



February 1, 2019

Dear Virginia Annual Conference Members:

Welcome to the 237th Session of the Virginia Annual Conference which will take place from 20-22 June 2019. We will again meet in the Berglund Center in Roanoke, VA. More information regarding meeting facilities, hotels, restaurants, attractions and the area in general can be found at www.visitroanokeva.com.

This letter will help you with your lodging/housing for the upcoming conference. You will receive a conference packet in May that will include information on the conference including schedule, *Book of Reports*, registration card, name tag and other useful information. If you need information on the conference, including banquet meals, before your packet arrives, please refer to the conference website at www.vaumc.org/ac2019

Enclosed with this letter is a list of area hotels and motels that have special rates for the conference. As you consider housing, please note the laity session and clergy session will be held on Thursday morning. You will also want to note the election of General Conference and jurisdictional conference delegates will be on Thursday afternoon and evening.

The attachment has a listing of all the hotels where we have room blocks at our convention rates. In an effort to be as fair as possible for all attendees, our special rate rooms are available to our conference attendees starting at **10:00am on Monday, February 11, 2019**. Please follow these steps to make your hotel reservations:

1. Make your lodging selection from the attached list and call your chosen hotel (**not before 10:00am on February 11**).
2. Please have your name, number guests, special needs, dates arriving and departing ready to make your reservations.
3. Identify yourself as a member of Virginia Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to receive the designated group rate.
4. Confirm your reservation number and their cancellation policy.

Please make your reservations as soon as possible as the hotels fill quickly. If the hotel you choose is already full, select another one from the list. We have secured enough rooms at the hotels for everyone. Please also note, that our rates and room blocks are only held until one month from the conference; any remaining rooms not already reserved are released to the general public at the regular rate.

Camping will NOT be available on the Berglund Center grounds. We suggest you contact our own Roanoke District Camp Alta Mons who offers camping. Camping information is also available on the Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge website at <https://www.visitroanokeva.com/search/?q=camping&type=listings> or by calling Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge Visitor Information Center at 800-635-5535.

As we approach our Conference dates, please regularly check for updates in the *Virginia Advocate* and at the Virginia Conference website: www.vaumc.org/AC2019.

On behalf of the 2019 Annual Conference Planning Committee, we welcome you.

Should you have **housing** questions, please contact me at cell number: **540-819-9386** or by e-mail at: timcraft@vaumc.org. If you have other questions, please direct those to the Virginia Conference Office.

Your servant in Christ,

Reverend Tim Craft
Annual Conference Housing Coordinator

**ROANOKE HOTELS for
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Property	Address	Phone	Amenities	Room Rate plus Tax
Airport Locations				
Hyatt Place	5040 Valley View Blvd, Roanoke, VA 24012	540-366-4700	All-Suite Guest Rooms; Complimentary Full Hot Breakfast Buffet; Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Parking; Located within walking distance of Valley View Mall and Restaurants; Easy access to I-581	\$129.00
Holiday Inn Valley View	3315 Ordway Dr., Roanoke, VA 24017	540-362-4500	Entire hotel newly remodeled; Complimentary Wi-fi; Complimentary Parking; Restaurant in hotel; Coffee Makers in Room; Hair Dryers and Iron in Room; Pool; Easy Access to I-581	\$135.00
Comfort Inn Airport	5070 Valley View Dr., Roanoke, VA 24012	540-527-2020	Remodeled Hotel. Hot Deluxe Complimentary Breakfast; Complimentary Wi-fi; Microwave and Refrigerator in Room; Coffee Maker and Hairdryer in Room; Fitness Center; Pool; Easy Access to I-581	\$119.00
Hampton Inn Valley View	5033 Valley View Blvd, NW Roanoke, VA 24012	540-366-6300	Rooms include Microwave, Refrigerator, Coffeemaker; Complimentary WiFi; Flat Screen TVs that are DVR capable; Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet; Heated indoor saline Pool and Fitness Center; Easy Access to I-581; Earn Hilton Honors Points and Miles	\$139.00
Blue Ridge Hotel (formerly Sheraton)	2801 Hershberger Rd., Roanoke, VA 24017	540-563-9300	<u>This is the Headquarters Hotel</u> ; Several special breakfasts, luncheons, dinners will be held here. Two restaurants in hotel. Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Fitness Center; Complimentary Pool; Complimentary Parking; Easy access to I-581.	\$145.00
Main Stay Suites	5080 Valley View Blvd., Roanoke, VA 24012	540-527-3030	Remodeled Hotel; Hot Deluxe Complimentary Breakfast; Complimentary Wi-fi; Microwave and Refrigerator in Room; Coffee Maker and Hairdryer in Room; Easy Access to I-581	\$124.00
Courtyard by Marriott	3301 Ordway Dr., Roanoke, VA 24017	540-563-5002	Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Parking; Complimentary Indoor Pool and Fitness Center; Restaurant (not complimentary), Coffee Makers in Room; Hair Dryers and Iron in Room; Easy Access to I-581	\$139.00
Residence Inn by Marriott	3305 Ordway Dr., Roanoke, VA 24017	540-265-1119	All Suite Rooms; Complimentary Breakfast; Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Parking; Complimentary Pool; Easy Access to I-581	\$149.00

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Best Western	5050 Valley View Blvd. Roanoke, VA 24012	540-362-2400	Hot Deluxe Complimentary Full Breakfast; Complimentary Wi-fi; Coffee Maker and Hairdryer in Room; Pool; Easy Access to I-581	\$110.00
HOME2 Suites by Hilton	4830 Valley View Dr. Roanoke, VA 24012	540-581-1000	This is a new hotel recently opened; Hot Deluxe Complimentary Breakfast; Complimentary Wi-fi; Microwave and Refrigerator in Room; Coffee Maker and Hairdryer in Room; Fitness Center; Pool; In-room safes and desks; Easy Access to I-581	\$155.00
Downtown Locations				
Hampton Inn and Suites Downtown	27 Church Ave SE, Roanoke, VA 24011	540-400-6000	Rooms include Microwave, Refrigerator, Coffeemaker; Complimentary WiFi; Flat Screen TVs that are DVR capable; Complimentary Hot Breakfast Buffet; Fitness Center; Earn Hilton Honors Points and Miles	\$149.00
Holiday Inn Express	815 Gainsboro Rd., Roanoke, VA 24016	540-982-0100	Complimentary Breakfast, Complimentary WiFi; Outdoor Pool, Room Refrigerators, Coffee Makers, Hairdryers; Within walking distance to Berglund Center.	\$149.95
Springhill Suites (formerly Cambria Suites)	301 Reserve Ave., Roanoke, VA 24016	540-400-6226	Newest Marriott in Roanoke and completely remodeled; Complimentary Hot buffet Breakfast; Complimentary shuttle service to Berglund Center, downtown, Valleyview and Tanglewood mall; all suite rooms; complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Pool and Fitness Center; Complimentary parking.	\$155.00
Hotel Roanoke	110 Shenandoah Ave., NW, Roanoke, VA 24016	540-985-5900	Hotel Roanoke is the historic hotel of the area; Fine dining on site; Parking has a fee. First class restaurant, coffee shop, bellman, doorman, concierge, room service, fitness room, shuttle from the parking lot if you self-park; Walking distance to Berglund Center.	\$199.00

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Baymont Inn	179 Sheraton Dr., Salem, VA 24153	540-562-1912	Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Breakfast; Complimentary Parking; Coffee Maker, Refrigerator, Hair Dryer, Iron in Room; Outdoor Pool; Business Center, easy access to I-81.	\$79.00
Hilton Garden Inn	4500 South Peak Blvd. Roanoke, VA 24018	540-776-3400	Located just across from Tanglewood Mall; Complimentary Parking; Complimentary WiFi; Pool, Fitness Center and Business Center; Restaurant in Lobby serves breakfast and dinner for a modest cost.	\$139.00
Holiday inn Tanglewood	4468 Starkey Rd., SW, Roanoke, VA 24018	540-774-4400	Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Parking; Pool; Room Refrigerators, Coffee Makers, Hairdryers; Restaurant serves breakfast and dinner at a modest cost.	\$105.00
Ramada Inn	1927 Franklin Rd., SW, Roanoke, VA 24014	540-343-0121	Complimentary WiFi; Complimentary Breakfast; Complimentary Parking; Outdoor Pool and Fitness Center; Rooms with Microfridges, Coffee Makers, Hair Dryers, Irons.	\$74.00