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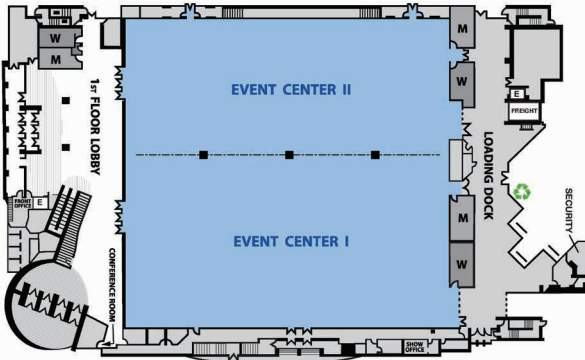
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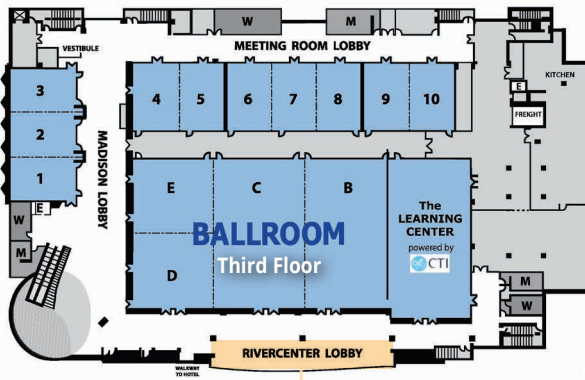
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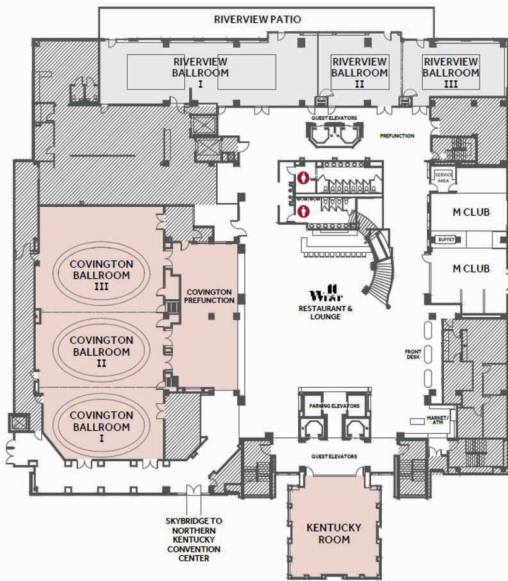


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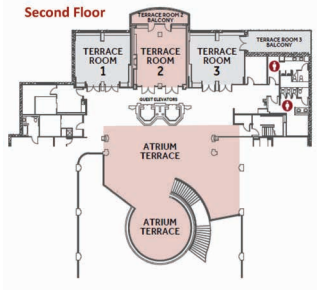
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Welcome

Welcome to the 2023 Convention of the General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day) in beautiful Covington, Kentucky. Doesn't it feel like a great family celebration as we gather to worship, fellowship, and make important decisions? Early attendance figures this year indicated that you are just as excited as we are to explore Jesus' invitation to "come and see." As in the New Testament, Jesus continues to invite us to come and see what He has in store for us and for those we invite to join us on this journey.

This week is full of activities — from visits to the Ark Encounter and the Creation Museum to over 25 encouraging and inspiring workshops, motivating sermons, heartfelt music, and lots of time to develop friendships with other attendees. Oh, and this week is not just for adults. Special classes and activities are planned for children, youth, and young adults as well. We hope you take advantage of the variety of possibilities to fill your day.

Workshops cover a wide range of topics. Most of them are presented in both English and Spanish at different times. A few will be translated during the presentation. Check the Workshop Schedule booklet for details.

- Hear updates on Ministries of the General Conference.
- Learn about three new initiatives of the General Conference: Personal Evangelism, Family Group Ministries, and Welcoming Churches. *(Expanded workshops are available in your local districts. Talk with your district superintendent.)*
- Learn from focused, thematic seminars presented by Artios and Missions.
- Find out about starting "helping teams" in your congregation, enhancing your Sabbath school program, using media in ministry, serving as treasurer of your church, sharing your personal testimony, and more.
- Sing in the convention choir.

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- Be challenged by a seminar given by Ken Ham, author, speaker, and force behind the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter.

Of course, as every living organism needs some organization, all participants 18 years and older are encouraged to attend the morning business sessions to elect officers and consider bylaw amendments. Your voice is important!

As you explore the pages of this program, please pray for the many volunteers, workshop leaders, musicians, and speakers who are serving you this week. May the focus and glory be on God and Jesus as we worship together.

Our prayer for you this week is that you develop a deeper love relationship with Jesus and that this relationship will spill over into the lives of those around you.

Enjoy the experience!

— *Convention Planning Committee*

Information You Need to Know

Convention registration. The GC Convention Registration Desk, located in the Marriott Hotel Kentucky Room, will be open the following hours:

Sunday — 3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Monday — 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday — 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. • 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
• 9:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Friday — 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. • 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

For security purposes, **name tags** must be worn by everyone attending all functions of the convention. Your child must have a name tag to participate in the Children's Program, and parents must have theirs to pick up their children. If you lose your name tag, please see the Registration Desk. Replacements will be provided for a small fee.

Business session. Each registered member of the General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day) in the US and Canada who registered by May 29, 2023, is eligible to vote and will receive their voter's packet. This allows them to pick up a voting device at the start of each session. Members who did not register by this date are not eligible to vote in the business sessions for this convention.

A nursery for ages 1-3 is provided during business sessions and workshops. The nursery is located in Room 10 (third floor) in the Convention Center. Please let the children's staff know if you are willing to assist in the nursery.

Convention meals. Attendees who pre-purchased general meal tickets will be served in Convention Center Ballroom D (third floor). All special ministry meals will be served in Convention Center Ballroom E (third floor). Sabbath meals will be served in Convention Center Event Center II (first floor).

Translation equipment and services will be provided for business sessions, evening services, Sabbath services, and some workshops. Most workshops will be offered in both English and Spanish at different times. Check your program for details.

Ministry exhibits. Please visit the various ministry exhibits located in the Convention Center third floor Lobby area. The Women's Bazaar will be raising funds for the Helping Hands Ministry, which feeds and helps the homeless in Jamaica.

Artios Christian College graduation rehearsal will be Sabbath afternoon at 1:30 in the Convention Center - Event Center I. Please be prompt.

Special prayer. Attendees desiring special prayer may meet at the right side of the stage immediately following evening services. Pastor Greg Lincoln and the team will be available to pray with you and for you. If you have a need for special prayer at other times, please call him (541-214-9111).

First aid coordinators. During the convention, Deborah Crayton and Merari Teran are our primary medical contacts. They will be working with Convention Center and hotel staff, as well as with CoG7 members. Contact Deborah at 516-652-1581 and Merari at 956-635-6902.

Security coordinator. During the convention, Tom Winchell is serving as our primary security contact. Contact him at 989-293-9626.

Worship service participants. If you're involved in the evening or Sabbath services (special music, worship team, speaker, presenter, etc.), please meet behind the stage by 6:40 p.m.

Offerings. Each year, effort is made to keep individual registration costs down. Therefore, offerings are a critical part of the convention budget. Each evening you will have the opportunity to worship with your offerings to support the convention costs. If you contribute by check, a receipt will be mailed to the address listed on the check. If you use cash and would like a receipt or would like to give by credit card, please give those offerings at the Registration Desk. You may also use Zelle to donate at give@cog7.org.

Behavior. Parents are responsible for their children, and any minors included on their registration form, at all times. Let's shine for Jesus this week.

Curfew. The curfew for those 17 and under is midnight, unless an adult family member wearing a convention name tag accompanies them.

Hotel damage. Any damage to the hotels or Convention Center properties is not the responsibility of the Church of God (Seventh Day). Guests who cause damage will be responsible for directly reimbursing the hotels and/or Convention Center.

Overview of Daily Schedule

Tuesday, July 11 - Friday, July 14

Start	End	
		Breakfast - on your own or at participating hotels
8:45	9:00	Check-in for Children's Program Voter Check-in for Business Meeting
9:00	Noon	Convention Business / Children and Youth Programs
12:15	1:30	Lunch
2:00	3:15	Workshop Session 1
3:30	4:45	Workshop Session 2
2:00	4:45	Children, Youth, and SWORD Programs
5:00	6:30	Dinner
6:45	7:00	Pre-Service Music
7:00	9:00	Evening Worship Service Tuesday: Loren Gjesdal Wednesday: Loren Stacy Thursday: Chip Hinds Friday: Ramon Ruiz
9:30	11:00	Late-Night Options

Be sure to visit our GC Ministries in the Convention Center (Third Floor)



Daily Schedule

A more detailed Youth and SWORD (Young Adult) schedule will be available at the Youth and SWORD registration tables.

Sunday, July 9

3:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

Marriott - Kentucky Room

Monday, July 10

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

Marriott - Kentucky Room

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Children's Registration

*Convention Center - by Room 5
(Third Floor)*

8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Ark Encounter

*Buses will leave the Northern
Kentucky Convention Center at
9:00 a.m. and return at 2:00
p.m. and 4:00 p.m.*

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

SWORD Registration

*Marriott - Covington Ballrooms
2 and 3*

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Youth Registration

*Embassy Suites - Roebling
Ballrooms*

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Children's Registration

*Convention Center - by Room 5
(Third Floor)*

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception

*Convention Center - Ballrooms
B and C (Third Floor)*

8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Late-Night Options

*Youth - Embassy Suites -
Roebling Ballrooms*

8:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Late-Night Options

*SWORD - Marriott - Covington
Ballrooms 2 and 3*

Need prayer?

Meet with Pastor Greg
Lincoln immediately after the
evening service, right side of
the stage.

Tuesday, July 11

8:45 - 9:00 a.m.

Sign in for Children's Program

*Convention Center - by Room 5
(Third Floor)*

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Business Session

*Convention Center - Ballrooms
B and C (Third Floor)*

Call to Order • Morning
Devotion (*Steve Krome*) •
Appointments • Report of
the Registration Committee
• Adoption of the Orders of
the Day • Reports • State of
the Conference Address •
Report of the Auditor and
Financial Report • Election of
Board of Directors • Election
of Nominating Committee •
Committee Reports

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Children's Program

*Convention Center - Rooms 5-10
(Third Floor)*

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Youth Program

*Embassy Suites - Roebling
Ballrooms*

Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Youth Program

*Coney Island Waterpark
Buses load at noon*

Lunch will be provided or can
be purchased at the park

12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

General Lunch

*Convention Center - Ballroom D
(Third Floor)*

Special Meal: Senior Adult Prayer Lunch

Hosted by Bryan and Mary Sue
Burrell

*Convention Center - Ballroom E
(Third Floor)*

2:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Children's Program

*Convention Center - Rooms 5-10
(Third Floor)*

2:00 - 4:45 p.m.

SWORD Program

*Marriott - Covington
Ballrooms 2 and 3*

2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Workshop Session 1

*See Workshop Schedule
Booklet*

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Workshop Session 2

*See Workshop Schedule
Booklet*

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

General Dinner

*Convention Center - Ballroom D
(Third Floor)*

6:45 - 7:00 p.m.

Pre-Service Music

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Evening Worship Service

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

**“Wonder and Worship: Come
and See God’s Holiness”**

Speaker: Loren Gjesdal
(in English)

The gospel begins and ends with God. He is completely holy. Our lives are stained by sin, but God is absolutely pure. He is separate. He is different. He is other. God’s holiness convicts us of our sinfulness and demands that we confess and repent. In His presence, we can only wonder and worship. Come and see.

9:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

Marriott - Kentucky Room

9:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Late-Night Options

Youth - *Embassy Suites -
Roebling Ballrooms*

SWORD - *Marriott - Covington
Ballrooms 2 and 3*

Your offerings help!

Give cash or by check,
credit card, or Zelle.

Wednesday, July 12

8:45 - 9:00 a.m.

Sign in for Children’s Program

*Convention Center - by Room 5
(Third Floor)*

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Business Session

*Convention Center - Ballrooms
B and C (Third Floor)*

Call to Order • Morning
Devotion (*Orville Rose*) • Report
of the Registration Committee
• Reading and Approval of
Minutes • State of the Council
Address • Report of the
Amendments Committee •
Committee Reports

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Children’s Program

*Convention Center - Rooms 5-10
(Third Floor)*

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Youth Program

*Embassy Suites - Roebling
Ballrooms*

12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

General Lunch

*Convention Center - Ballroom D
(Third Floor)*

**Special Meal: Spring Vale
Reunion Lunch**

Hosted by John Camero
*Convention Center - Ballroom E
(Third Floor)*

2:00 - 4:45 p.m.

Children's Program

*Convention Center - Rooms 5-10
(Third Floor)*

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Youth Program

*Embassy Suites - Roebling
Ballrooms
Visit to National Underground
Railroad Freedom Center*

2:00 - 4:45 p.m.

SWORD Program

*Marriott - Covington
Ballrooms 2 and 3*

2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Workshop Session 1

*See Workshop Schedule
Booklet*

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Workshop Session 2

*See Workshop Schedule
Booklet*

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

General Dinner

*Convention Center - Ballroom D
(Third Floor)*

6:45 - 7:00 p.m.

Pre-Service Music

*Convention Center - Event Center
I (First Floor)*

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Evening Worship Service

*Convention Center - Event Center
I (First Floor)*

**"Unclean and Undone: Come
and See Humanity's Fate"**

Speaker: Loren Stacy
(in English)

God's Word describes humanity's fall from the perfection we once enjoyed into the sinfulness we now suffer. Each of us has committed treason against our sovereign Creator. Humanity is not basically good; we are radically corrupt. We cannot save ourselves, because we are spiritually dead. We need a Savior. Unless God saves us, we are doomed. Come and see.

9:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

Marriott - Kentucky Room

9:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Late-Night Options

Youth - *Embassy Suites -*

Roebling Ballrooms

SWORD - *Marriott - Covington*

Ballrooms 2 and 3

Senior Adult - Hosted by Bryan

and Mary Sue Burrell -

Convention Center -

Ballroom E (Third Floor)



Visit our Ministries
displays

See what's up with Artios,
BAP, and Missions. Third
floor, Convention Center.

Thursday, July 13

8:45 - 9:00 a.m.

Sign in for Children's Program

Convention Center - by Room 5

(Third Floor)

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Business Session

Convention Center - Ballrooms

B and C (Third Floor)

Call to Order • Morning

Devotion (*Aubrey Williams*)

• Report of the Registration

Committee • Reading and

Approval of Minutes • Report of
the Amendments Committee •
Committee Reports

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Children's Program

Convention Center - Rooms 5-10

(Third Floor)

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Youth Program

Embassy Suites - Roebling

Ballrooms

Noon

Resolutions Due to

Resolutions Committee

12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

General Lunch

Convention Center - Ballroom D

(Third Floor)

Special Meal: Women's Lunch

Hosted by Esther Winchell

Convention Center - Ballroom E

(Third Floor)

2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Children's Program

Convention Center - Rooms 5-10

(Third Floor)

2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Youth Program

Embassy Suites - Roebling

Ballrooms

2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

SWORD Program

*Marriott - Covington
Ballrooms 2 and 3*

“Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1). Come and see.

2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Workshop Session 1

*See Workshop Schedule
Booklet*

9:00 - 9:30 p.m.

Registration Desk Open

Marriott - Kentucky Room

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Workshop Session 2 -

Ken Ham
*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

9:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Artios Meet & Greet

*Convention Center - Ballroom E
(Third Floor)*

Artios Christian College commemorates ten years since our first commencement ceremony at GC convention! Join us following the service to mingle with faculty, staff, students, and alumni, while learning more about Artios' impact in the General Conference. Encourage those serving this vital ministry, and learn how you, too, can be a part of the Artios family. You were created to lead and to serve. Come and see how Artios can equip you to do both more effectively!

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

General Dinner

*Convention Center - Ballroom D
(Third Floor)*

6:45 - 7:00 p.m.

Pre-Service Music

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Evening Worship Service

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

“Light and Lamb: Come and See God’s Love in Christ”

Speaker: Chip Hinds
(in English)

In Christ, God has provided the Savior that fallen humanity needs (Romans 6:23). God made His sinless Son to be sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21).

9:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Late-Night Options

Youth - *Embassy Suites -
Roebling Ballrooms*
SWORD - *Marriott - Covington
Ballrooms 2 and 3*

Don't forget the
Women's Bazaar

Funds go to the Helping
Hands Ministry, which feeds
the homeless in Jamaica.

Friday, July 14

8:45 - 9:00 a.m.

Sign in for Children's Program

*Convention Center - by Room 5
(Third Floor)*

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Business Session

*Convention Center - Ballrooms
B and C (Third Floor)*

Call to Order • Morning
Devotion (*Heber Vega*) • Report
of the Registration Committee
• Reading and Approval
of Minutes • Report of the
Resolutions Committee •
Committee Reports • Adjourn
Sine Die

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Children's Program

*Convention Center - Rooms 5-10
(Third Floor)*

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Youth Program

*Embassy Suites - Roebling
Ballrooms*

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

General Lunch

*Bring your tickets to pick up your
pre-selected sack lunches in
the Convention Center Lobby
Area*

12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Creation Museum

*Buses will leave the Northern
Kentucky Convention Center at
12:30 p.m. and return at 4:00
p.m.*

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Free Afternoon

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

General Dinner

*Convention Center - Ballrooms
D and E (Third Floor)*

**Special Meal: SWORD (Young
Adult) Gala**

Hosted by Chris and Yared
Banda
*Convention Center - Room 4
(Third Floor)*

6:45 - 7:00 p.m.

Pre-Service Music

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Evening Worship Service

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

**“Repent and Believe: Come
and See Your New Start in
Christ”**

Speaker: Ramon Ruiz
*(in Spanish with on-stage
interpretation)*

Jesus preached, “Repent and believe the gospel” (Mark 1:15). Peter preached, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins” (Acts 2:38). The good news about Jesus demands a personal and obedient response, leading us to be children of God (John 1:12). Come and see.

9:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Late-Night Options

Youth - *Embassy Suites -
Roebing Ballrooms*
SWORD - *Marriott - Covington
Ballrooms 2 and 3*

Take us home!

Visit the Communications booth (third floor) and buy a souvenir shirt, mug, keychain, and more!

Sabbath, July 15

9:15 a.m.

**Children meet for Children's
Program**

Parents, please bring your children to the designated seats at the right front of Event Center I.

9:30 a.m. - Noon

**Children's Program and
Worship Service**

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

King's Kids Puppets performance by Marion, Oregon CoG7

**“Salvation and Service: Come
and See Your New Life in
Christ”**

Speaker: Moises Capetillo
(in English)

God saves believers from sin and spiritual death to abundant life in Christ, filled with good works and godly purpose. While saving faith in Christ is the root of salvation, Christlike lives are the fruit of salvation. If the fruit is missing, perhaps the root is missing as well. What is the evidence that we possess the faith we profess? Come and see.

Noon - 1:30 p.m.

General Lunch

*Convention Center - Event
Center II (First Floor)*

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

**Artios Christian College Grad-
uation**

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

General Dinner

*Convention Center - Event
Center II (First Floor)*

6:45 - 7:00 p.m.

Pre-Service Music

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Evening Worship Service

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

**“Life and Glory: Come and See
Your Future in Christ”**

Speaker: Whaid Rose
(in English)

God’s eternal purpose for creating humanity will not be thwarted. His promise will be fulfilled; His plan will be accomplished. The grace of God through Christ brings salvation so we can live righteously here while we await His glorious appearing (Titus 2:11-13). Come and see.

**Immediately after evening
service - Midnight**

Pack Up Equipment
*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

Your assistance is appreciated to help pack up equipment for shipping.

9:30 p.m. - Midnight

Late-Night Options

Youth - *Embassy Suites -
Roebling Ballrooms*
SWORD - *City Outing*

Don't go away!

We need your help packing equipment and other materials for shipment after the Sabbath evening service.

Children's Program (Ages 4-12)

Our children's staff provides a wonderful ministry this week for you and your children. Engaging activities have been prepared for them, allowing parents to participate fully in business sessions and workshops. This service also depends on your promptness in keeping the time schedule. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Location: *Convention Center - Rooms 5-10 (Third Floor)*

Morning

Check-In: 8:45 a.m.

Pick-Up: Noon

Afternoon

Check-In: 2:00 p.m.

Pick-Up: 4:45 p.m.

A nursery is provided during business sessions and workshops for ages 1-3. It is located on the Convention Center third floor in Room 10, with the Children's Program.

Your prompt attention in picking up your children is crucial. Our staff must take care of their families for lunch and be prepared to meet your children for the next activity. If you are late, our schedule becomes hectic. Please help us by arriving on time.

Children's Program Directors: Jason and Amanda Brown

Sabbath Morning Program

Please bring your children to the designated seats at the right front of **Convention Center - Event Center I** by 9:15 Sabbath morning.

How you can assist

- Get your children to class on time.
- Pick them up promptly!
- If you have a child or children in the nursery, please volunteer to assist with that ministry.
- So that we can provide the best experience for your child, please inform us of any food allergies, health limitations, or special needs that your child may have. Our staff desires to make this a positive, fun, educational, and worshipful experience for children. Your assistance is appreciated.

Youth Schedule

The Youth Program is open to those age 12 and going into seventh grade up through high school. Coordinator: John Camero.

***Note:** For students participating in this program, after you register and have your name tag, come see us at the Youth Registration table outside the Youth Room (Embassy Suites - Roebling Ballrooms) for your detailed schedule.*

Monday, July 10

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Youth Registration Table
Open**

*Embassy Suites - Roebling
Ballrooms*

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception

*Convention Center - Ballrooms
B and C (Third Floor)*

8:30 - 9:30 p.m.

**Late-Night Options: Meet &
Greet**

*Embassy Suites - Roebling
Ballrooms*

Tuesday, July 11

9:00 a.m. - Noon

**Morning General Session
Worship Session / Small Groups**

*Embassy Suites - Roebling
Ballrooms*

Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Coney Island Waterpark

Buses load at noon

*Lunch will be provided or can be
purchased at the park*

6:45 - 9:00 p.m.

Evening Worship

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

9:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Late-Night Options

*Embassy Suites - Roebling
Ballrooms*

Wednesday, July 12

9:00 a.m. - Noon

**Morning General Season
Worship Session / Small Groups**

*Embassy Suites - Roebling
Ballrooms*

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Visit to National Underground
Railroad Freedom Center**

6:45 - 9:00 p.m.

Evening Worship

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

9:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Late-Night Options

*Outdoor Movie at the Covington
Plaza Amphitheater*

Thursday, July 13

9:00 a.m. - Noon

**Morning General Session
Worship Session / Small Groups**

*Embassy Suites - Roebling
Ballrooms*

2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

Indoor or Outdoor Games

Weather permitting

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Ken Ham: Answers in Genesis

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

6:45 - 9:00 p.m.

Evening Worship

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

9:30 - 11:00 p.m.

Late-Night Options: Bible Trivia

*Embassy Suites - Roebling
Ballrooms*

Friday, July 14

9:00 a.m. - Noon

**Morning General Session
Worship Session / Small
Groups**

*Embassy Suites - Roebling
Ballrooms*

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Free Family Afternoon

6:45 - 9:00 p.m.

Evening Worship

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

9:30 - 11:00 p.m.

**Late-Night Options: Friday
Night Youth Service**

*Embassy Suites - Roebling
Ballrooms*

Sabbath, July 15

*Follow the main program for the
activities during the day.*

9:30 p.m. - Midnight

**Late-Night Options: Games/
Music/Fun**

*Hang out and goodbyes
Embassy Suites - Roebling
Ballrooms*

SWORD (Young Adult) Schedule

The SWORD Program is open to ages 18-25. Coordinators: Chris and Yared Banda.

After you register and have your name tag, come see us at the SWORD Registration table outside Covington Ballrooms 2 and 3 in the Marriott to obtain a detailed schedule.

Monday, July 10

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**SWORD Registration Table
Open**

*Marriott - Covington Ballrooms
2 and 3*

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Welcome Reception

*Convention Center - Ballrooms
B and C (Third Floor)*

8:30 - 10:00 p.m.

**Late-Night Options: Meet &
Greet**

*Marriott - Covington Ballrooms
2 and 3*

Tuesday, July 11

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Business Session

*Convention Center - Ballrooms
B and C (Third Floor)*

2:00 - 4:45 p.m.

SWORD Program

*Marriott - Covington Ballrooms
2 and 3*

6:45 - 9:00 p.m.

Evening Worship

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

9:30 - 11:00 p.m.

**Late-Night Options:
Fellowship**

*Marriott - Covington Ballrooms
2 and 3*

Wednesday, July 12

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Business Session

*Convention Center - Ballrooms
B and C (Third Floor)*

2:00 - 4:45 p.m.

SWORD Program

*Marriott - Covington Ballrooms
2 and 3*

6:45 - 9:00 p.m.

Evening Worship

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

9:30 - 11:00 p.m.

**Late-Night Options: City
Outing**

*Marriott - Covington Ballrooms
2 and 3*

Thursday, July 13

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Business Session

*Convention Center - Ballrooms
B and C (Third Floor)*

2:00 - 3:15 p.m.

SWORD Program

*Marriott - Covington Ballrooms
2 and 3*

3:30 - 4:45 p.m.

Ken Ham: Answers in Genesis

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

6:45 - 9:00 p.m.

Evening Worship

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

9:30 - 11:00 p.m.

**Late-Night Options:
Fellowship**

*Marriott - Covington Ballrooms
2 and 3*

Friday, July 14

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Business Session

*Convention Center - Ballrooms
B and C (Third Floor)*

1:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Free Afternoon

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Young Adult Gala

*Convention Center - Room 4
(Third Floor)*

6:45 - 9:00 p.m.

Evening Worship

*Convention Center - Event
Center I (First Floor)*

9:30 - 11:00 p.m.

**Late-Night Options:
Fellowship**

*Marriott - Covington Ballrooms
2 and 3*

Sabbath, July 15

*Follow the main program for
the activities during the day.*

9:30 - Midnight

**Late-Night Options: City
Outing**

Speaker Bios

Loren Gjesdal (*Tuesday evening*)

Loren lives with his wife, Nickki, and their three adult children (Nathan, Kendra, and Alex) in Millersburg, Oregon. He co-pastors the Marion, Oregon Church of God (Seventh Day) with Pastor Tim Hinds. Loren is also co-director of Artios Christian College with Makayla Ross and has worked as a property manager at the same company for nearly 30 years.



Loren Stacy (*Wednesday evening*)

Loren and his wife, Karen, have been married almost 45 years. They have been blessed with three happily married children, their spouses, and six grandsons. Loren has served our church in a number of roles: *Harvest Field Messenger* editor; Youth Agency director; West Coast district superintendent; board of directors member (chairman, July 1997 - July 2015); pastor of the Lodi, California congregation (1981 - 2015); and Conference president (since July 2015).



Chip Hinds (*Thursday evening*)

Chip and his wife Mary, have three adult daughters and five grandchildren. They reside near Tahlequah, Oklahoma, in Cherokee County. Chip has served the General Conference and the Southwest District in several capacities, including district board member, local church pastor, Oklahoma Conference chairman, GC board of directors member, and Southwest District superintendent (since July 1, 1997). Chip lives and leads by the GC motto: "Focus on Jesus and Follow His Plan."



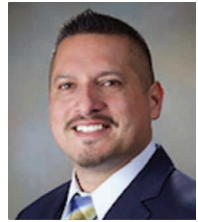
Ramon Ruiz (*Friday evening*)

Ramon and his wife, Rebecca, live in Dallas, Texas. They have three children and eight grandchildren. He was president of the Church of God (Seventh Day) Conference in Mexico (1991 – 2003) and has served as president of the International Ministerial Congress (since 1994). Ramon is also currently pastor of Mount Hermon Hispanic Church of God (Seventh Day) in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas area.



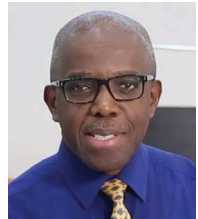
Moises Capetillo (*Sabbath morning*)

Moises and Victoria, his wife of 15 years, live with their six children in Albuquerque, New Mexico. A graduate of Artios Christian College and Spring Vale Academy, Moises is the senior pastor of our church in Albuquerque. He has served there in various capacities for the last 17 years with a passion for the doctrine, guiding principles, and efforts of our General Conference. Moises is also part of the GC’s “Come and See” Evangelism Initiative. He and his brother, Pete, are the Welcoming Church team.



Whaid Rose (*Sabbath evening*)

Whaid has served in various capacities within the General Conference for the past 38 years. He is currently pastor of the Newton, North Carolina congregation. He is also dean of the Artios Center for Vibrant Leadership and first vice president and zone representative for the International Ministerial Congress. Whaid and his wife, Marjolene, are the parents of two adult children and make their home in Denver, North Carolina — near Charlotte.



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(John 1:39).