



2023 GENERAL SYNOD & WORLD FOCUS

TOGETHER, WE CAN
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!

TOGETHER....

GENERAL SYNOD

brings together ARP ministers and elders for collaboration and decision-making.

WORLD FOCUS

brings together our missions efforts around the world.

For more info: worldfocus2023.com



**JUNE
6-9
2023**



**WORLD
FOCUS
2023**

Bonclarken Conference
Center
Flat Rock, NC



LETTER FROM SYNOD PLANNING COMMITTEE

Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

2023 is well underway, and I pray this is already a year of great faithfulness and effectiveness in our ministry of the gospel. We will share in the work of our Synod together at our 219th Stated Meeting, to be held at Bonclarken from June 6-8. Please devote yourselves to prayer in anticipation of this meeting, and make faithful preparation when you receive your Synod packet. We experienced a very efficient meeting last summer under Moderator Bill McKay's fine leadership. However, there is much business that was deferred to this year, and we have new matters that will require prayerful, faithful deliberation as we seek the will and leading of our God. Let us seek His face and prepare well that we may honor Him as we are about the work of His church!

It is expected that all eligible members of the court will make every effort to be physically present for the meeting of Synod. Participation is vitally important! Virtual participation by electronic means will be allowed in certain circumstances, per the approval of "Recommendation #3" from the Minutes of the 2021 General Synod, page 42:

"Those members of the court residing outside the continental U.S. or having emergency situations of illness, financial hardship or exceptional circumstances, shall be allowed, by agreement of the Principal Clerk and Moderator of Synod, to participate in any meeting of the General Synod that is broadcast electronically, with the approval of that meeting of the General Synod (as one of the first items of business)."

Accordingly, an electronic link will be made available to all members of the court who will be allowed to attend General Synod as "virtual delegates" under the terms of this provision. It is to be noted that this provision is by agreement of the Principal Clerk and the Moderator of Synod. It is highly recommended that anyone hoping to make use of this provision must contact the Principal Clerk and the Moderator of Synod with their request prior to registering for General Synod as "virtual delegates" to General Synod.

For so many of us, time spent at Bonclarken is precious. There are memories of people and events that we hold dear, and which the Lord has used to work great blessings in our lives. We should count the privilege of serving the ARP Church as delegates to Synod as precious also. During our meeting, we will worship our God with singing and prayer, and we will hear Him speak through His word read and preached. Our fellowship in Christ and in the gospel is precious, and we enjoy that fellowship as we serve Him together. Even our business is precious. At times reports may seem tedious and debate can go long. But this is an important, even precious, part of what we do as we humble ourselves to seek the mind of Christ through the leading of the Holy Spirit in the business of the church.

I would be remiss if I did not remind you that World Focus will be held following the adjournment of Synod. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our missionaries, and to continue in worship and prayer as we celebrate and pray for what the Lord is doing through World Witness all around the globe. If you are able, plan to remain to take part in this wonderful conference! Harry Reader will be the speaker for the plenary sessions.

"Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord, equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen." Hebrews 13:20-21

I look forward to seeing everyone again at Bonclarken in June 2023.

**For Christ and His Kingdom,
Rev. Robert Erskine Patrick III, Moderator-Elect
On Behalf of the Synod 2023 Planning Committee**

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Tuesday June 6

Morning:

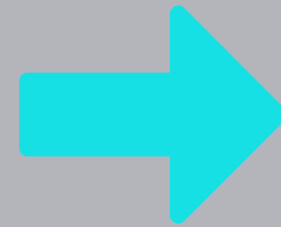
Synod Delegate Sign-In
Presbytery Meetings
Moderator Committee Meeting(s)

Afternoon:

Opening Worship
Business

Evening:

Business



Wednesday June 7

Morning:

BUSINESS SESSIONS ALL DAY UNTIL SYNOD ADJOURNS
World Focus prep begins for non-Synod delegates

Afternoon:

BUSINESS SESSIONS ALL DAY UNTIL SYNOD ADJOURNS

Evening:

BUSINESS SESSIONS ALL DAY UNTIL SYNOD ADJOURNS

Thursday June 8

BUSINESS SESSIONS ALL DAY UNTIL SYNOD ADJOURNS

1:00 PM World Focus Displays Open for Non-Synod delegate participants.

**Synod delegates are invited when
Synod adjourns.**

1:00 - 5:00 PM World Focus Displays Open (YAB)

2:00 - 4:00 PM Children's Activities (K-5th grade)
(YAB)

7:00 - Welcome & Dr. Harry Reeder Opening Challenge
(CHAPEL)

8:00 - 9:30 PM Casons Concert (CHAPEL)
(No childcare provided)



Friday June 9

Morning:

8:30 - 10:30 AM Displays Open (YAB)

9:30 - 10:30 AM Children's Activities (K-5th grade)
(YAB)

9:00 - 10:45 AM Panel Discussions
(PATRICK ROOM)

11:00 - 12:30 WORSHIP (CHAPEL)
Music led by Casons
Harry Reeder - Closing Challenge
(No childcare provided)

WORLD FOCUS MORE INFO: worldfocus2023.com

lodging & meals

Beginning **February 1, 2023**, to reserve lodging and/or meals:

Online: **bonclarkenarpevents.campbrainregistration.com**

Email: **amanda@bonclarken.org**

Phone: **828-692-2223 x 709**

Note: if you plan to stay for World Focus, be sure to include that in your BC reservations

BONCLARKEN CONFERENCE CENTER INDIVIDUAL ROOM RATES FOR 2023 ARP RATES

Per Room Rate

	<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>
The Lodge:	\$87	\$110
Founders Hall:	\$87	\$110
Founders South:	\$87	\$110
Memorial Hall:		
Private Bath	\$68	\$88
Connecting Bath	\$64	\$78
Heidelberg Hotel:		
Private Bath	\$63	\$80
Connecting Bath	\$59	\$72
Hall Bath	\$45	\$56
Suites:	\$102	\$122

Per Apartment Rate:

Faith (4):	\$140
Ministers (4):	\$135

There is a \$7.25 per person/per day charge for each additional person above the capacity noted.
Children 18 years and under are free with parents in same room.

NO PETS are allowed in Bonclarken Facilities.
NO SMOKING is allowed in any Bonclarken Facility.
Checks are accepted. We accept Credit Cards (Visa & MasterCard)
FULL PAYMENT must be made upon departure.
There will be a **\$5.00 charge** for each key not returned to the office.

CHECK-IN – CHECK-OUT TIMES
Unless prior arrangements are made:
Check-out time is 10:30 a.m.
Check-in time is 4:00 p.m.

DEPOSITS

A deposit is required to process any reservation request. Deposits are **NON-REFUNDABLE**.

CAMPGROUND/RV PARK DAILY RATE

Camp Site with Sewer Hookup	\$47.00
Camp Site without Sewer Hookup	\$37.00
Tent Camp Site	\$20.00

Bathhouses, laundry, water, and electric are included with each campsite.

Above rates are for individual guest reservations. Bonclarken offers group and youth rates by request from our Group Reservationist.

ALL RATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

TO REGISTER
FOR
SYNOD 2023
AND/OR
WORLD FOCUS
click on the link below:

[**https://tinyurl.com/Synod-2023**](https://tinyurl.com/Synod-2023)



2023 SYNOD REPORTS

ELECTRONIC SYNOD REPORTS

During the first week of May, [a link](#) to access the reports will be sent to the [email address](#) of all delegates who have registered.

Hard copies will only be available upon special request for those who are unable to access the material electronically. If you do not have access to a desktop printer/copier and do not have a copy center such as Staples available to you, [please plan ahead](#) to have a church member, friend or family member receive and print specific material for you. In extreme cases where none of the above methods are available to you, please contact our office regarding the price of printing and shipping. Hard copies will only be available upon special request for those who are unable to access the materials electronically.





Q: *How do I sign up for Synod packet of reports if I am not registering as a delegate?*

A: Only registered delegates will receive the link to the report packet in May. Closer to the meeting date, an electronic link will be available upon request.

Q: *What is available for my wife and children during Synod?*

A: See next page which will be updated as we become aware of activities planned. Check back from time to time to see what new information has been added.

Q: *Must I register for Synod if I am not a voting delegate?*

A: Yes, please! It is not mandatory that you register as a non-voting delegate and there is no fee, however it is helpful for us to have a record of visitors present.

Q: *If I register for Synod, am I automatically registered for World Focus?*

A: No, there are questions for both Synod and for World Focus on the registration link. Please be sure to answer all questions in order to be registered for both.

Q: *Will I be able to sign in at Bonclarken for both Synod and World Focus at the same time?*

A: Yes, when you sign in as a Synod delegate or visitor, you will also be able to sign in for World Focus. You will also be able to sign in for World Focus prior to visiting the exhibits.

Q: *What happens if I register after the deadline?*

A: **Register by April 27:** Synod E-reports will be distributed via an electronic link on May 8th allowing adequate time to read and consider information
Registrations received between April 27 and May 25: The electronic link will be emailed as registrations are received allowing limited time to read and consider information.
To register after May 25: Register onsite and receive an electronic link onsite. **NO mail or online registrations accepted after May 25.**

Q: *Why must I sign in at Bonclarken if I've already registered ahead of time?*

A: You are not an official voting delegate until you have signed the Official Roll of Synod, which is an historical record of those present. The Official Roll also serves as the document by which a quorum is determined.



AGENDA

Synod Week Events

Floats, Splits & Sundaes (Erskine College & Seminary) - Tuesday evening

Church Planters' Wives Brunch - Wednesday morning

Pastor's Wives Gathering - Wednesday morning

ARPWM Oasis - Wednesday afternoon

ONA Breakfast - Wednesday morning

PAK 7 Breakfast - Thursday morning

Bonclarken Recreation Opportunities:

*All participants must have a signed Bonclarken waiver and children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

New Heights Zipline (ages 8 and up) - Wednesday 9-11:30 AM

Climbing Tower (ages 6 and up) - Wednesday 1-4 PM

Pool and lake will be open during the hours posted at the pool and Headspring Pavilion