

Concordia Deaconess Conference

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Dear Sisters,

Enclosed you will find registration information for the CDC Annual Conference that will be held Monday, June 27th through Thursday, June 30th, 2016 at Deer Creek State Park Lodge and Conference Center near Mount Sterling, Ohio. The Lodge is situated in a 3,100-acre state park that is a wonderful family vacation destination. We're receiving a discounted rate on a block of guestrooms in the Lodge and nearby Cottages. Campsites (where pets are welcome) are also nearby but no special pricing is available. The Lodge meets ADA specifications and several guestrooms have roll-in showers. Elevators are available on each floor; including the Mezzanine where we will be dining. And, there will be deaf interpreters available, if needed.

We are working to make this Annual Conference accessible to all CDC members and guests. A limited number of scholarships are available to offset registration fees and related expenses. To apply for a scholarship, please email your completed Registration Form directly to Deaconess Grace Rao at grace.rao@lcms.org by or before the scholarship application deadline on March 31, 2016. Unfortunately, no late scholarship applications will be accepted, so please apply as soon as possible.

We would like to offer our thanks to the Synod's Office of National Mission (ONM) and Office of International Mission (OIM) for sponsoring our Wednesday evening banquet through a generous grant. In addition, Bethesda Lutheran Communities will be hosting an After-Dinner Reception on Monday evening to give us an opportunity to socialize and share experiences. And many thanks to Thrivent Financial for providing us with a Hospitality Suite where you can enjoy a beverage, light snack, and friendly conversation throughout each day. These generous gifts have helped to reduce the cost of the Annual Conference and we are sincerely grateful.

Included in this mailing, you will find:

- The Registration Form to complete and mail along with your check, no later than May 2nd, 2016. (You will receive via email/phone acknowledgment in receipt of your registration and payment.)
- The Conference Menu – A children's menu is also available when an alternative is needed.
- Travel Information
- Refund Policy and Media Release Statement
- Child Care Registration Form – Child care will be available during presentations, business meetings, receptions, and the banquet. Please plan for your children to accompany you at other times.

The 1,277-acre lake is the park's main attraction. Pontoon boats, ski boats, wave-runners, and fishing boat rentals are available for day or night excursions. Other amenities include trails for hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians. Serious golfers can enjoy the 350-acre golf course but there's also a separate disc golf course, putt-putt golf course, and playgrounds for kids of all ages. If you're interested in playing competitive, heart-pounding games in your leisure time, there are lighted courts for tennis, volleyball, basketball, and shuffleboard. Best of all, if you just need a chance to relax and unwind with friends and sisters in Christ, there is a nice beach on the east bank of the lake and the Lodge features both an indoor and outdoor pool. More information about the park can be found online at www.deercreekstateparklodge.com.

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Nearby, there are opportunities to enjoy theatrical entertainment and shopping. The outdoor historical drama “Tecumseh!” plays throughout the summer on the stage of the Sugarloaf Mountain Amphitheatre. It’s a spectacular experience as you’re surrounded by galloping horses, live military cannon fire, and amazing battle sequences. If there is enough interest, group rates are available for the performance which begins at sundown each evening. For shoppers, Prime Outlet Mall boasts name-brand items at discount prices.

I’m looking forward to welcoming all of you to the great State of Ohio and hope you enjoy your time here as we meet in

A loving and caring place, where women of all ages, doing every type of deaconess work, trained in every deaconess program, coming from different cultural backgrounds, can come together in loving unity, as confessional Lutheran sisters in Christ, and enjoy the benefits of time together for friendship and connecting, for renewal and growth, (Policies and Standard Operating Procedures Handbook, Concordia Deaconess Conference, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, June 2012, Part 4: Elected and Appointed Officers Working Manuals, pg. 37).

Your Sister in Christ,

Deanna Cheadle

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Deer Creek State Park Lodge and Conference Center

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22300 State Park Road. 20

Mt. Sterling, OH 43143

www.deercreekstateparklodge.com

Monday, June 27 – Thursday, June 30, 2016

Check-in begins at 1:00 p.m. on Monday

Check-out ends at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday

Registration must be postmarked **no later than May 2, 2016.**

There is a late fee charge of \$25.00.

Please send your completed registration form and payment to:

Deaconess Deanna Cheadle

Conference Registrar

268 Ward Road

Chillicothe, OH 45601

EXCUSES FOR THOSE UNABLE TO ATTEND: According to the CDC Constitution, Article 4, C2, "Attendance at yearly Conferences is expected. Excuses should be made to the chair of the Membership Committee." The Membership Committee Chair is Deaconess Kristine Hanson. Her email address is cdc.membership@yahoo.com. Please send excuses to her and not to the conference registrar. **Absentee ballots will only be sent to CDC members who have given their excuse for absence to Kristine Hanson by May 2, 2016.**

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REFUND POLICY: Full refunds will be given up to 30 days prior to the conference. 50% will be refunded between 30 days and two weeks before the conference. Any cancellations after that forfeit 100% of the conference fees.

RELEASE FORM FOR MEDIA RECORDING (to be signed by all who attend the conference): By my signature, I do hereby consent and agree that Concordia Deaconess Conference, its officers, members or agents have the right to take photographs, videotape, or digital recordings of me. I further consent that my name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary. I do hereby release to Concordia Deaconess Conference, its agents, officers and members all rights to exhibit this work in print and electronic form publically or privately and to market and sell copies. I waive any rights, claims, or interest I may have to control the use of my identity or likeness in whatever media used. I understand that there will be no financial or other remuneration for recording me, either for initial or subsequent transmission or playback. I also understand that Concordia Deaconess Conference is not responsible for any expense or liability incurred as a result of my participation in this recording, including medical expenses due to any sickness or injury incurred as a result. I represent that I am at least 18 years of age, have read and understand the foregoing statement, and am competent to execute this agreement.

I have read and agree to the REFUND POLICY and MEDIA RELEASE STATEMENT.

Signature

PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS: In the space provided on the registration form or in an addendum below, please describe any physical limitations that need to be accommodated for you, so we can arrange for your needs in advance.

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: In the space provided on the registration form or in an addendum below, please describe any dietary restrictions, with allergy details, including whether or not any of the allergies are air-born. Food service may not be able to honor special dietary needs made after the conference begins.

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Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Email: _____
 Serving Site: _____

Check the box which pertains to you:

- CDC Member CDC Affiliate New Member
 Deaconess Student Deaconess Intern Spouse
 Other (please specify) _____

Please complete a separate Registration Form for your spouse.

Conference		TOTAL	
Registration Fee	<i>Spouses and children do not pay the \$75.00 registration fee.</i>	\$ 75.	\$ _____
	Single Occupancy: 1 person/3 nights <i>Room furnished with King-sized bed.</i>	360.	_____
	Double Occupancy: 2 persons/3 nights <i>Room furnished with 2 Queen-sized beds.</i>		
Deer Creek State Park Lodge and Conference Center	Roommate: _____	180.	_____
	Loft Occupancy: 2 – 4 persons/3 nights <i>LIMITED AVAILABILITY: Room furnished with 2 Queen-sized beds and two Twin-sized bunk beds.</i>		
	Roommate 1: _____	2/person 230.	
	Roommate 2: _____	3/person 173.	
	Roommate 3: _____	4/person 115.	_____
Deer Creek State Park Cottages <i>Walking distance</i>	Cottage Occupancy: 2 persons/3 nights <i>2-bedroom furnished with 2 Queen-sized beds and two Twin-sized roll-away beds.</i>		
	Roommate: _____	245.	_____
Deer Creek State Park Campground <i>Driving distance</i>	RV – Camper – Tent Sites <i>Limit 6 persons per site</i> Camp Office: 740-869-3508 Park Office: 740-869-3124		
		Call to make your own reservations!	
		No special pricing.	
Meal Plans Available <i>Plan prices include gratuity.</i>	Monday – <i>Dinner Only</i>	\$ 25.	_____
	Tuesday – <i>Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner</i>	50.	_____
	Wednesday – <i>Breakfast and Lunch</i>	30.	_____
	Wednesday – <i>Banquet Only (Sponsored ONM)</i>	No Charge	No Charge
	Thursday – <i>Breakfast and Boxed Lunch</i>	25.	_____
	Complete Meal Plan – CDC Members, Affiliates, Spouse, Guest, Children 13 & Older	130.	_____
	Complete Meal Plan – Children 12 & Under	90.	_____

I have physical limitations: _____

I have the following dietary restrictions: _____

Registration Deadline is Monday, May 2nd. GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

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ROOM RATES & ROOM MATES

Room rates vary based on the number of occupants and overnights. Please call Deanna Cheadle at 740-804-1026 or email me at cdc.conferencelogistics@yahoo.com with any questions before you submit your registration form. For example, Loft Rooms will accommodate up to 8 people on 2 queen double beds and four bunk beds. But we've only priced the Loft Rooms to accommodate up to 4 people.

COMPLETE MEAL PLAN

Deer Creek State Park Lodge & Conference Center has some wonderful amenities and should provide us with a comfortable and relaxing experience. However, it is located in a rural setting. There are no other restaurants or diners nearby. For that reason, we recommend you purchase the **complete meal plan** if you will be attending the entire conference. Most rooms are equipped with a mini-fridge for beverages or light snacks; some suites have kitchenettes. Cottages have fully equipped kitchens. A Hospitality Suite with snacks and beverages will also be available for your convenience. Notice that if you won't be able to stay for the entire conference, we have offered daily meal plans for your convenience. In addition, *The Rafters* is a restaurant which operates on the Lodge premises.

CONFERENCE MENU

Mon	Dinner (Buffet)	"From the Orient" – Teriyaki Chicken or Ginger Beef
Tues	Breakfast (Plated)	"The Rise & Shine" – Croissant & Bagels with Eggs & Bacon
	Lunch (Buffet)	"Taco Bar" – Seasoned Beef or Fajita Chicken
	Dinner (Buffet)	"Back Woods BBQ" – Grilled Hamburgers or Chicken Breast
Wed	Breakfast (Plated)	"Hot Off the Griddle" – Pancakes or French Toast
	Lunch (Buffet)	"Soup and Salad Buffet" – Two Soup & Two Salad Choices
	Banquet (Plated)	"Red Wine Marinated Flat Iron" – Steak served with table wine
Thurs	Breakfast (Buffet)	"Executive Continental" – Fruits & Pastries
	Boxed Lunch	"The Deer Creek Lunch Pail" – Smoked Turkey or Chicken Salad

CHILDREN'S PLATED MEALS (choose one when an alternative to the Menu is needed)

Served with a choice of Applesauce or Tossed Greens; Milk, Soda or Lemonade
2 Large Chicken Tenders Fried Golden Brown served with French Fries
Grilled Hamburger or Cheeseburger served with French Fries
Spaghetti Topped with a Marinara Sauce served with Roll and Butter
Macaroni and Cheese served with Roll and Butter
Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich served with Potato Chips

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Port Columbus International Airport is the closest hub and is usually the least expensive. We have volunteers who are willing to help shuttle attendees to and from the Lodge. The one-way trip takes approximately an hour. Please provide us with your travel itinerary as soon as possible.

Dayton International Airport is approximately an hour and twenty minutes away without traffic. Attendees who fly into Dayton should plan to rent a car for the remainder of the trip to the Lodge.

I-71 traverses Ohio from Northeast to Southwest. From I-71 take Exit 94: US-62; travel time to the Lodge from Exit 94 is approximately 20 miles and takes about 30 minutes. There's plenty of free, convenient parking at the Lodge.

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CHILD CARE REGISTRATION

Child Care is available and will be provided by a reliable and caring group of high-school aged teens (2 boys, 2 girls) who will be raising funds for the National Youth Gathering and local service projects. Please pre-register your children so we can plan appropriate activities for their age and interests. There will be a room where babies and younger children can play and be cared for, and where older children can have a nap or quiet time with an appropriate movie. In addition, the youth are planning to lead hikes and outdoor games like baseball and basketball. There is an outdoor swimming pool on the grounds with a life guard on-duty. The youth may supervise small groups at the pool; weather permitting. Parents are asked to pack lunches and snacks for their children (if they are not on the meal plan). There is a refrigerator available in the room.

Please plan to make a donation to this fund-raising effort when you pick up your child/children at the end of each day. Thanks!

Mom's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Dad's Name: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Time you plan to drop off your child: _____

Time you plan to pick up your child: _____

Will you be dropping off for the day or a few hours? _____

Will anyone besides Mom or Dad be picking up? _____

Has your child ever been in child care before? _____

What is your normal method of discipline? _____

What is your child's normal temperament? _____

What are your child's favorite activities? _____

Are there any food restrictions? _____

Does your child have any special needs? _____

What are your child's napping habits? _____

Does your child have any known allergies? _____

Does your child have any difficulty communicating? _____

Does your child have any play/activity restrictions? _____

Can your child indicate bathroom wishes? _____

What words does your child use for toileting? _____

Does your child need diapers? _____

Does your child sleep in a bed or a crib? _____

What language is spoken at home? _____

How is your child settled down when upset? _____

How does your child behave when sick? _____

Has your child had any illnesses recently? _____

Is your child currently being nursed or bottle fed? _____

Does your child have permission to go in the pool? Yes No

Mom's Signature: _____

Dad's Signature: _____