



September 2026

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, due to the fact that congregations were assessed for the 2026 National Convention at a time when many were already dealing with financial difficulties, the Indiana District Board of Directors voted to utilize some discretionary funds to put toward the conference. This allocation of funds was done to directly alleviate part of the cost of the fall pastors conference shared by each congregation. As such, this year's fee is **\$145.00 per pastor**. The conference will be held **October 19-20 at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville, IN**.

Details on registration fees:

- Monday and Tuesday lunches ARE included with registration. Monday evening has an option to attend a reception which will include pizza and desserts (FREE) - OR - pastors can do dinner on their own (at their own cost). Breakfasts are provided for those staying at the Embassy Suites.
- The cost of lodging is NOT included with registration. Some churches choose to share accommodations with others to keep down costs, as 2-Queen rooms are available.
- You are **not** responsible for fees of retired pastors or candidate pastors (there is no fee for them) or pastors serving a school or RSO (they are responsible for their own fee).
- There are NO fees for pastors' wives.
- Dual parishes pay only ONE fee between them (some choose to split the cost, take turns paying, etc).
- Vacant congregations ARE expected to pay the registration fee. This includes those in long-term vacancy arrangements with emeriti pastors.
- 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 27 at 11:59 PM**. **To reserve a suite in the group block, [CLICK HERE](#)** for online registration or call **317-674-9044** and ask for reservations. Provide the arrival/departure dates of your stay and mention group code **95D**. Verify the group name is **Indiana District Lutheran Church**. Verify the group rate of:

\$165.00 per night plus taxes: King Bed Suite -or - Two Queen Bed Suite

Online payment is accepted through online registration, or you can choose to send in a check even when registering online. [Speaker information](#), the [online registration link](#), a [check remittance form](#), info on a [free pre-retirement workshop](#), and all other information are available on the Indiana District website at <https://in.lcms.org/pastors-conferences/>

HOTEL BLOCK IS OPEN THROUGH SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
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