



**FEAST OF  
TABERNACLES**  
2018 HOUSING  
INFORMATION





# WELCOME TO THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES

## 2018 FESTIVAL HOUSING GUIDE

**B**efore we know it, we will all be gathered at sites around the world to keep the Feast of Tabernacles! We plan and save our second tithe to go to “the place where LORD your God chooses to put His name” (Deuteronomy 14:24). We are excited and eager to make arrangements for accommodations for our family. Since we spend so much time in our housing at the Feast, this part of our Feast planning is extremely important to us!

With this fact in mind, the Feast coordinators for all our Feast sites strive to procure properties that will meet the needs of all the brethren—with a focus on quality, price and value.

Each year the Church evaluates the accommodations we offered the previous year. We do this by reviewing the housing surveys that the brethren fill out at the various sites. The Feast coordinators consider the price brethren paid for housing, the quality and cleanliness of the facility, and the cooperation of the management. By doing so, we are able to make the necessary adjustments to Feast housing at each site to meet the needs of brethren. As a result, you may find a few new properties and also a few that are no longer being used.

As you and your family make your plans and prepare to select and reserve housing for 2018, we recommend that you review all available housing at the site you will be attending. To assist you in this endeavor, we have included websites for most of the housing establishments listed in this housing brochure. Please take the time to visit those websites. It will allow you to preview the facility and the amenities it offers. This will greatly assist you in avoiding unpleasant surprises.

We again want to remind you of the benefits the Church realizes when our members use the housing establishments that are listed in the COGWA Festival housing brochure. Your doing so enables us to secure fair prices with the

housing establishments, and it is central in our ability to secure quality meeting space at sites where we meet in a hotel.

As you make your housing arrangements, please remember these important guidelines:

1. In general, please do not attempt to make reservations prior to the opening day and time for reservations, which is Monday, **May 14, at 10 a.m. in the time zone of the site you are attending.** The establishments have been asked to **not accept reservations prior to the agreed-upon time.**
2. Those with disabilities, health problems or other special needs that require specific types of facilities may make early housing reservations beginning Monday, **May 7.** (Check with your local Festival adviser for guidelines.) Some sites may require a password in order to make early reservations.
3. When making your reservations, identify yourself as a member of the “Church of God, a Worldwide Association, Feast of Tabernacles.” Be sure to give your arrival and departure dates, be prepared to pay a deposit, and be sure to ask for a confirmation number.
4. Please take notice of the maximum number of occupants allowed in a room and do not exceed that number. Reserving a room for four people and then putting six to seven people in the room is not allowed. It causes extra work for the housekeeping staff and violates the agreements we have made.
5. PLEASE make only one housing reservation at one Feast site. Making duplicate reservations limits others who are looking for housing. If your plans to attend a particular site change, be sure to cancel your housing reservations as soon as possible to free up housing.

**Jon Pinelli**  
**Festival Planning Team**



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q. What if I have a large family and need a larger facility, such as a house, to have enough space. Can I rent “outside” our housing list?**

A. If there is no satisfactory housing on our housing list, you are certainly free to rent something that isn't on it. Most of the large, home-type facilities are one of a kind, and it would cause more potential problems than it would solve for us to list a large number of one-of-a-kind facilities. Once such a facility was reserved, it would be a frustrating waste of time for any other members who tried to reserve the facility.

**Q. What if I'm torn between two different housing properties (maybe even at two different sites). What is wrong with reserving them both until I decide and then releasing the one I decide not to use?**

A. This situation probably happens more often than most would think. It causes difficulties on more than one level. First, it removes a room from the “available block” that may eventually go unused if you cancel just before the Feast. Second, it may cause a facility to assume it is full and turn down possible bookings only to later have one or several cancellations by people who had “double-booked” rooms. This causes us problems when we go to book blocks of rooms for the following year.

**Q. My extended family is all attending the same site, yet we find we are paying different tax rates on our rooms. Why is that? It seems confusing!**

A. Some Feast sites have facilities in different communities, each with different lodging tax rates. Some facilities have a county tax, while others have a county tax and a city lodging tax. Generally, the difference isn't that great, but it may be 4 to 5 percent different.

**Q. What about extra fees that appear on my bill in addition to the basic room charge?**

A. Some facilities have extra charges, such as parking, a resort fee, or a fee for “Internet service in sleeping rooms” (in some facilities, the Internet is free only in the public areas). Most of these should be listed in the housing brochure, but it is good to ask about any extra fees that the facility charges when making your room reservation. When in doubt, ask, so you aren't surprised when you check out.

**Q. I have found an establishment that I feel would be a great fit for our housing block. How do I go about giving this input to the right person?**

A. At times, members may find a facility that we may have overlooked or that may be under new management. There are a couple of ways you can give input in this area. First, since we may already have our room blocks set for this year, you can write in your suggestion on your copy of the Housing Survey, which is passed out at each site. The Festival coordinator for that site will see it and can follow up on it. Second, you can email the suggestion to the Festival coordinator for that site

or to a member of the Festival Planning Team. But either way, please do not try to negotiate with the establishment on behalf of the Church.

**Q. I have several ideas on areas that I feel would make wonderful Feast sites. How do I go about giving input on possible locations?**

A. We are always keeping our eyes open for possible Feast sites. Our main criteria for site selection is desirable locations within a reasonable distance of the majority of our people in a region. We will occasionally have a specialty site on a one-time or a periodic basis, but due to manpower and expense, we mostly focus on regional sites across the United States and regional sites in the international areas as well.

The Festival Planning Team is always open to suggestions for possible future sites and welcomes input from interested members. If you know of a specific facility in a particular area, feel free to

mention it in an email to a member of the Festival Planning Team. But please do not contact the facility directly or discuss possible terms with the facility, as if you are representing the Church. Doing so can cause confusion. Send in your ideas, and we will look at and consider them in light of current needs, contracts and other relative conditions.

**Q. What do I do if, after checking into a facility selected from the housing guide, I find the conditions to be totally unacceptable?**

A. While this situation seldom happens, it is a possibility. Before you actually occupy the room, go back to the management and tell them the conditions are totally unacceptable and ask for either another room that is acceptable or for a refund. Most facilities will work with you. In the event that you still have a situation, feel free to contact the Festival coordinator for the site or, if you know his name, the housing officer. Either of them will be able to help you with the situation.

## Key Dates for 2018 Feast of Tabernacles

**April 1-May 7, 2018**  
Online registration

**May 7, 2018**  
Early housing reservations begin (check with your local Festival adviser for guidelines)

**May 14, 2018**  
General housing reservations begin

**July 3, 2018**  
Activity information posted to website

**Sept. 24-30, 2018**  
Feast of Tabernacles

**Oct. 1, 2018**  
Last Great Day

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## WOODBURY, MINNESOTA

This year the satellite site for the Wisconsin and Minnesota area will be in Woodbury, Minnesota, an eastern suburb of St. Paul and only 13 miles from the Wisconsin border. “Satellite site” means that services will be provided via webcast from one of the other Feast sites. While we will be a small site, there will be plenty of good fellowship.

Services will be held at the Residence Inn (205 Radio Drive, Woodbury, MN) in its first-floor meeting room, which offers comfortable seating, classroom tables and a wall-mounted television for webcasting. We have a block of rooms set aside so that brethren can stay on-site.

This Residence Inn is an extended-stay hotel. Each room includes an in-suite kitchen to prepare meals. There are many restaurants and retailers within a mile of the hotel. Cub Foods, Whole Foods and Trader Joe’s are a short distance away.

The hotel is a short drive from historic downtown Stillwater, and offers a free weekday shuttle service within a 5-mile radius. Local attractions include Lake Elmo Park Reserve, many good restaurants and retailers. There are many attractions in the greater Twin Cities area as well, including Como Zoo and the Mall of America.

A complimentary breakfast buffet is provided each morning, and each room includes in-suite kitchens so you can prepare your own meals. The hotel includes a business center, free Wi-Fi and on-site laundry. Pets are allowed. You may also enjoy the outdoor fire pit and are welcome to utilize the patio grill. Monday to Wednesday you are invited to enjoy the Residence Inn social hour for snacks, drinks and conversation.

**Fragrance-controlled room available:** No.

**Tax rate for accommodations:** 7.125%.

**Closest airport:** Minneapolis–St. Paul (MSP), 20 miles.

**Gary Black**

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### Residence Inn St. Paul Woodbury

651-731-9010

[marriott.com/hotels/travel/mspwb-residence-inn-st.-paul-woodbury](http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/mspwb-residence-inn-st.-paul-woodbury)

205 Radio Drive

Woodbury, MN 55125

\$109      studio suite, 1 king bed, 1-4 people

\$129      1 king bed suite, 1-4 people

\$179      2 king bed suite, 1-6 people

*Note:* When making reservations, mention you are with Church of God to receive discounted rate.

*Amenities:* Laundry services, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, complimentary breakfast, king or queen beds, indoor pool, indoor hot tub, fitness center, outdoor basketball court, outdoor fire pit, patio grill, air-conditioning, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi, free parking, in-suite kitchen. Rooms may have sofa bed (ask when making reservations). Complimentary hors d’oeuvres, wine and beer in the lobby on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Free shuttle service in available Monday through Friday within a 5-mile radius.

*Distance from meeting hall:* on-site

**Courtyard St. Paul Woodbury**

651-731-5338

[marriott.com/hotels/travel/mspwc-courtyard-st-paul-woodbury](http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/mspwc-courtyard-st-paul-woodbury)

185 Radio Drive

Woodbury, MN 55125

Check online for rates

*Amenities:* Restaurant on premises or adjacent, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, indoor pool and whirlpool, king or queen beds (sofa beds available), refrigerator, coffeemaker, air-conditioning, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi, fitness center, free parking.

*Distance from meeting hall:* 0.1 mile

**Hampton Inn Woodbury**

651-578-2822

651-578-8692 fax

[tinyurl.com/hampton-inn-woodbury](http://tinyurl.com/hampton-inn-woodbury)

1450 Weir Drive

Woodbury, MN 55125

Check online for rates

*Amenities:* Laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed (service pets only), indoor saltwater pool and whirlpool, king or queen beds (sofa beds available), refrigerator, coffeemaker, air-conditioning, elevator, free Wi-Fi, fitness center, breakfast included, free parking, van-accessible parking.

*Distance from meeting hall:* 3.7 miles

# INTERNATIONAL FEAST SITES

## AFRICA

Mugina, Burundi  
Man, Côte d'Ivoire  
Douala, Cameroon  
Kinshasa, Democratic  
Republic of the Congo  
Kumasi, Ghana  
Migori, Kenya  
Salima, Malawi  
Flic-en-Flac, Mauritius  
Benin City, Nigeria  
Giti, Rwanda  
Uvongo, South Africa  
Kpalimé, Togo  
Mapoko, Zambia  
Gweru, Zimbabwe

## ASIA/PACIFIC

Coffs Harbour, Australia  
Pacific Harbour, Fiji  
Kochi, India  
Taupo, New Zealand  
Baguio City, Philippines

## CARIBBEAN

Barbados  
Grenada

Lethem, Guyana  
Runaway Bay, Jamaica

## EUROPE

Winchester, England  
Normandy, France  
Cortona, Italy

## LATIN AMERICA

Villa la Merced, Argentina  
Santa Cruz, Bolivia  
Lican Ray, Chile  
El Rodadero, Santa Marta,  
Colombia  
Antigua, Guatemala  
San Miguel de Allende,  
Mexico  
Huanchaco, Peru

## NORTH AMERICA

Orford, Québec

Note: Not all locations in this list are final. Please check [feast.cogwa.org](http://feast.cogwa.org) for up-to-date information on international sites.

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