

## Ministry Team Retreat Information 2019

(Register by August 19, 2019)

### **Where & When:**

Chateau on the Lake; 415 North State Highway 265. Branson, Missouri 65616, September 20-22, 2019

### **Cost and what to bring:**

The District will, for the ninth year in a row, be picking up the bulk of the expense for all lead pastors, interim pastors and full time staff. We will cover the lodging and meeting rooms and two group meals. In addition, we will give \$25 per person to help with meals on Saturday. We also will ask your Church Board secretary to help with travel, meals for travel and child care expense. We encourage you to bring some fruit, snacks, drinks and table games. (Snacks and drinks are your own personal snacks...we cannot bring snacks for large group as it is against hotel contract).

***Because we have to reserve rooms and meals in advance and pay for what we reserve, we ask you as you register to confirm which nights you will need lodging and which group meals you will eat. We are delighted to cover these expenses for you, but do not feel we are being good stewards of District funds if we pay for lodging and meals that are not used. If the District pays for lodging and meals that you reserve but do not use, we ask that you reimburse the District.***

**Part time staff members are definitely welcome to attend at a subsidized rate of \$340 per room. You also will receive \$25 per person for meals on Saturday. \$340 is due with your registration for retreat, which you will need to send to the office.**

### **Sunday Pulpit Supply During Retreat**

You will need to work immediately to arrange for people to cover pastor and staff's responsibilities on Sunday. For the preaching, we have many retired or licensed ministers, SNU would probably have some faculty or students who could come or you could have a Lay Sunday and have a lay leader preach. Let Dave know if you need help finding someone to preach.

### **Questions and Registration Deadline**

Contact Dave, Gloria, or Marla if you have questions about the Retreat. We are looking forward to getting away from the routine and having a time of refreshment and encouragement. ***Please register by Monday, August 19, 2019.*** It helps us to have your registration as soon as possible if you know you are going to attend.

### **Why are we having a weekend retreat (those new to our District may want to know):**

- \* Helping you truly have a retreat, not having to think about getting ready for Sunday.
- \* Helping bi-vocational pastors to be able to attend and hopefully only miss one day, if any, from a 2nd job.
- \* Making it easier for working spouses to attend.

**Option of Coming Early or Staying Late:**

If you would like to go early or stay late at your own expense, the hotel will allow you to arrive up to *two* days early or stay *two* days late (according to availability) at our amazing group rate-*we will need to make that reservation for you, so that is included on the reservation form. Cost per day is \$107. Please send the total amount of extra nights to the office as soon as possible if you are arriving early or staying late. Thank you.*

**Internet**

The Hotel offers complimentary 1MB wireless Internet access in all guestrooms. Guest may upgrade to basic service to 2MB for \$9.95 or to premium service to 5MB for \$15.95 per day per device. Complimentary wireless internet is also available in our lobby level public spaces. (Any upgrades for wireless will be at your own personal expense.)

**Parking**

Indoor self-parking is available at no charge for all registered guests. Outdoor self-parking is available at no charge on the grounds of the Hotel for all attendees. Valet parking is available for \$20.00 per day, plus tax. (Valet parking will be at your own personal expense.)

**Check-in / check-out**

Guest accommodations will be available at 4:00pm on arrival day and reserved until 11:00am on departure day.

**Directions from I-44 East:**

1. Take exit 69 (right) for MO-360E/James River Freeway to Route 60 (you'll be close to Springfield, MO as you exit) Continue onto US-60E/James River Freeway East (12 miles)
2. Take the exit (right) onto US-65 S toward Branson (29 miles)
3. Take the Missouri F/MO-465 exit (right) toward Ozark Mountain Highroad
4. Turn right onto MO-465 S (7.1 Miles)
5. Continue onto Ozark Mountain Highroad (0.6 Miles)
6. Turn left onto MO-76 W (0.4 Miles)
7. Turn left onto MO-265 S (5.6 Miles)
8. Destination will be on the right. (If you get to Table Rock dam, you've gone too far.)