



September 2023

Dear Treasurer,

Each fall the Indiana District holds a district-wide Pastoral Conference. ***This is an official conference of the district (see Handbook 4.8.2). Your pastor's attendance is required and expected.*** Your district officers design the program, and costs are based upon the number of pastors and congregations in the district. **Therefore, each congregation is expected to pay the registration fees for the conference based upon the number of active pastors serving the congregation.** This year that fee is **\$180.00 per pastor.** The conference this year is October 23-24 with an optional social event the evening of October 22 (there is no additional cost for this event, as it is being sponsored by LCEF – only a possible extra night room charge would be involved). Meals ARE included with the cost of the conference. Lodging is NOT included. If a spouse attends with the pastor and will attend the banquet, we do ask that the pastor pay half the cost of the meal (\$30.00).

Details on registration fees:

- You are **not** responsible for fees of pastors emeriti (there is no fee for them) or teachers at synod institutions (they are responsible for their own fee).
- Pastors on candidate status and those who may be members of your parish but working for various boards and agencies related to the church are responsible for their own registration fees.
- There are NO fees for pastors' wives except half the cost of the banquet meal if attending the banquet (\$30.00).
- Dual parishes pay only ONE fee between them.
- Vacant congregations ARE expected to pay the registration fee.
- Congregations are responsible for their own policies regarding D.C.E.'s, Vicars and Deaconesses. A registration fee IS required if they attend, however.

We have contracted with the Embassy Suites at Noblesville for housing. The deadline for registering in our block of rooms is **no later than September 22 at midnight.** **To reserve a suite in the group block, call 317-674-1900** and ask for reservations. Provide the arrival/departure dates of your stay and mention **group code DLC.** Verify the group name is **Indiana District Lutheran Church.** Verify the group rate of:

\$160.00 per night for a **King Bed Suite** plus taxes, or
\$160.00 per night for a **Two Queen Bed Suite** plus taxes.

The booking agent will ask for a credit card number to guarantee the room. **The hotel welcomes online reservations as well! A direct booking link has been created. Please go to our website and click on the banner for the conference to access the direct link.**

Registration forms and all other information are available on the Indiana District website at www.in.lcms.org. We will be using online registration again this year (online payment is accepted or you can choose to send in payment even when registering online). Churches may also choose to print off the registration form found on our website and mail it to the district office along with payment. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO SEND IN A PHYSICAL FORM IF REGISTERING ONLINE.**

ALL REGISTRATIONS & PAYMENTS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 6, 2022