

# JESUS IS COMING GET INVOLVED

## SESSION INFORMATION

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**W**elcome to the 61<sup>st</sup> General Conference Session of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, held in Indianapolis, Indiana, from June 25 to July 4, 2020.

The theme for this Session—“Jesus is Coming! Get Involved!” reflects the Advent hope in a soon returning Savior and the urgency of Total Member Involvement (TMI), everyone doing something for Jesus in winning souls for Him!

When the first General Conference Session was held in May, 1863, 20 delegates met in a small, wooden church in Battle Creek, Michigan. The delegates represented a few thousand Sabbath-keeping Advent believers, mainly from the northeast and midwestern regions of the United States.

In contrast, the 2020 GC Session is being held in the massive 68,000 seat Lucas Oil Stadium and Indianapolis Convention Center, where tens of thousands of Seventh-day Adventists from around the world will attend, in addition to approximately 2,600 voting delegates representing more than 21 million members from more than 200 countries! We praise God for how He has led and blessed this last-day remnant movement, and look to Him for strength and guidance as we continue in the important mission He has given to us of sharing His love and last-day message with a world in need.

General Conference Sessions provide wonderful opportunities for our worldwide family of believers to gather together for worship, fellowship, and to gain a first-hand look at the way in which we conduct the business of the Church.

While there are many aspects of this large quinquennial event, it is primarily a business meeting of the world Church, and it is at these meetings in which world leaders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church are elected and important decisions made.

Let’s pray together for God’s leading in a marvelous way at this General Conference Session, as we plead for the outpouring of the latter rain of the Holy Spirit in anticipation of the soon second coming of Jesus Christ. We can be assured that “We have nothing to fear for the future, except as we shall forget the way the Lord has led us, and His teaching in our past history.”<sup>1</sup>

Let’s continue moving forward together as we focus on God’s Holy Word, on the Holy Spirit’s wonderful work of personal and corporate revival and reformation, and on Total Member Involvement, reaching millions with the hope that we have to share. Jesus is Coming! Get Involved!

<sup>1</sup> White, *Christian Experience and Teachings of Ellen G. White*, p. 204.

**Ted N. C. Wilson, President**  
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## ABOUT INDIANAPOLIS

Named one of “America’s favorite places,” Indianapolis, often shortened to Indy, is the capital of Indiana and the third most populated city in the American midwest. Indianapolis welcomes approximately 28 million visitors per year. Most people associate Indianapolis with sports, since it hosts the largest single-day sporting event in the world, the Indianapolis 500. It is also home to two major sports clubs, the Indiana Pacers of the National Basketball Association and the Indianapolis Colts of the National Football League. However, Indy has much more to offer than the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and its sports teams.

Indianapolis has a wide variety of attractions designed to appeal to any age or interest. Explore the city by following the 8-mile Cultural Trail or visit Newfields where the Indianapolis Museum of Art is located within 100+ acres of art-infused nature. Downtown has a 250-acre White River State Park which features sculptures, a summer concert venue, and a zoo. The Indianapolis zoo is the only zoo in the country to be accredited as a zoo, an aquarium, and a botanical garden. You’ll come across European style bridg-

es, modern designs, the Indiana State Museum, and the National Collegiate Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Indianapolis is also home to the largest children’s museum in the world. With a wide array of indoor and outdoor exhibits and activities, including sports experiences such as mini-golf, football, basketball, tennis, and pedal-powered auto racing, it’s a place the whole family can enjoy.

Indianapolis is a city to be experienced through all of your senses. Inhale the aromatic scents from the food trucks or from the open doors of downtown’s many restaurants that will have you returning for more. Take in the sounds of laughter or experience the welcoming “Hoosier Hospitality” from the citizens of Indianapolis as they engage you in conversation. Take in the views of the city by bike, paddle boat, on foot, Segway or watch the sunset over the city as you glide along the Central Canal on an authentic Venetian gondola. However you decide to spend your time in Indianapolis, know that the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is pleased to conduct its 61<sup>st</sup> business session in this welcoming city.



## THE INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER AND LUCAS OIL STADIUM

A recent expansion has made the Indiana Convention Center and the Lucas Oil Stadium powerhouse destinations for large events.

The Indiana Convention Center is located in the heart of Indianapolis Indiana and is linked by a skywalk to twelve hotels, a four-story shopping mall, and the Lucas Oil Stadium. The Lucas Oil Stadium is a state-of-the-art retractable roof, multi-purpose facility that can seat over 68,000 people. It features breathtaking views of the downtown Indianapolis skyline. The stadium’s unique features include its flexibility in design and ability to accommodate

a multitude of events. The seven-level stadium offers 45,000 square feet of exhibit space and 12 meeting rooms. Tradeshows and conventions can utilize 183,000 square feet of exhibit space when merging the field and both exhibit halls.

The Indiana Convention Center and Lucas Oil Stadium are surrounded by more than 200 restaurants, well-known sports venues, and a 10-block state park that features top museums, 250 acres of green space, the scenic Central Canal, and a collection of Indy’s top attractions.





# ABOUT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSION

## General Conference Session: Opening and Closing

The opening business meeting of the 61<sup>st</sup> General Conference Session will begin on Thursday, June 25, at 8:00 a.m. local time. The closing business meeting will be Saturday night, July 4.

## Simultaneous Interpretation Services

Business meetings, morning worships, and evening programs of the 61<sup>st</sup> General Conference Session will be conducted in English. These will all be translated into multiple languages, and an FM radio will be needed to receive these translations. (See AWR Radio Sales Announcement on page 9 for details regarding purchase of FM radios.) Delegates and guests may bring their own FM radios. Available languages will be posted on the website [session.adventist.org](http://session.adventist.org) closer to the Session time.

## Commercial and Promotional Exhibits

Commercial and promotional exhibits at the General Conference Session will be located in the Indiana Convention Center in Halls A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H. The exhibits provide an opportunity for Church members to see the latest tools to assist with the mission of the Church. Enjoy the Adventist Book Center, purchase music from recording artists, try new products, and meet people from around the world.

Exhibitors wishing to rent space should contact Raul Nestares, Ex-

hibit Manager, at the General Conference: Phone (301) 680-6236 or E-mail [nestaresr@gc.adventist.org](mailto:nestaresr@gc.adventist.org). Exhibit applications are also located on the Session website, [session.adventist.org/exhibits/exhibitors](http://session.adventist.org/exhibits/exhibitors).

## SERVICES IN INDIANAPOLIS

Indiana is known as the Crossroads of America, so it's no surprise that Indianapolis is easy to get to and move around in.

### Airport

Indianapolis International Airport accommodates 150 flights each day, carrying 7.2 million passengers yearly to and from the Circle City. With one of the newest airports in the United States, you'd be hard-pressed to find a better introduction to Indy than Indianapolis International Airport. The terminal boasts streamlined check-in and security screening areas, moving sidewalks, and a civic plaza which features stunning public art and lots of dining and shopping offerings. This award-winning airport is conveniently located off of I-70 and is just a short 15-minute drive from downtown Indianapolis.

On the first floor of the attached parking garage, you will find the Ground Transportation Center. This is where you can receive information about limousine, shuttle bus, hotel courtesy vehicles, and other transportation services. Eight rental car companies operate from this location and all pick-ups and drop-offs of rental vehicles occur here, eliminating the need for shuttling

customers to and from individual companies' remote processing facilities.

## Public Transportation

Indianapolis does not have an underground or elevated train system and relies instead on a system of buses with the name, IndyGo. An online trip planner is available to help you navigate the 30 fixed city bus routes. The Green Line Express airport shuttle makes stops near eight downtown hotels (daily, 5am – 9pm, Visa and Mastercard accepted on board). IndyGo has fixed-route fares for a single ride or a day pass option. For more information about IndyGo services and prices, visit [IndyGo.net](http://IndyGo.net).

- **Taxi Service:** The city of Indianapolis licenses more than 30 taxi companies that are available around the clock. You will have to call a company or go to a location where the taxis form a queue. Many will queue at major hotels and attractions.

- **Bicycles:** The Indiana Pacers Bikeshare ([pacersbikeshare.org](http://pacersbikeshare.org)) provides bikes at stations around the city that you may borrow for unlimited 30-minute trips. Kiosks are placed at or near popular destinations and attractions, including many along the Indianapolis Cultural Trail.

- **Share cars:** With up to 200 locations and 1,000 charging stations, BlueIndy offers approximately 500 all-electric cars for use around the city. The rides are available 24 hours a day and come with GPS systems. Simply join BlueIndy ([blue-indy.com](http://blue-indy.com)), pick up a Bluecar at any station, and return to any other BlueIndy station. BlueIndy is there for all your quick trips, and you pay only for the time using the vehicle. Your drive can be one-way or round-trip, 24/7 pickup anywhere, return anywhere, on your schedule, ready when you need it. No fees for fuel, parking, maintenance, or insurance.

## Medical Services

There are several urgent care centers, hospitals, and pharmacies in the downtown and

surrounding areas. Should you need immediate service, call 911 for emergency service.

## Weather and Clothing

June and July are the hottest months in Indianapolis, with the average day time temperature at 85° degrees (29 Celsius). The buildings will be air conditioned. June and July are the wettest months of the year, so pack light-weight clothes, comfortable walking shoes, and an umbrella or raincoat. Dress shoes are not required.

## MEALS AND ACCESS

- **Meal Service:** Meeting the diverse needs of the World Church in food preparation is a high priority for the GC Session in Indianapolis, Indiana. Menu planning includes intentional efforts to address the suggestions and recommendations of our attendees. Recognizing the need to provide convenient, wholesome, appealing vegetarian meals at cost-effective prices has become a goal worth pursuing.

Meal service will be held in Halls I, J and K of the Indiana Convention Center. Meal tickets will be available via the Session website: [session.adventist.org](http://session.adventist.org) after September 1, 2019. Noon meal tickets will be available daily as well as evening meal tickets for Wednesday, June 24, and both Friday and Sabbath evenings. Evening meals will be available in the Convention Center concessions on a cash basis Sunday through Thursday evenings. Delegates will receive additional meal ticket information from their sponsoring organization.

- **Meal Ticket Purchases:** In order to preserve the quality and quantity of meals, it is vital to purchase meal tickets in advance. Tickets will be available for pick up at the meal tickets sales kiosk located in the tickets sales office in the Georgia Cube of the Indiana Convention Center. Meal ticket information and fees are available on the website [session.adventist.org](http://session.adventist.org). Only a minimal number of meal tickets will be available on-site, so pre-purchasing is recommended.



There will also be a limited number of on-site food outlets operating at specific hours during the Session. Every effort is being made to alert the greater downtown area of the specific needs of our attendees so that quality meals are available. However, local menus and pricing will prevail, so plan accordingly. Please check often for additional information posted on the websites as we draw closer to the event.

#### ENTRANCES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

All lower gates of the Lucas Oil Stadium are at street level and are accessible for entrance by people with disabilities. All levels of seats have accessible chairs and space for wheelchairs, strollers, etc.

#### TRAVEL INFORMATION IN THE UNITED STATES

- **Entry into the United States:** Citizens from countries outside the United States must contact their local U.S. Consulate for entry requirements.

- **Importing Goods into the United States:** Most things brought into the United States for personal use during the visit will be considered “personal baggage” by the United States Customs Office. Such items include sports equipment, clothing, musical instruments, computers, cellular phones, and cameras. Weapons are not permitted to be brought into the country.

Legal drugs, in quantities for personal use, may generally be brought into the United States with no problem. Prescription drugs should be placed in a plastic bag and clearly

marked to specify what they are and that they are being used under prescription.

- **Driver’s Licenses, Vehicle Insurance in the United States:** Vehicle insurance is compulsory throughout the United States of America. The use of seatbelts in vehicles is mandatory for all drivers and passengers. International driver’s licenses are required for non-residents wishing to drive in the United States.

- **United States Currency, Money Exchange, Use of Credit Cards and ATMs:** The currency system in the United States uses paper money and coins. To get the best exchange rates, a visitor should exchange money at a financial institution such as a bank, trust company, or currency exchange. Most international credit cards and principal bank cards are honored in the United States. There are many ATMs (Automated Teller Machines) throughout Indianapolis.

- **Electrical Voltage and Connections:** The electricity supplied to standard consumer connections in the United States is 110-volt, 60 cycle AC current. Two-or three-pin plugs are accepted for connecting to the electrical outlet.

- **Service Charges and Tips:** Tips or service charges are not generally added to a bill in Indianapolis. Usually a tip of 20% of the total amount is given. This applies to waiters, waitresses, barbers, hairdressers, taxi drivers, etc. Bellhops, doormen, and porters at hotels are generally tipped \$2.00 per item of luggage. Tips for maid service is usually \$2.00 per day per person occupying the room.

- **Holiday During the GC Session:** July 4 is a major national holiday in the United States known as Independence Day. On July 4 special programs are usually seen in Indianapolis. Highways and airports may be congested during this period due to national holiday weekend travel.

## THE CLASSIFICATION OF ATTENDEES REGISTRATION AND SEATING

Attendees to the GC Session are classified in one of several categories:

**DELEGATES:** Those persons who have been officially selected by unions, divisions, and the General Conference to vote in the GC Session business meetings. Delegates are required to register at the GC Session and, when wearing the badge provided, will be granted access to seats in the area reserved for delegates.

**FAMILY:** Immediate family members of a delegate who will be accompanying the delegate and staying in the same hotel room as the delegate. Family members are required to register, and when wearing the badge provided, will be granted access to seats in the area reserved for delegates.

**SPECIAL GUESTS:** A category of delegates to accommodate representation from different levels of the General Conference institutions, service agencies, fields, and entities that might not be covered by the constitutional provisions. Special guests are required to register, and when wearing the badge provided, will be granted access to seats in the area reserved for delegates and guests.

**TECHNICAL STAFF:** Persons authorized and employed by the GC Session Management to care for managerial functions at the Session. Technical Staff personnel are required to register and must wear the badge provided in order to have access to the field level seating area or to other restricted areas of the Lucas Oil Stadium.

**EXHIBITORS:** Persons who are authorized to operate and/or manage commercial or promotional exhibits at the GC Session. Exhibitors must register at the Exhibit Manager’s Office located in Hall A/B Show Office. Badges provided to exhibitors will permit access to exhibit halls for preparing exhibits, etc. Exhibitors will have access to seating in any area of the Lucas Oil Stadium except in those areas reserved for delegates and guests.

**MEDIA:** Duly authorized representatives of media services who are required to register at the Media Services desk in the Lucas Oil Stadium.

**OBSERVERS/PROTOCOL GUESTS:** Officially invited guests. Observers/Protocol guests must register, and when wearing the badge provided, will be granted access to seats in the area reserved for delegates and guests.

**GENERAL ATTENDEES:** Attendees who come as observers to the GC Session. Visitors will have access to seating in any area of the Lucas Oil Stadium except those areas reserved for delegates and guests.

# Revival & REFORMATION

REVIVAL AND REFORMATION continues to be the Church’s greatest need in these last days. During this General Conference Session, take advantage of multiple opportunities to be inspired and encouraged as we seek the presence and power of Jesus!

- Join us in one of two conveniently located prayer rooms as we present our prayer needs before the throne of grace. General attendees are invited to gather in the Indiana Convention Center, rooms 140 & 141. Delegates are invited to a convenient location near the business sessions in the Lucas Oil Stadium.

- Participate in a variety of life-transforming seminars that will strengthen your personal walk with Jesus. All seminars will be held in room 239 of the Indiana Convention Center.

- Find powerful and inspiring resources at the Revival and Reformation booth in the exhibit hall and at [revivalandreformation.org](http://revivalandreformation.org).

- Spiritual features at key points during the weekly program will call us back to our greatest need.

Don’t miss the chance to experience the life-changing programming that touched thousands of lives during the last General Conference Session in San Antonio! Come, experience God’s transforming grace, and leave empowered to share the blessing with your congregation at home.



## Enjoy Live Music and Mission Stories at the Mission 360° Stage from Adventist Mission

Come experience a colorful celebration of music and mission at the Mission 360° stage! Discover new music, stories, guest speakers, interviews and testimonies, and mission videos every day. Sit for a moment and find yourself refreshed and inspired. Reignite your passion for mission at the

Mission 360° stage. located in the main exhibit hall and sponsored by the General Conference and the Office of Adventist Mission. For more information, visit: [AdventistMission.org/m360stage](http://AdventistMission.org/m360stage)



## Adventist World Radio Sales

As attendees from around the world – speaking a variety of languages – arrive at the Session, Adventist World Radio can help you access the simultaneous interpretation broadcasts that will be available in the stadium. AWR will have compact radios available for purchase at a cost of \$25 each or two for \$40. The radios will be available at the AWR Booth 2501, as well as at the AWR kiosks in the convention center registration area and the stadium entrance.

# ADVENTIST REVIEW

## Session Bulletins

[Session.AdventistReview.org](http://Session.AdventistReview.org)

Adventist Review Ministries provides a service for Session delegates and attendees in the form of a daily 48+ page magazine, produced onsite and ready for distribution each morning. In addition to news and features, the magazines also contain the official business session transcripts. To learn more about how the magazine is distributed during the session, visit [Session.AdventistReview.org](http://Session.AdventistReview.org).



## Sabbath School and Personal Ministries Workshops!

All attendees, including delegates, are invited to attend inspiring and practical presentations on Sabbath School and Personal Ministries each day of the GC Session. Choose from a variety of topics and get the latest training and resources for the *Sabbath School Alive* initiative, *GROW Your Church* personal Ministries initiative, *My Bible Guides* Sabbath School curriculum for children and youth, and *InVerse* curriculum for young adults. These 45-minute presentations will be held each day at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in rooms 120 and 121 of the Indiana Convention Center.

Learn how to implement Total Member Involvement in your division, union, conference, and local church through Sabbath School and Personal Ministries, where every member is nurtured and trained to become an active disciple of Christ who makes other disciples. All presentations will be in English with translation available for some.

## MEETINGS FOR ADVENTIST WOMEN JESUS IS COMING! GET INVOLVED!

“Jesus Is Coming! Get Involved!” This theme will bring women from around the world to Indianapolis, Indiana. A series of meetings presented by Women’s Ministries and Shepherdess International will be held Monday, June 29, through Thursday, July 2, from 9:30-10:45 AM and 2:00-4:00 PM.

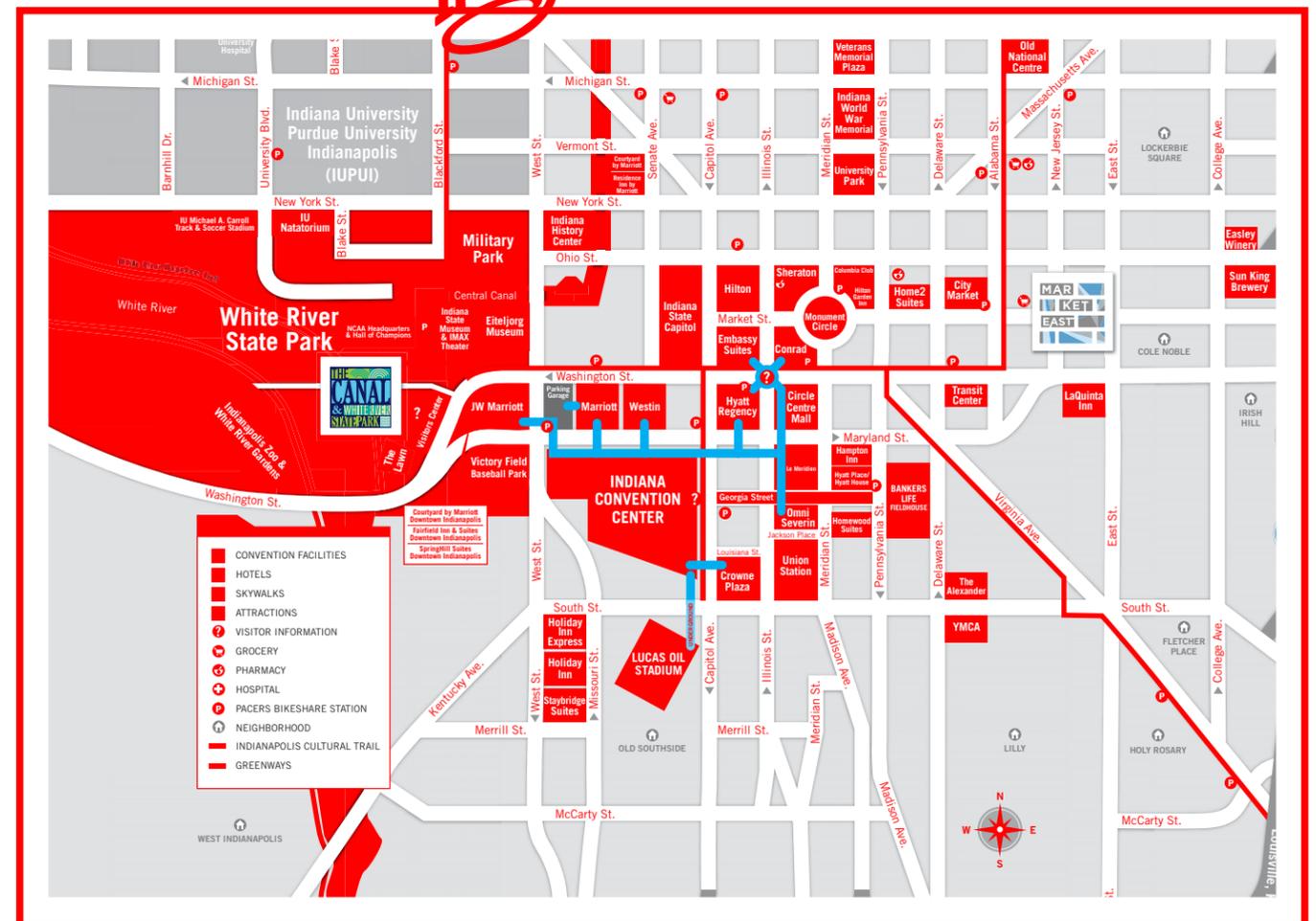
Location: Sagamore Ballroom, located on the second level of the Indiana Convention Center, is easily accessible from the skywalk system connecting many of the downtown hotels to the Convention Center.

Inspiring presenters will explore topics of spiritual and personal growth, service, and daily living.

Women of all ages are invited to attend these women’s meetings and worship with daughters of God gathering from the four corners of the earth. No registration is required. Come and join us!



## Indy DOWNTOWN INDIANAPOLIS HOTELS





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