# 2024 General Synod

220TH ANNUAL MEETING

**June 11-13** 





Associate
Reformed
Presbyterian
Church

TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR SYNOD MEETING:

http://tinyurl.com/Synod2024

# Letter from Synod Planning Committee

# Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus

In just a few months we will gather at Bonclarken from June II-I3 for the 220th Stated Meeting of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. As always, we are asking for your prayers for this meeting and that the Lord's will would be done during our time together. To that end, it is imperative that each delegate consider all the material contained in this year's Synod packet. If we are familiar with the issues that are to come before us, the more effective and efficient will be our deliberations and decisions. Last year's meeting was conducted most efficiently under Moderator Rob Patrick's astute leadership, and we intend to be just as focused and diligent at this year's meeting while attending to the tasks brought to us as a Synod.

At my request, the Agency directors have been asked to present comprehensive reports including long-range plans, strategies, a well-defined vision for the future, and to suggest how we can participate in their efforts. It is my belief that if each one of us become better informed about what is actually happening within the ARP agencies, we will be more motivated to participate in these activities which will in turn advance the Gospel to the ends of the earth. We will also have new matters that require prayerful, faithful deliberation as we seek the will and leading of our Lord. 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 202I 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**. 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.

During our meeting, we will worship our God with singing and prayer, and we will hear Him speak through His Word, both read and preached. Our fellowship in Christ and in the Gospel is precious, and we should enjoy the fellowship as we serve Him together. The business which will come before us is far more important than we may realize. At times reports may seem tedious and debate can go longer than we would like, but this is an essential part of what we do as we humble ourselves to seek the will of Christ through the leading of the Holy Spirit in the business of the church.

For Christ and His Kingdom,

Alan Broyles, Moderator-Elect On Behalf of the 2024 Synod Planning Committee



# **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

# **Spec Committees**

Church Officers/Secret Societies Investigate Second Presbytery/ Allegations Against Wilson Net Asset Reallocation Statistical Report Revision Study the Work of Deacon

# **Standing Committees**

Inter-Church Relations Investment Minister & His Work Conferences Revisions

### **Boards**

Bonclarken
World Witness
Outreach North America
Dunlap
Erskine
Executive Board
Brice Sanders/Camp Joy
Stewardship/Foundation
Benefits

Memorials Nominations

# **TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

# Monday, June 10

**Evening** 

**Pre-Synod Conference** 

# **Tuesday, June 11**

**Morning** 

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

Afternoon

Opening Worship Synod Business

**Evening** 

**Business** 

# Wednesday June 12/Thursday June 13

Business

# Friday, June 14 (if business continues)

Business



A more detailed schedule will be available in April....

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# MAKE ALL LODGING/MEAL RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH BONCLARKEN

Beginning February 1, 2024, to reserve lodging and/or meals:

Online: bonclarkenarpevents.campbrainregistration.com

Email: amanda@bonclarken.org Phone: 828-692-2223 x 709

# BONCLARKEN CONFERENCE CENTER INDIVIDUAL ROOM RATES FOR 2024 ARP RATES

Per Room Rate		
	<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>
The Young Lodge:	\$89	\$113
Founders Hall:	\$89	\$113
Founders South:	\$89	\$113
Memorial Hall: Private Bath Connecting Bath	\$70 \$66	\$91 \$81
Heidelberg Hotel: Private Bath Connecting Bath Hall Bath Suites:	\$65 \$61 \$46 \$89	\$83 \$74 \$57 \$113
Per Apartment Rate: Faith (4): Ministers (4):	\$144 \$122	

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.

## **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 \$48
Camp Site without Sewer Hookup \$38
Tent Camp Site \$21

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.

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 \$10 charge for each key not returned to the office.

BEGINNING 02.01.2024



# TO REGISTER ONLINE AS A SYNOD DELEGATE OR AS A STUDENT/STAFF/GUEST:

HTTP://TINYURL.COM/SYNOD2024

BEGINNING 02.01.2024

# 2024 SYNOD REPORTS

During the first week of May, <u>a link</u> to access the reports will be sent to the <u>email address</u> 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.

Again, hard copies will only be available upon special request for those who are unable to access the material electronically.



In case you have concerns, here are some frequently asked questions and answers to clear things up.

Q. HOW DO I GET A 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 FOR OTHERS.

Q. WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR MY WIFE AND CHILDREN DURING SYNOD?

A: THE NEXT TWO PAGES CONTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. CHECK BACK FROM TIME TO TIME TO SEE NEW INFORMATION WHICH WILL BE ADDED AS WE RECEIVE IT.

Q. WILL I BE ABLE TO REGISTER FOR SYNOD WHEN I SHOW UP AT BONCLARKEN?

A: YES, BUT YOU WILL SAVE YOURSELF A LOT OF TIME STANDING IN LINE BY REGISTERING ONLINE AHEAD OF TIME.

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# OTHER SYNOD WEEK Events



Monday Evening

Pre-Synod Conference

To register: https://ona-arp.org/presynod Mon



Tuesday following evening business session

Floats/Splits/Sundaes

More details coming soon from **Erskine Seminary** 

Tues



Wednesday

ONA Breakfast

Church Planters' Wives Breakfast

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Wednesday

Pastors' Wives Gathering Wed

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Thursday

PAKT Breakfast

Thurs



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

# ADVENTURE & RECREATION

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

