$185
Non-Delegates Adult – Daily.....	\$60
Post-High School to Age 21 – Full.....	\$50
Post-High School to Age 21 – Daily.....	\$25
Current high school and younger.....	Free*
Active BVSer.....	Free **

*registration fee is additional for age group activities

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Virtual Registration (Non-Delegate Only):

Adult (Until June 10) – Full Conference.....	\$195
Non-Delegates Adult – Daily.....	\$75
Adult (June 11 - TBD) – Full Conference.....	\$225
Group/Institutional – Full Conference.....	\$TBD
Post-High School to Age 21 – Full Conf.....	\$75

Hotel Information

There are two hotel choices in our conference block: the Amway Grand Plaza and the Courtyard Grand Rapids Downtown. Our Annual Conference Room Rate at both hotels will be **\$119 plus tax** (15%) totaling **\$136.90 per night**. Self-parking is complimentary for *hotel guests* at both hotels, valet parking is *not* complimentary and will be charged at current rates. In room Wi-Fi is complimentary for all hotel guests.

Annual Conference registration and housing reservations open to the public on **Friday, March 1**.

District Assessment

Because of changing dynamics across the denomination, these are challenging times for Annual Conference. We also know districts are facing challenging times for the same reasons. Therefore, in spite of facing a budget shortfall in 2022 and 2023, Program and Arrangements Committee resisted the idea of increasing district assessments in recent years. District assessments were last raised (to \$.66 per member) in 2020. (Prior to that the district assessment stood at \$.65 per member from 2014-2019.) However, Program and Arrangements Committee has made the difficult decision to raise the district assessments for 2024. **The district assessment amount for 2024 will be \$.68 per congregation member.** Each district will receive an invoice from our office in January. A few newer district executives may not be aware of the history of the district assessment which began over a hundred years ago. Several years ago, the Historical Library and Archives researched Annual Conference Minutes and other documents to find the amount of the district assessment for each year since it was instituted in 1907. There were years when they couldn't find the exact number, but they filled in as much as they have records for. That document is attached if you are interested in that history. The "every member" assessment was initiated because Annual Conference belongs to the whole church—not simply the people who attend Annual Conference and pay a registration fee.