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GENERAL ASSEMBLY PROMOTIONAL RESOURCES
NOW AVAILABLE

Less than four months remain until the 2017 General Assembly and Conventions in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.

For churches and individuals wishing to promote the event, materials are available at nazarene.org/ga.

The free, downloadable resources include posters, bulletin inserts, social media posts, banners, videos, and more.

Every four years, more than 20,000 Church of the Nazarene members from around the world gather for a global family reunion that features times of worship, service, fellowship, training, and making important decisions that will affect future generations of Nazarenes.

[Click here](#) to visit the GA Facebook event page and let friends know you'll be attending.

REGISTRATION, HOUSING NOW OPEN
FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017

Excitement is growing as Nazarenes from around the world anticipate gathering for worship, fellowship, and business next summer in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, at the 2017 General Assembly and Conventions. Housing and event registration is now open.

The General Assembly is the "supreme doctrine-formulating, lawmaking, and elective authority of the Church of the Nazarene" (Manual, 300). The General Assembly and auxiliary conventions (Nazarene Missions International, Nazarene Youth International,

and Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International) convene every four years, bringing together Nazarenes from around the globe.

The General Assembly Arrangements Office has established a housing block of approximately 3,400 rooms near the Indiana Convention Center. This number is based upon past attendance figures, expected popularity of the site, and the Arrangements Office's best projections for attendance. All hotels are within walking distance of the Indiana Convention Center. Hotel prices range from US\$124 to \$170 per night plus tax (currently 17 percent per night).

By contracting hotel rooms, the Church of the Nazarene secures the convention center at no cost and is able to be good stewards of its resources. As with any contract, there is a legal obligation with financial penalties should we not meet the agreed terms. Delegates and visitors are encouraged to stay within the housing block to ensure these obligations are met and that the church does not incur penalties.

Visitors (non-delegates) from the USA and Canada can register now for General Assembly 2017 and make hotel reservations. Registration is available at nazarene.org/ga. The event will begin June 21 and run through June 30.

Visitors from outside the USA and Canada may register and make reservations through their regional general assembly coordinator. They may contact their regional office for details.

To register as a USA/Canada visitor, check hotel availability, and make a reservation, please [click here](#) or visit the General Assembly and Conventions website at nazarene.org/ga.

The above articles appear courtesy of NCN News. For more global Nazarene news, please visit www.ncnnews.com.

NTS PRE-GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRAYER RETREAT

Would you like to join with others for a 24-hour period of prayer and reflection just prior to the General Conventions & Assembly events in Indianapolis? Good news! Such an opportunity will be provided:

- **When:** Monday afternoon, June 19 – Tuesday afternoon, June 20, 2017
- **Where:** Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, Indianapolis (just a 15 minute drive from the Convention Center) <http://www.benedictinn.org>

- **What:** An overnight retreat with shared meals, Scripture presentations based on Ephesians 4:1–16, community & private prayer, and rest
- **Who:** Developed and led by Deidre Brower–Latz (Nazarene Theological College–Manchester), Rhonda Carrim (Northwest Nazarene University), Terry Fach (Ambrose University), Doug Hardy (Nazarene Theological Seminary), Rebecca Laird (Point Loma Nazarene University), and Doug VanNest (Mount Vernon Nazarene University)
- **Why:** In response to Jesus’ invitation to us as his disciples to “Come away ... and rest a while” (Mark 6:31)

Attending General Assembly has always been a high point for me. In 2009 I became aware of a pre–assembly retreat and my wife and I decided to attend. What I experienced was an intentional quieting time to prepare my heart for the inspiration and the work that was ahead. I also found great delight in the setting, the interaction with people from across the country and engaging in a time of guided prayer and heart formation. I’m pleased that another such event is being planned for 2017.

– Randall Craker, Spokane, WA (2009 Participant)

This retreat offers an opportunity to slow down and focus on intentionally listening for and to the voice of the Holy Spirit. From times of table fellowship to silence to directed sessions to conversations with brothers and sisters on the journey, we are invited to draw deeply from the wells of grace offered through Scripture, prayer, story and fellowship.

– Rhonda Carrim, Nampa, ID (Facilitator/Participant)

I am grateful for the heart of Nazarenes who have set aside time for prayer and reflection prior to the 2017 General Assembly. The opportunity of this prayer retreat to enrich the fellowship and business of this global gathering holds great promise. Our greatest need and desire is to experience the manifest presence of God.

– David Busic, General Superintendent

Prayer is the central practice of the Christian faith and something we are called to engage in with intention and together as God’s people. I look forward to the 2017 Pre–General Assembly Prayer Retreat as an opportunity to join with fellow Nazarenes in placing ourselves before God in prayer – listening and petitioning – so that our hearts may be tuned to the Holy Spirit for the Conventions & Assembly to follow.

– Doug Hardy, Kansas City, MO (Facilitator/Participant)

IMPORTANT

The cost for this event ranges from \$99.00 to \$149.00 depending on room choice and if a reservation is made by March 31st. These prices cover food and lodging during the Retreat. Each participant is responsible for their own transportation to and from Indianapolis. Rates increase slightly after March 31st.

[Click here to register.](#)

DONATION

Would you like to make a contribution to a scholarship fund to help retreatants from outside the U.S. compensate for currency exchange loss?

[Click here to make a contribution.](#)

You may make a contribution even if you are unable to attend the retreat. We appreciate your gift. To request assistance from the scholarship fund, email Doug Hardy (dshardy@nts.edu) with information about how much you can pay and in what currency. Assistance may not be available for all requests, but we will do our best to help.

PRAYER CALENDAR FOR CANADA'S 150TH BIRTHDAY

Believers all across Canada are celebrating Canada's Birthday with prayer over a period of 150 days. God has encouraged us to call upon Him and promised to pour out His blessings upon us, as a consequence. Attached is a copy of our prayer calendar. Please distribute this calendar to individuals and churches who are interested in joining this initiative.

In Christ's Service,
Esther Bissoon

THE DYNAMIC TRIO

The Dynamic Trio, the most recent publication of Dr. William Stewart, is now available!

At the most hopeless and discouraging time of her life, Allison meets a group of new friends who have started studying the three primary Christian qualities of hope, faith, and love. As Allison begins to absorb the meaning, power, and truth of this “Dynamic Trio,” she is introduced to new ideas, principles, and purposes that will change her life. With the help of her new friends, she applies hope, faith, and love to her own situation and is transformed from a lost and defeated person into someone with purpose, meaning, and fulfillment.

As you join Allison in her journey, you may come to a fresh understanding of these three qualities and begin to enrich and renew your own spiritual journey.

You can purchase your copy of The Dynamic Trio from the National Office for \$20.00 (includes shipping charges).

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