

Verger's Guild of the Episcopal Church
Annual Conference 2012
Lakeland, Florida

Things you might want to know...

1. This is a casual weekend. The weather should be pleasant and probably warm. Usually in the high 80's during the day and 70's at night.
2. Dress casual for Thursday evening, Friday all day and Saturday morning. There will be a tropical theme for the banquet on Saturday evening. Dress for the evening will be resort attire (tropical). Gentlemen – no coconut bra's please.
3. The Sunday service at 10:50am is our major service and vergers will wear their vestments, **minus** virges and hats/bonnets. Others attending will want to be dressed in church attire. This is a Rite II Contemporary Service with choir.
4. Dinner Thursday, Friday lunch, the Saturday banquet, drinks and snacks during the day are covered by your registration fee. The dinner Friday night at the Columbia Restaurant will be at your own expense. The price range there is \$10.50 for their 1905 Salad up to \$45 for other food. They have a very wide selection of Cuban food to choose from. If you care to look at their menu before Friday night then go to www.columbiarestaurant.com.
5. Parking – on Thursday. If you stay at the Terrace Hotel you can park and leave your car. The church is just across from the parking lot. If you are not staying at the Terrace and need to park your car there is limited parking in our lot behind the church on Iowa Avenue. You can come in, register and leave. If the lot is full there is parking in the garage across and behind the church but is used a lot by the city workers. After 5pm there will be plenty of parking in either the parking garage (400 spaces) or behind the church. The same for Friday. There will be a few spaces in the church lot or one can park in the parking garage. If the garage is full there is another lot ½ block east of the parking garage you can park in. On Saturday you will not have to worry about parking.
6. You will be checking in at the Welcome Center on Thursday and Friday which is located at the back of the church on Iowa Avenue. As you come to the back of the church you will see the Welcome Center sign pointing to the entrance on the right. There will be signs directing you along the way. Our Greeters will be happy to answer any questions you may have when you check in.
7. Breakfast at the Terrace Hotel. The Terrace has a light continental breakfast. If you want something more substantial they do have a nice restaurant or you can

walk a block or so to three other restaurants downtown. There will be maps for those. For those staying at The Hyatt Hotel they have a continental breakfast too.

8. All Saints' does offer breakfast to our parishioners on Sunday from 8:00am to 10:00 am for a donation of \$4. They have eggs, meat, biscuits, cereal, juice, coffee and some other selections. We will be asking if anyone wants to come for breakfast during the weekend. If so we just need to give them a head count. This will be at your own expense.
9. We will be touring on Friday afternoon at Florida Southern College's Annie Pfeifer Chapel. Those few we know of who might need some assistance FSC will have golf carts available to assist us. Wear comfortable shoes on Friday. We will leave directly from the church after the last session on busses and not return home until after 8:30pm on Friday.
10. If you have a guest coming that is not registered for the conference or you are interested in some downtown activities for Saturday after the business meeting is over some are listed below:
 1. Arts on The Park – located at 115 N. Kentucky Ave, are open Tuesdays – Saturday and admission is free. Members' gallery is showing at this time. Various art exhibits.
 2. Polk Museum of Art – 800 E. Palmetto St. – general admission is \$5 for adults and seniors is \$4. They are hosting an "Invisible Elephant" exhibit. These are new works by Theo Wujcik and Kirk Ke Wang. Also exhibiting is "David Maxim" capturing his warriors, not in the climax of battle but in moments of weakness, facing grief, injury and death. Free admission on Saturdays from 10am to noon.
 3. At the Lakeland Center is the Lakeland Family Home and Recreation Show on Saturday, Oct. 13. 10am – 6pm. Free parking and free admission.
 4. Saturday morning at Munn Park is the Downtown Farmers Market from 8am – 2pm. Located on the corner of N. Kentucky Ave and East Pine Street.
 5. Zombie Fest will be held in Munn Park on Saturday evening. This is a new event for the area and I don't know much about it other than it will still be happening when we return from the banquet. So you might see some weird sights in front of the hotel.
 6. The City Library is a few blocks from downtown across from the Polk Museum of Art.

We will update you daily on happenings for the conference and around the area. We look forward to seeing each person this coming Thursday.

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