



The National AOTS Biennial Convention & Central Region Round-up

*The Salvation Army Jackson's Point Conference Centre
1890 Metro Road North, Jackson's Point, ON*

April 21-23, 2017

Invitation

As One That Serves (AOTS) invites all interested **men and women** to participate in the Biennial Convention & Central Region Roundup. We have chosen an interesting theme, "Challenging Times Ahead", to be the focus of discussion and chit chat. The weekend is an opportunity to renew and acquire new friendships, engage in thought provoking discussion, enjoy music and worship, and consider the future of the Church.

We are continuing with the 2016 format recognizing the realities of operating a conference designed for approximately 40 people.

- We are conducting workshops and utilizing our own resources rather than inviting a theme speaker.
- The Conference will end at 11:15 AM on Sunday. Sunday Lunch is available as an option.

We recognize the need to be flexible, recognizing some people may not be available for the entire conference.

- A Saturday only rate is available.
- Contact the Registrar if you have other time limitations. He will try to accommodate your needs.

Conference Theme: Challenging Times Ahead

Challenging Times Ahead – the future seems to be clouded by uncertainties that cause us anxiety and even withdrawal. Our real challenge is to look forward with positive energy, optimism and engagement.

Program

Friday Evening Film Night

We are screening *Over 18*, a feature documentary designed to combat pornography addiction among children and teens. The film will educate us on the porn industry and offer suggestions to prevent our children and grandchildren from being exposed to pornography. The screening will be followed by time for discussion.

Saturday Workshops

- *Canada's Refugees* - How are they doing now with a year or more in their new country?
- *How Do You Feel About The Trump Era?* - What should we expect? How should we react?
- *Alcohol and Gaming in the Church* - What are you doing? What are the issues and concerns?
- *Privilege and Whiteness* - What are the benefits to those of us who are white.

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The central topic will be the proposed future direction for the National Executive.

Saturday Evening Encounter with Bri-anne Swan

Bri-anne Swan is the newly appointed Pioneer Minister for Living Waters Presbytery. This is an opportunity to hear about Bri-anne's mandate, offer our insights and enjoy her artistic talent.

Sunday Worship Service Leader: Rev Maurice Francis

Music: Jim Wicks



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Registration Form

Name: (please print): _____

Address: _____

City/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone number: _____ E-mail: _____

Preference for roommate (if applicable): _____

Home Church: _____

Special Requirements/ Requests:

Are you a first time attendee? Yes No

Registration Information & Fees: Please mark your preference.

All fees include HST & gratuity

Regular Occupancy:

Double \$200

Single \$285

First time attendee:

Double \$150

Single \$235

Sunday Lunch – Optional Sunday Lunch is not included in your registration

\$13.50 – served at 12:30pm

Saturday only includes lunch, dinner and evening program:

\$40.00 Saturday check-in at 8:30am to 9:00am on April 16th

Please mail your registration:

Enclose the registration form and your cheque

Cheque payable to Grace United Church AOTS, post-dated to April 1, 2016

Mail to Paul Cooper, 1310 Maynard Road, Sarnia, ON N7S 4V8

All Registrations will be acknowledged. No refunds for cancellations after April 1, 2016

Please contact the Registrar ASAP so we can confirm attendance at JPCC

e-mail to spcooper@cogeco.ca or tel. 519-542-9237