



2025 General Synod

221st Annual Meeting
Bonclarken Conference Center
June 10-12



Associate
Reformed
Presbyterian
Church



TO REGISTER ONLINE FOR THE 2025 SYNOD MEETING:
<http://tinyurl.com/Synod2025Registration>

Letter from the Synod Planning Committee

Fathers and Brothers,

Greetings from warm sunny Florida.

While we are in the middle of winter, it won't be long before Spring is here. March Madness, Augusta National, and Spring Training (Go Braves)! Only a few months later, we will gather at our beloved Bonclarken for the 221st meeting of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church from June 10-12. The Bonclarken website says it best "It Feels Like Coming Home". Since the purchase of the property in 1921 and the first meetings in 1922, Bonclarken has remained one of the best blessings of being an ARP. I know that you, as much as I, look forward to our annual time of Worship, Fellowship, and doing the work of Christ's Church at this beautiful place of "Good Clear-Vision".

I first want to thank Moderator Alan Broyles for the kind and genteel manner of conducting last year's General Synod. Your leadership is not only encouraging but a true blessing to our denomination. It is the same sense of focus and diligence that we need to bring to this year's meeting. As Moderator Broyles asked last year, all agency directors are being asked to present comprehensive reports which should include long-range goals, strategies, and a well-defined vision for the future. The more we know about how our agencies operate, the better prepared we are to press forward as Christ's Church.

Let me just say, that this meeting is a privilege for us a Pastors and Elders. In fact, I would go so far as to suggest it is a part of our duty to be present at our annual meeting. Please make every effort to be present, with plans to stay for the entire meeting. It is important for us to be present in person. I would also call on each session of every church to make it possible for your Pastor and/or Elder to have both the time off, and the financial means to attend. Per the approval of "Recommendation #3" from the Minutes of the 2021 General Synod, page 42, virtual participation will be allowed in certain circumstances.

An electronic link will be provided to all members of the court who will be allowed to attend the meeting as "virtual delegates" under the terms of this provision. It should be noted that this provision is **by agreement of the Principal Clerk and the Moderator of Synod**. Anyone wanting 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.

As I mentioned at last year's meeting. I am asking for your prayers for Moderator Broyles, Vice-Moderator Elliot, myself, and Vice-Moderator Elect Hunt as we prepare for our meeting. Please also be in prayer for all our worship leaders, and for all the reports and their deliberation. Please prepare for our meeting by reading all the reports so that we can be informed and ready. The business of the Church can seem long and tedious. However, it is of vital importance as we together, Seek first His Kingdom and Righteousness, live in obedience to the Great Commission, with full confidence that not even the gates of hell will prevail against His Church.

I pray this letter finds you and yours well. Lord willing, we will see you soon.

"Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight. Through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

"In HIS Grip"

Rev. David Walkup, Moderator-elect on behalf of the 2025 Synod Planning Committee



ORDER OF BUSINESS

Spec Committees

Canadian Presbytery
Investigate Allegations/Tom Shoger
Investigate Second Presbytery's Handling of Allegations/Wilson
Net Asset Reallocation
Review/Revise *The Standards*
Study Nancy Fulwood Hospital
Study Work of Office of Deacon
Women in the Life of the Church

Special Commissions on:

Second Presbytery
Statistical Report Revision

Standing Committees:

Conferences
Inter-Church Relations
Investment
Minister & His Work
Revisions

Boards:

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

Orders of the Day:

Memorials
Nominations

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Monday, June 9

Evening

Pre-Synod Conference

Tuesday, June 10

Morning

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

Afternoon

Opening Worship
Synod Business

Evening

Business

Wednesday June 11/Thursday June 12

Business

Friday, June 13 (if business continues)

Business

**STAY
TUNED**

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

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MAKE ALL LODGING/MEAL RESERVATIONS DIRECTLY WITH BONCLARKEN

Beginning February 3, 2025, 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 2025 ARP RATES

Per Room Rate

	<u>Single</u>	<u>Double</u>
The Young Lodge:	\$93	\$118
Founders Hall:	\$93	\$118
Founders South:	\$93	\$118
Memorial Hall:		
Private Bath	\$73	\$95
Connecting Bath	\$68	\$84
Heidelberg Hotel:		
Private Bath	\$68	\$86
Connecting Bath	\$63	\$77
Hall Bath	\$48	\$60
Suites:	\$93	\$118

Per Apartment Rate:

Faith (4):	\$150
Ministers (4):	\$127

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 the 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	\$49
Camp Site without Sewer Hookup	\$39
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 02.01.2025

REGISTRATION



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SYNOD DELEGATE
OR AS A
STUDENT/STAFF/GUEST:**

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02.01.2025**

2025 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.

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FAQs

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



- *Pre-Synod Conference*
Monday Evening
To register:
ona-arp.org/presynod

Mon
9



- *Floats/Splits/Sundaes*
Tuesday evening following business

Tues
10



- *ONA Breakfast*
To register:
ona-arp.org/breakfast

- *Church Planters' Wives Breakfast*

Wed
11



- *Pastors' Wives Gathering*
- *Oasis*
- *World Witness 150th Anniversary Celebration*

On the Porch Wed. Evening after business

Wed
11



- *World Witness Vision Breakfast*

Thurs
12



BONCLARKEN

CONFERENCE CENTER

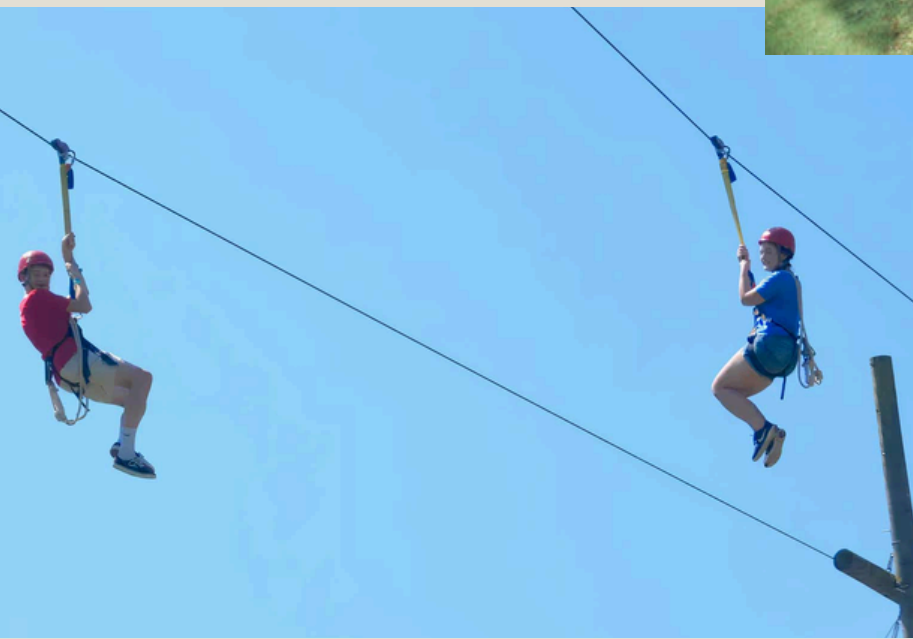
ADVENTURE & RECREATION



*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*



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