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Welcome & Housekeeping (Bruce)

- Thank you for serving!
- We are not recording this meeting. The slide notes will be posted to the ED webpage tomorrow morning.
- Remember to mute your microphones to reduce background noise.
- Please hold your questions until the end 😊

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PLANNING TEAM (Bruce)

- **Ruth Marzano** Assistant to the President
- **Kathy Fretthold** Education Executive
- **John Fretthold** Staff Accountant
- **Rev. Jeffrey Nickel** Pastoral Delegate
- **Bruce Sutherland** Staff Advisory Representative
- **Rev. John Pingel** President

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AGENDA (Bruce)

- **Opening Prayer- Rev. Jeff Nickel**
- **Air Transportation** (share updates /changes)
- **Hotel**
- **Meals**
- **Daily Huddle Rm #6**
- **Social Media Platforms**
- **Convention App & Flocknote texting**
- **Fellowship Opportunities**
- **Local Attractions**

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TRANSPORTATION (Bruce)

- **Please email any flight changes** to Ruth Marzano
ruthmarzano68@gmail.com.
- **Mail or email your travel itinerary & air fare receipt** to John Fretthold
(johnfretthold@gmail.com). Include your name, travel dates and amount paid.
- **If you plan to drive, please** submit a mileage reimbursement form following the Convention. The maximum payout is \$500. (The reimbursement form is available on the ED website).
- **Parking fees are reimbursable** (preferred parking site on the webpage).
- **Please use UBER, LYFT or a similar service** to get from the airport to our hotel. Please carpool (groups have been contacted if arriving together).

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HOTELS (Bruce)

- Our Hotel is the **Hyatt Regency Milwaukee** 333 West Kilbourn Ave. (414) 276-1234. **Consider adding it to your contacts.**
- If your room is not ready upon arrival - **luggage check is available.**

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MEALS (Kathy)

- **Meal allowance checks for \$50 per day checks were mailed a week ago. (Check amount is \$250-\$300) depending on your arrival day.**
- There is a **Synodical Delegate Dinner on Saturday** prior to Worship. It is being served inside the convention center for Voting and Advisory Delegates only.

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MEALS (Kathy)

- We will have **daily group breakfasts** in our Hotel (room #6) at 7am. On Tuesday, it is being sponsored by LCEF.
- The **Convention Center** has refreshments, snacks, and prepackaged items for sale throughout the day.
- There is a **24-hour Diner** (George Webb) 177 steps away from the hotel.

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Daily Huddles (Kathy)

- **Daily Huddles in Rm #6** (open from 7am-8am)
- **Hot breakfast served daily at 7am**
- The purpose is for prayer, questions, and updates, etc.
- Please arrive daily no later than **7:15am**
- The Eastern District has implemented a communication tool called Flocknote. It allows you to contact any of the Planning Team via text without texting the whole group, and will also allow the Team to pass information on to you as a group.

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Convention APP (Bruce)

- 1) Download the app
- 2) **Login to vFAIRS** with the email associated with your convention registration
- 3) **If you get an error**, go to the convention website for further instructions under "app".
- 4) **App provides** the Daily Agenda, Speakers, Session Info, Presentations, Exhibits & Prizes



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Flocknote Texting (Bruce)

We ♥ love
having you as part of our *flock*



Keep in touch
with us via
email & text

- Choose to get updates from groups you're interested in
- Unsubscribe anytime, no spam we promise

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Social Media (Bruce)

JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY

FACEBOOK

TWITTER

INSTAGRAM

YOUTUBE

VIMEO

LINKEDIN

You can follow convention information on any of your favorite Social media platforms above.

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FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

(Kathy)

- **Sunday, July 30th:** LCEF Ice Cream Social or another special event.
- **Monday, July 31st:** Eastern District Dinner, off-site @ 7:00pm
- **Tuesday August 1st:** Alumni Receptions @7:30pm
- **Wednesday, August 2nd:** Reception for the President-Elect @ 7:30pm

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LOCAL ATTRACTIONS (Kathy)

- **Local Attractions:** go to www.visitmilwaukee.org for extensive city resources including maps, dining and leisure; and www.lonelyplanet.com for a top ten list of “must-dos” in the city. (Harley-Davidson Museum!)

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Comments & Questions

- **Changes in flight or travel plans.** Contact Ruth Marzano Ruthmarzano68@gmail.com with any last-minute changes
- **Parking & Parking Reimbursement:** You received parking information for discounted lots near the Convention Center. (On website) Please also note that the Eastern District will reimburse you for Airport parking if you need to leave a car at your departing airport.
- **Ride Share from the Airport:** Two groups were formed whose flights are arriving at approximately the same times. Please try to share a Lyft or Uber with the other delegates in your group. Ruth Marzano has contacted you if you are in these groups.
- **Eastern District Dinner on Monday July 31st** is at the Oak Barrel Public House 1033 N Doctor M.L.K. Jr Dr, Milwaukee, WI 53203. A map will be provided will be provided at the Monday morning Daily Huddle. It is within walking distance.
- **Concordia Plan Services is hosting an early morning walk on Monday and Tuesday** from 6:15-6:45am.
- **Cell Phone Policy:** Cell phones are allowed in the convention center but it is strongly recommended that they be turned off & stowed during sessions.

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- **A roommate list** will soon be available on the ED Website or emailed directly you.
- **Dress Code & Tips:** The dress code is "Business casual". Dinners and receptions tend to be slightly dressier. The Convention Center Air conditioning is typically very cool so you might consider a light jacket covering or sweater
- **Concordia Plan Services is hosting early morning walks** on Monday and Tuesday from 6:15-6:45am.
- **Convention App:** see slide 11
- **Sharing the Full Eastern Delegate List:** Due to privacy concerns the full list won't be published on the website. It will be emailed directly to you by the end of Wednesday 7/26.

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