



VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA



This year we are pleased to announce our first-ever Canadian Feast site for the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, on the outskirts of Victoria, British Columbia. Located on Vancouver Island, this site in Sidney (or Sidney by the Sea, as the locals refer to it) promises to be an exciting venue in which to keep the Feast of Tabernacles in 2016.

Sidney is located a short 20-minute drive from downtown Victoria, the provincial capital of British Columbia. If you are driving to Victoria, access to the island is available by ferry through either British Columbia or the State of Washington. You can also fly into Victoria International Airport. It is a smaller airport, but located right in Sidney.

The climate in Victoria is considered cool Mediterranean. That means that during the Feast you can expect daytime highs in the 60s, with lows in the 40s. There is always a chance of showers during the fall season.

We will be holding our services at the Mary Winspear Centre in Sidney. Our meeting room has ample space. We will be able to seat up to 700 people very comfortably in the center.

There is a variety of housing and restaurants in and around Victoria to appeal to everyone's needs and budgets. Several housing establishments are even located right across the street from the Mary Winspear Centre. More housing is also available within a short four-block distance from the center. Restaurants in Sidney are varied in cuisine and price. And, of course, you have even more choices in downtown Victoria.

Activities abound in the Victoria area. Visit historic Butchart Gardens, which is listed on Canada's national historic register. Take in one of a number of the local museums depicting Canadian history and Eskimo culture. Tour some of the local British Columbia wineries or enjoy high tea at the historic Empress Hotel in downtown Victoria. This is just a small sample of things to do in the Sidney area.

If you have never experienced Canada, come spend it with our Canadian brethren at this year's Feast of Tabernacles. You will not be disappointed!

Tax rate for accommodations: 13 percent.

Connect with fellow Feastgoers at facebook.com/cogwa/events.

Jon Pinelli

Best Western Emerald Isle

250-656-4441

800-315-3377

bwemeraldisle.com

2306 Beacon Ave.

Sidney, BC V8L 1X2

Canada

C\$99 hotel room, 1-2 people

Amenities: Restaurant on premises, shopping nearby, laundry facilities on premises, equipped for handicapped, king or queen beds, suites available, air-conditioning, elevator, free Wi-Fi.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.1 mile**Cedarwood Inn and Suites**

250-656-5551

877-656-5551

thecedarwood.ca

9522 Lochside Drive

Sidney, BC V8L 1N8

Canada

C\$95	standard room, 1-2 people
C\$99	1-bedroom suite, 1-4 people
C\$99-C\$189	2-bedroom suite, 2-6 people
C\$15	extra person

Amenities: Shopping nearby, king or queen beds, suites, free Wi-Fi, most suites have full kitchens. Every room has a different accommodation setup. Look online or call inn.

Distance from meeting hall: 1 mile**Quality Inn Waddling Dog**

250-652-1146

800-567-8466

qualityinnvictoria.com

2476 Mt. Newton Cross Road

Saanichton, BC V8M 2B8

Canada

C\$79-C\$89 standard room, 1-2 people

Amenities: Restaurant adjacent, shopping nearby, equipped for handicapped, king or queen beds, elevator, free Wi-Fi, breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 4 miles**The Sidney Pier Hotel and Spa**

250-655-9770

866-659-9445

sidneypier.com

9805 Seaport Place

Sidney, BC V8L 4X3

Canada

C\$115-C\$215	standard room, 1-2 people
C\$25	extra person
C\$5	parking

Amenities: Restaurant adjacent, shopping nearby, equipped for handicapped, waterfront, king or queen beds, suites, elevator, free Wi-Fi.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.5 mile**Sidney Waterfront Inn and Suites**

250-656-1131

888-656-1131

sidneywaterfrontinn.com

9775 First St.

Sidney, BC V8L 3E1

Canada

C\$99-C\$117 hotel room, 1-2 people

C\$102-C\$260 1-bedroom suite, 1-4 people

Amenities: Restaurants adjacent, shopping nearby, king or queen beds, suites, some suites with kitchenettes, free Wi-Fi, variety of different rooms.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.5 mile**Super 8**

250-652-6888

super8.com

2477 Mt. Newton Road

Saanichton, BC V8M 2B7

Canada

C\$74 hotel room, 1-2 people

Amenities: Shopping nearby, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, king or queen beds, elevator, free Wi-Fi, breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 4 miles**Victoria Airport Travelodge**

250-656-1176

866-656-1176

airporttravelodge.com

2280 Beacon Ave.

Sidney, BC V8L 1X1

Canada

C\$99-C\$109 hotel room, 1-2 people

Amenities: Restaurant adjacent, shopping nearby, rooms with kitchenettes, laundry facilities, equipped for handicapped, pets allowed, outdoor heated pool, king or queen beds, elevator, free Wi-Fi, breakfast included.

Distance from meeting hall: 0.1 mile**Western 66 Motor Inn**

250-652-4464

800-463-4464

western66motorinn.com

2401 Mt. Newton Cross Road

Saanichton, BC V0S 1M0

Canada

C\$69	hotel room, 1 person
C\$76-C\$83	hotel room, 1-2 people
C\$126	2-bedroom suite, 2-6 people
C\$136	3-bedroom suite, 2-8 people

Amenities: Restaurant adjacent, shopping nearby, all rooms have fridges, king or queen beds, air-conditioning, free Wi-Fi.

Distance from meeting hall: 4 miles

WELCOME TO THE FEAST OF TABERNACLES 2016 FESTIVAL HOUSING GUIDE

It is hard to believe that the Feast of Tabernacles will be here in only a few, short months! As God's people follow His instructions to use their Festival tithe to "go to the place which the LORD your God chooses" (Deuteronomy 14:25-26), brethren are eager to arrange accommodations for their family that will enable them to truly rejoice before God! Since Church members often spend quite a bit of time in their accommodations while at the Feast, this aspect of Festival planning is important to all of us!

As such, the Feast coordinators for all of our Feast sites understand the importance of procuring properties that will meet the needs of all of our brethren—with a focus on quality, price and value.

Each year the Church evaluates the accommodations we offered the previous Feast by reviewing the housing surveys for that site. The Feast coordinators consider the price that the brethren paid for their housing, the quality and cleanliness of the facility, and the friendliness and cooperation of the management. They then make any needed adjustments to the housing properties they secure in an effort to ensure the best possible facilities for our brethren. As a result, you may find a few *new* housing properties listed this year, and at the same time, you may find that some properties of the past are *no longer being used*.

As you and your family prepare to select and reserve housing for 2016, we recommend that you first review the available housing at the site you will be attending. We have listed websites for most of the housing establishments so you can preview the facility and all of the amenities offered prior to making your reservations. This enables you to avoid unpleasant surprises.

We again want to emphasize the benefits the Church realizes when our members use the housing establishments that are listed in the COGWA Festival housing brochure—as this enables us to secure fair prices with the housing establishments, as well as being central

to our ability to acquire quality meeting space for our services at each site.

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

1. In general, please do not attempt to make reservations prior to the opening day and time for reservations, which is **Monday, May 23, 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 May 15. (Check with your local Feast adviser for guidelines.) Several sites 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 give 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 blocks housing from others looking for housing. If your plans to attend that site change, be sure to cancel your housing reservations as soon as possible to free up housing.

Doug Horchak
Ministerial Services Operations Manager



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 for your needs on our housing list, you are certainly fine with renting something that isn't on the housing list. Most of the large, home-type facilities are "one of a kind," and it would potentially cause more problems than it would solve for us to list a large number of one-of-a-kind facilities. Once rented, 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 me reserving them both until I make up my mind 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 the following year.

Q. My extended family is all attending the same Feast 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" setups. 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 in some cases 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 "resort fee" or "fee for Internet service in sleeping rooms" (in some facilities, Internet is free only in the public areas). Most of these should be listed in the housing brochure, but it is good to check about "extra fees" that the facility charges when making your room reservation. When in doubt, ask. That way, you won't be surprised when you check out.