

# Rooted in Spirit

## Earth Is Speaking to Us

195<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

LaPorte New Church with Illinois Association  
welcomes you to Northwest Indiana!

Where you can meet up with loving friends and find new ones...

Saturday, June 29 - Wednesday, July 3, 2019

Valparaiso University

*Please Register Today!*

Valparaiso University is a beautiful and accommodating campus for us. We will enjoy our meetings in spacious, modern rooms, meals for every palette at the Founders Table, and worship services in the Resurrection Chapel (pictured here). The modern Beacon residence hall and lounges are all ours. Valparaiso's town square, a short ride from campus, offers a wide array of restaurants and pubs.

**Plan to arrive on Saturday in time for the Welcome Reception** in Beacon Hall on Saturday, 3-5 p.m. to meet new friends and connect again with others.

The **Opening of Convention on Saturday evening** will include the church banner procession (bring your banners!) and focus on our earth-care theme with **keynote speaker Matthew Fox**, an American priest, who is well-known as pioneering theologian, educator, author, activist, mystic, reawakening mysticism and protecting Mother Earth.

Offered throughout convention time are worthy and inspiring **Mini-courses** (see the Messenger for details).

**Teen Program** (ages 13-18), **Children's Program** (ages 5-12). For available **Scholarships** for youth and children to attend and childcare options, please call Central Office, (617) 969-4240.



On Tuesday, July 2, we'll come together for an **outing to LaPorte New Church**, celebrating its 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and Manna House, and then enjoy an afternoon at a peaceful LaPorte lake and lodge for a catered picnic.

**Checkout** is Wednesday morning by 11:00.



# 195th Session of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem

**Council of Ministers: Wednesday, June 26 - Friday, June 28;**

**Opening and Keynote: June 29; Outing Day: July 2;**

**Convention events run June 29 through July 3**

Convention 2019 will be held in Valparaiso, IN on the campus of Valparaiso University (VU). To learn more about VU, visit <https://www.valpo.edu/>. (This is not a VU-affiliated event.) **To learn more about the 2019 Convention and view a list of Frequently Asked Questions**, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/Swedenborg2019>, email [manager@swedenborg.org](mailto:manager@swedenborg.org) or call the Central Office at (617) 969-4240.

**Lodging:** See next page for more details. Rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and may fill up before the end of the registration period. Rooms include one standard linen and towel pack. Pillows are additional at \$5 a pillow (limited inventory). Please mark on next page if you will need one and add \$5 to your package price. If you are local or traveling via car, please consider bringing your own.

**Roommates (singles are additional, but in shared suites):** If you have a specific roommate in mind, please fill in their name in the designated space. If not, please fill in the matching section. You will be paired with someone of the same gender.

**Childcare:** Please contact the Central Office for details and forms.

**Children 6-12:** No registration fee and their room and board is 1/2 the adult rate. Children 0-5 Contact Central Office for details. Scholarships are available to pay 1/2 of the airfare. Contact Central Office for details.

**Youth League Program:** The Youth League program runs from Saturday, June 29 through Wednesday, July 3 and is supervised by Kurt Fekete. If you want your teen to attend without a parent, please contact the Central Office and touch base with Kurt as well.

**Internet:** Free guest wireless access is available.

**Parking:** Free.

**Reservations and Payment Deadline:** No new room, meal, or outing reservations will be available after May 24 at 5PM EST. Any room and board reservations not fully paid by this date will be charged a \$50 late fee. Event registrations will be accepted for as long as space permits.

**Cancellations:** Fully refundable prior to May 24 at 5PM ET and must be done by calling the Central Office between 9AM-5PM ET, M-F.

**Arrivals and Departures:** Check-in on arrival day for on-campus guests is between 10AM-5PM. Check-out on July 3 is before 11AM. See FAQ for details on arrivals/departures outside of these windows.

**Mobility:** Attendees will need to bring or rent their own mobility aids. Please see the FAQ for more details.

**Communications:** Please provide a valid email address below if you have one. We provide as much information as possible via email. Add [manager@swedenborg.org](mailto:manager@swedenborg.org) to your contact list to ensure that you receive all of our email updates.

**Ground Transportation:** Please see the FAQ for more details.

**July 2 Outing:** There will be a July 2 outing to the La Porte New Church, Manna House, and Stone Lake/Cummings Lodge for a catered picnic, which is included in the room and board and meal packages below.

Name		
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Street		Apt. #
City	State/Province	Zip
Home Church/Organization	Preferred Email	Day Phone
Names, ages, and genders of any minors accompanying you		
Additional Notes to Central Office:		
Special Dietary Needs and/or Mobility Issues (Not everything can be accommodated)		
Specific Roommate Request (For double rooms)		

## Roommate Matching

We will do our best to match you with an appropriate roommate if you will be in a double room and have not indicated a roommate above.

**Please indicate your gender:**  Male  Female

**I am (check all that apply below):**

<input type="checkbox"/> An early riser	<input type="checkbox"/> A night owl
<input type="checkbox"/> A heavy sleeper	<input type="checkbox"/> A light sleeper
<input type="checkbox"/> Fragrance sensitive	<input type="checkbox"/> Fragrance-free
<input type="checkbox"/> A CPAP machine user	<input type="checkbox"/> A snorer

Anything else we should know when matching you?

## Travel Information

Recommended airports to fly in to are Chicago O'Hare and Chicago Midway airports. Transportation suggestions from airport: Coach USA, rent a car with others, Uber/Lyft apps can be easily downloaded on any smartphone and connected to a credit card. On July 3, we may provide a Coach bus early in the morning for drop-off at both Chicago O'Hare and Chicago Midway airports at an additional cost. This would save you time and money. Please check here to be added to the July 3 reservation list and more details will be provided at a later date.

## Convention Name Tag

Please list below your name, title, church (that you are associated with, association, or committee, etc.) that you would like listed on your convention Name Tag. We will not be able to alter them at Convention, so please be as specific as possible:

**Room and Meal Package Information:** All rooms will be double occupancy (unless otherwise requested). Multi-bedroom suites with bathrooms. Singles are available for an additional expense, but if you are receiving a subsidy, you will be responsible for the additional cost: 7 nights-\$90; 5 nights-\$60; 4 nights-\$45. Please see note on previous page regarding pillows. For those staying off campus, meals are not provided unless registered and prepaid. For overnight stays or meals that don't fit listed packages, or for children's rates (or to apply for child or youth scholarships), contact the Central Office. Dinner on July 2 is included at the catered picnic outing in LaPorte. If you do not attend the Outing you will be responsible for your own dinner at your own expense. We will provide more details soon. **FAQ is coming soon!**

Please check this box to donate for Child and Youth Scholarships to attend convention, and indicate amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check this box if requesting single room.  Please check this box if you will be attending the Outing on July 2

REGISTRATION (Everyone Pays This)	Adult \$100	Youth League or Volunteers \$50	Children Free (0-12)	Family Maximum \$200 (immediate family only: parents, guardians, minor children)	One Day \$30	Total of People and Amount
Number of People						
<b>Total</b>						

*\*Please check box for all amounts below that apply and figure by # of people for total\**

ROOM & MEAL PACKAGES (Per Person Pricing)	Double-Room, Meals, Linen Pkg, Outing	Single-Room, Meals, Linen Pkg, Outing	Meals only, no Lodging	Need a Pillow? It's extra.	Late Fee, if paid after May 24, at 5 p.m. (EST)	Subtotal	# of People	Total
Regular Convention- Sat. June 29-Wed. July 3 (4 nights): 4 dinners, 3 lunches, 4 breakfasts	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325	<input type="checkbox"/> \$370	<input type="checkbox"/> \$110	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	\$		\$
General Council/Lay Members-Fri. June 28- Wed. July 3 (5 nights): 5 dinners, 4 lunches, 5 breakfasts	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400	<input type="checkbox"/> \$460	<input type="checkbox"/> \$140	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	\$		\$
Council of Ministers Members/Licensed Pastors-Wed. June 26-July 3 (7 nights): 7 dinners, 6 lunches, 7 breakfasts	<input type="checkbox"/> \$550	<input type="checkbox"/> \$640	<input type="checkbox"/> \$200	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50	\$		\$

GENERAL CONVENTION SUBSIDIES & SCHOLARSHIPS: Room & Board, or Meals only	#People	Total Discount
Council of Ministers/Licensed Pastors for required meetings & convention (double-room/meal pkg. cost), from COM budget		\$ ( )
General Council Lay members for required meetings & convention (double-room/meal pkg. cost), from Gen. Council budget		\$ ( )
Scholarship: Swedenborgian Youth League Officers (double-room cost)		\$ ( )
Scholarship: Children, ages 6-12: One half of adult rate		\$ ( )
Scholarship: Children, ages 0-5: Call Central Office for Scholarship rates and requirements		\$ ( )
<i>Total Subsidies and Scholarships</i>		

**GRAND TOTAL of Donation, Registration, Room & Board, less Subsidies (See rates above)**

### Payment Information

All prices are in US currency. If you pay with a Canadian check, please add US\$5 for handling. Please be advised that all prices are listed in US funds and must be converted for payment in other currencies. All room and board reservations not paid in full by 5PM EST on May 24 will be charged a \$50 late fee. See "Cancellations" section of FAQ for refund policy.

### Payment Method

1. Credit card by mail (DO NOT email credit card information) - Fill out the following:

Visa                       MasterCard                       Amex                       Discover   
 Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cardholder's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CCV/Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

- Credit card by phone - call (617) 969-4240, Monday through Friday, 9AM-5PM EST
- Credit card or bank payment via PayPal - We will email an invoice
- Check: Send checks payable to The Swedenborgian Church to: 50 Quincy St., Cambridge, MA 02138