

# MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL UPCI MINISTERS

FROM: BOARD OF GENERAL PRESBYTERS

DATE: MARCH 14, 2007

RE: 2007 GC REQUIRED REGISTRATION EXPLANATION

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Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! We trust that you and your family are experiencing the blessings and direction of the Lord as together we make our way through the new year.

In our recent General Board meetings at World Evangelism Center, an important presentation was made to the entire board by the General Conference Evaluation Committee, a group of District Superintendents whose goal was to assess the current financial and logistical state of our annual General Conference. Among their findings was a profound concern about the continued escalating costs of hosting our annual General Conference; the resulting deficit that these escalating costs have produced; and a concern many convention bureaus have expressed - the security concerns that a large, multi-day *optional-registration* event like ours represents.

To alleviate and address these concerns, it was the recommendation of the General Conference Evaluation Committee, and the unanimous subsequent adoption by the General Board of Presbyters, to make General Conference registration required for all adults (18 years and older), beginning at General Conference this coming September 26-30, 2007 in Tampa, Florida. We realize this change is significant and will undoubtedly produce logistical questions. Please know that we have already begun working on an effective informational campaign to inform our entire constituency of these necessary changes. We stand ready to assist in answering any questions you may have of how this required registration will work in Tampa.

**The primary place to find the new event registration requirements specifically and a link to the latest information about General Conference in general, is online at [www.upcigeneralconference.com](http://www.upcigeneralconference.com).** This web site is dedicated to providing the latest General Conference-specific information such as hotel reservations, required event registration information, Tampa travel links, online streaming, and much more.

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**Regarding the Required General Conference Registration:**

- The General Conference Pre-Registration fee is \$25.00 PER PERSON (18 years and older) and the cutoff date is 8/24/07.
- Anyone not registered by 8/24/07 must register on-site in Tampa for a fee of \$35.00 per person.
- Pre-registration is available online. You may register online by charging to a major credit card. To pre-register, go to [www.upcigeneralconference.com](http://www.upcigeneralconference.com).
- **To avoid long lines in Tampa, you are urged to pre-register online now.**
- A one-service pass may be purchased for \$15.00, on-site in Tampa, for those coming to one General Conference service, rather than staying for most, if not all, of the General Conference.
- Please note: Neither proof of General Conference registration nor a one-service pass will be required to attend the Sunday Night Crusade service (September 30, 2007).

***Please remember, registration at General Conference is no longer optional, beginning this September in Tampa, FL. All adults (18 years and up) must register in order to participate in the General Conference activities.***

This and much more information regarding General Conference registration and the General Conference event itself is now available online at [www.upcigeneralconference.com](http://www.upcigeneralconference.com). Included on this web site is a list of *Frequently Asked Questions* regarding this new registration policy and its implementation that we feel will be helpful for you and your family as you prepare to join us in Tampa.

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation as we work to make General Conference more secure; more financially stable; and operating as efficiently as possible. Your prayer for our time together this fall is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to seeing each of you in Tampa for a General Conference that is sure to be mightily blessed of the Lord!

**If you do not have access to a computer:**

*You may call 314.837.7304, Ext. 275 on Mondays only from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM, CDT, to speak to a person who will assist you.*