

ACYOA LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

2017 Fact Sheet

What to Expect?

The ACYOA Leadership Conference is a wonderful opportunity for young adults, 18 and older, across the Diocese to gather for a time of education, fellowship, and worship. Participants will have the opportunity to learn communication methods, gather tools for spiritual growth, and to hone their leadership skills to better serve their parishes and communities. There will be time for whole group lessons, small group discussions, and personal reflection. Participants will also have lots of opportunities to hang out, have fun, and relax with old friends and make some new ones! We will all learn from each other and grow together in our faith and friendship. Expect to have a great time!

Arrival/departure times:

Registration will begin at 7:00 pm on Friday, November 17; you should plan to arrive as close to that time as possible. A light pizza dinner will be provided at this time, and the first session will begin at 8:00 pm. The conference will end on Sunday, November 19 by 12:30 p.m. Please plan on being present for the entire conference; we strongly discourage you from arriving late or leaving before the close of the conference.

Accommodations:

This year we will be hosted at St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Kansasville, WI, and the participants will be housed in the Main Lodge. Each room will sleep three participants, and each room has its own bathroom. The facilities are all heated and quite comfortable. We ask that you leave all rooms better than you found them.

What to bring:

- All sheets, blankets, pillows, and towels will be provided this year.
- Toiletries (*soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.*)
- Clothing—*casual dress is recommended (the weather can be quite chilly so be sure to pack some warm clothing) and bring something appropriate for Sunday Badarak*
- Bible, notebook and pen

Registration:

To attend the Leadership Conference, you must fill out the online registration form. All participants will be emailed this fact sheet to confirm their registration. All conference expenses (lodging and meals) are paid for by the ACYOA Central Council, but participants are responsible for their transportation to the conference. We are required to inform the retreat center of our final numbers by Wednesday, November 8. Therefore, we request that you inform us by November 8 if you need to cancel so that we are not charged. ***Please note: if you are a no-show, you will be billed and responsible for reimbursing the ACYOA Central Council for the participant fee expense.***

GETTING TO ST. IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER

Address:

St. Iakovos Retreat Center
920 224th Avenue
Kansasville, WI 53139

**Please note that all guests must enter via 9th Street at the main entrance.*

If you are flying to the conference:

Please fly into General Mitchell International Airport (this is the closest airport to the retreat center, just outside of Milwaukee). If you would like us to coordinate your ride to the conference center, then plan on arriving on Friday, November 17 no later than 6:00 p.m. Rides will depart the airport by 6:15 p.m. **Return flights** should NOT be scheduled before 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 19.

To schedule a ride to and from the airport, YOU MUST contact Melissa Mardoian no later than **November 6** at melissamardoian@gmail.com or 847-421-9071.

NOTE: If you are traveling by any other means or have questions, please contact Melissa Mardoian using the above contact information.

If you are driving to the conference (free parking is available):

Directions from the South

- Take 94 W towards Milwaukee
- Exit 142 - Exit #340
- Turn Left at the bottom of the ramp onto 142/Burlington RD (heading west)
- Continue straight for 5.25 miles
- Turn Right at the stop sign onto 45 North/200th Ave
- Continue straight for 1 mile
- Turn Left onto 9th Street
- Continue straight for about 1.5 miles
- At the stop sign, proceed straight into the St. Iakovos Retreat Center Main Entrance

Directions from the North

- Take 94 E towards Milwaukee
- Stay on 94 E past Milwaukee
- Exit on KR - Exit #337
- Turn Right at bottom of the ramp onto KR/1st Street (heading west)

- Proceed 5 miles
- Turn Left at the stop sign onto 45 South/220th Ave
- Proceed straight for 1.5 miles
- Turn Right onto 9th Street
- Proceed
- At Stop Sign, proceed Straight into Main Entrance of St. Iakovos Retreat Center.

Directions from the West

- Take I - 80 E for 172 miles (crossing into Illinois)
- Exit for I - 88 E (Exit #4B)
- Proceed on I – 88 E for 56 Miles
- Keep left on I - 88 E and proceed 23 miles
- Exit for I - 39 N, US 51, toward Rockford
- Proceed on I – 39 N for 22 Miles
- Exit for I – 39 North, US – 20 E, toward Wisconsin – Belvidere, Rockford.
- Proceed 21 Miles
- Exit for I - 90 W, I-39 N, US – 51 N, Toward Wisconsin
- Proceed 4 Miles
- Keep Left on I 90 W, I – 39 N, US – 51 and proceed 14 Miles
- Exit for I -43 (Exit #185 B)
- Proceed 6 Miles
- Exit for WI – 11 (Exit #29)
- Proceed 28 Miles
- Turn Right onto State Road 11
- Proceed 0.5 Miles
- Turn Right onto Bushnell Rd
- Proceed 14 Miles
- When Road ends turn Right onto Bushnell Rd
- Proceed another 9 Miles
- Turn Right onto Bushnell RD: 0.2 Miles
- Turn Left onto 45 North / 200th Ave (Stop Sign): about 10 Miles
- Turn Left onto 9th Street: 1 Mile
- Proceed straight down 9th street: 2.7 miles
- At Stop Sign proceed straight into main entrance of St. Iakovos Retreat Center: 0.1 Miles

Feel free to explore the St. Iakovos Retreat Center website for more information: www.gosirc.org.

Please contact Jennifer Morris, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries by phone at (248) 648-0702 or by e-mail at jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org with any additional questions.

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