

Subject: 2016 AZ-CA District Convention (6) - June 13-15

Date: Monday, May 2, 2016 at 5:46:07 AM Pacific Daylight Time

From: Steven Gabb

To: Steven Gabb

Brothers-

Here again is the entire email thread regarding our upcoming AZ-CA District Convention to be held June 13-15 at the Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale, AZ. If I miss anything in this email, it can likely be found in a previous email. Or, don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

- Pastors, please forward this email immediately to your lay delegate. Please also confirm with them that they have registered for the convention -AND- that they have made a hotel reservation.
- Principals, please forward this email immediately to your teacher delegates.

The convention begins on Monday, June 13, at 11:00 a.m, with the Opening Service at [Grace Lutheran Church in Glendale, AZ](#). The afternoon session that day will begin promptly at 2:00 p.m. You will be on your own for lunch before the afternoon session begins. There will not be a boxed lunch provided after worship as there has been in the past. The convention is scheduled to conclude on Wednesday, June 15, at 12:00 p.m.

Three (3) deadlines are coming up on **May 13**:

- [Convention Registration](#) – If you haven't done so already, please do this immediately. It literally takes about 90 seconds.
 - All delegates and guests must register.
- [Hotel reservation at the Chaparral Suites](#).
 - All delegates and guests make their own arrangements.
 - If you miss this deadline, the negotiated group rate is not guaranteed.
 - Guest room reservations: Call (800) 528-1456; or [book online](#).
 - Group Code: '2016 WELS AZ-CA District Convention'
- All reports need to be emailed to me by May 13 as well. Click here for [formatting guidelines](#).

Additional notes:

- **The transition to Embassy Suites** is scheduled for June 21, 2016. The facility has to be fully operational for two weeks prior to 'getting the Embassy flag.' This means that everything should be done in time for our event. I was told that if any part isn't fully ready by the time of our event, it would only be the front desk area. Full renovations are already complete on the hotel rooms, along with the conference center and most other public spaces (e.g. pool areas, fitness center, etc.)
- Find Convention resources on our [District website](#)
 - The Committee Assignments list has been modified and could continue to be modified up to a couple weeks prior to our event.
- **Travel Equalization** — Here is our [district's travel aid policy](#) as well as the [requisition form](#) if you qualify for travel aid.
 - All requests will be processed at the convention by the Equalization Committee.
- The **Report to the Twelve Districts** will be made available electronically by our Synod by May 4. I expect it will be found [here](#) when it is, in fact, posted to the WELS website.
 - A hard copy will be mailed to each congregation the first week of June.
 - Please be sure to review this prior to the convention in order to be an informed delegate.
- **Excuses**: All excuses must be submitted to me via email.

Don't hesitate to reach out to me if you need clarification on any of these or other convention-related items.

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From: Steven Gabb <steve@westlutheran.com>
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Subject: FW: 2016 AZ-CA District Convention (5) - June 13-15

Brothers-

I'm once again forwarding the email thread regarding our upcoming 2016 District Convention.

- Pastors, please forward this email immediately to your lay delegate
- Principals, please forward this email immediately to your teacher delegates

The only addition I'll add at this time is that the transition to Embassy Suites hasn't been finalized. It's contingent upon completion of the renovation which isn't done yet (go figure, a construction project that didn't finish on time:) It is now scheduled to be completed by the middle of May.

Please do the following:

- If you haven't done so already, [register for the District Convention](#)
 - This includes all delegates and guests (e.g. reporters, presenters, etc. from elsewhere in the Synod)
 - If you never received a confirmation email, you are not yet registered.
- If you haven't done so already, [make a room reservation at the Chaparral Suites](#)
- Find Convention resources on our [District website](#)
 - The Committee Assignments list has been modified and could continue to be modified up to a couple weeks prior to our event.

Let me know if you need any clarification on any of this.

Blessings,
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From: Steven Gabb <steve@westlutheran.com>
Date: Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 2:17 PM
Subject: FW: 2016 AZ-CA District Convention (4) - June 13-15

Brothers-

Please share this immediately with the lay delegate your congregation has selected to serve at our 2016 AZ-CA District Convention. Thank you!

I'm forwarding the previous email thread regarding our 2016 District Convention coming up on June 13-15 in Scottsdale, AZ. Please follow up on these items. If you would like further information on any of them, scroll down to past emails which include more detail.

- Please [register now by clicking here](#).
 - If you have already registered, you should have received a confirmation email indicating that your registration is complete.
 - If you cannot attend, please excuse to me by replying to this email. Do not complete the online registration form.
- You can find all [Convention-related information here](#), including Floor Committee Assignments.
 - N.B. This has been edited numerous times since the original document was posted. Please check again for your assignment. And be sure to check the entire document as a few guys are listed more than once (particularly, those who are doing devotions).
 - If you notice any errors, please communicate those to me by responding to this email. A number of mistakes and/or clarifications have already been shared, which has been very helpful. Thank you!
- Make your room reservation at The Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale, AZ
 - Guest room reservations: Call (800) 528-1456; or [book online](#).
 - Reservation due date: May 13, 2016

I expect the transition from Chaparral Suites to Embassy Suites to be completed soon (they told me it would happen in February). A new online link for making room reservations will be generated and forwarded to you at that time.

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Date: Monday, February 1, 2016 at 4:16 PM
To: Steven Gabb <steve@westlalutheran.com>
Subject: FW: 2016 AZ-CA District Convention (2) - June 13-15

Since I sent this on Saturday evening, I've made changes to the 'Committees Assignments' list and uploaded the updated file to the District website. This creates a new link, making the hyperlink in the previous email obsolete. From now on, I will link to the [Convention page on the District website](#). From there, scroll down to the '**Files**' section to find what you're looking for – e.g. 'Convention – Committee Assignments'.

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Subject: 2016 AZ-CA District Convention (2) - June 13-15

Brothers-

(Please forward this to your lay delegate)

Please see the email below from this past December regarding our upcoming District Convention to be held June 13-15, 2016 at The Embassy Suites (converting soon from Chaparral Suites) in Scottsdale, AZ.

Now is the time to register for the convention. You can [register online by clicking here](#). Every delegate (pastors, male teachers & staff ministers, and lay delegates) needs to be individually registered.

All delegates have the privilege of serving on a floor committee or one of the various support committees. The Committee Assignments list can be found on the [Convention page of our District website](#). If you do not see your name on the committee assignments list, or if you find that you are listed more than once, please let me know immediately. **Note: Retired called workers have not been assigned to a committee. If you are retired and wish to serve on a floor committee, please let me know and I will assign you. District Mission Board members have also not been assigned to a committee to allow them to meet with missionaries when the convention is not in session.

Delegates are asked to bring their own personal electronic device (notebook or tablet computer with WiFi capabilities) with which to follow the District Convention. All documents will be made available to the delegates via [Dropbox](#), a web-based file storage service. If you are not computer savvy, a limited area of the convention floor, equipped with a monitor or screen, will be designated for you to follow along with the convention. You can indicate on the registration form if you plan to make use of this feature.

In summary:

- [Register for the 2016 AZ-CA District Convention](#) (June 13-15 in Scottsdale, AZ)
 - (Each delegate needs to be registered separately)
- Find your name and note your task on the Committee Assignments List on the Convention page our District website.
- Make sure [Dropbox](#) is fully functional on whichever mobile device you plan to bring with you to the convention
- Make your room reservation at The Embassy Suites / Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale, AZ
 - Guest room reservations: Call (800) 528-1456; or [book online](#).
 - Reservation due date: May 13, 2016
- Secure a Lay Delegate from your congregation

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From: Steven Gabb <steve@westlutheran.com>
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Subject: 2016 AZ-CA District Convention - June 13-15, 2016

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Our **2016 AZ-CA District Convention will be held June 13-15, 2016 at the Chaparral Suites** (soon to be Embassy Suites), located at 5001 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250. This is the same venue at which our 2014 Convention was held. Pastor James M. Hein (Resurrection Lutheran Church – Rochester, MN) will present the keynote address on *Reaching out to Millennials*.

Every pastor, male teacher, and male staff minister has the privilege and responsibility to attend the convention as a delegate. Every congregation also has the privilege and responsibility to provide a lay delegate to the convention. If you haven't started already, now is the time to begin searching for a lay delegate from your congregation.

[Click here to view the Chaparral Suites website](#). Hotel amenities include:

- Complimentary full American breakfast each morning
- Complimentary evening reception (this is separate from the convention fellowship event on Tuesday evening)
- Complimentary individual airport shuttle service (6am-9pm)
- Complimentary USA Today delivered to your suite (Mon-Fri)
- Complimentary wired & wireless Internet in guest suites
- No Resort, Portage or Housekeeping fees

The Chaparral Suites is undergoing an extensive renovation of its entire facility which is expected to be completed in early 2016. This is in anticipation of their conversion to an [Embassy Suites facility](#). Room rates for convention delegates are as follows:

- \$89.00/night (+ tax) - Double occupancy
- \$104.00/night (+ tax) - Triple occupancy
- \$119.00/night (+ tax) - Quadruple occupancy

These rates are available June 9-18 for those who wish to enjoy some personal time before and/or after the convention.

Room reservations can be made by calling (800) 528-1456. You must reference '**2016 WELS AZ-CA District Convention**' to secure the group rate. [Click here to reserve online](#). Or, copy and paste the following link into your web browser: <https://bookings.ihotelier.com/Chaparral-Suites-Scottsdale/bookings.jsp?hotelID=6060&groupID=1546655>. This booking link is active until the transition to Embassy Suites is complete (most likely in February, I'm told). At that time, they will provide a new booking link which I will pass along to you. This applies only to online reservations. There will be no change to the group name above for phone reservations. **The cut-off date for making room reservations is May 13, 2016.**

In summary:

- 2016 AZ-CA District Convention – June 13-15, 2016
- Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale, AZ
 - Guest room reservations: Call (800) 528-1456; or [book online](#).
 - Reservation due date: May 13, 2016
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