

Dear Ladies,

I hope this letter finds you all enjoying the beautiful, mild summer weather; and that you are beginning to get excited about FALL and our Fall Women's Ministries Retreat... because our WM's Board is very excited! There are a few extra details and information I'd like to share to hopefully make your planning easier.

First, your Registration Form includes our Group Name for easy booking. However, you will need these codes for quicker service when booking due to two different hotels being used:

- Please use the code **PPU** if you are reserving the 2 or 3 bedroom condo at the **Royal Palms**.
- Please use the code **UPP** if you are booking a room at the **Hilton Hotel**.

We apologize to anyone who might have experienced any difficulty trying to reserve rooms. Our sales agent extends her apologies as well. According to information from her, the agent our event was assigned to suddenly passed away. The business office has experienced great difficulty finding a replacement, as well as getting her files in order and responding to issues that have ensued. They believe they've corrected some of the errors that have complicated these matters and should now be able to handle our reservations with correct information.

As you can imagine, due to the tragic event the conference center's business office has experienced, we are extending lots of grace and understanding. Therefore, although many of you have been told there are "no rooms available" in our block, this is simply not true. We have plenty of rooms reserved. Again, hopefully, this issue has now been resolved. However, if you continue to experience this problem, please let me know immediately.

Finding a location for retreats now (especially since COVID) has become more difficult and much more expensive. Additionally, we've found that conference centers now offer fewer services... this is why we are unable to offer a breakfast buffet this year. While that is truly unfortunate, we do believe you will love your accommodations and will experience other blessings during your time at our Fall WM's Retreat!

Also, due to our meeting space capacity being 185 people, we are asking that you fill out and send your Registration Forms with your \$75 non-refundable registration fee to the Conference Office as soon as possible to insure your spot at the retreat. While this has been enough space so far, our attendance over the last three events has been large. (What a blessing!) Since the hotel will not allow us to have more people than the maximum room capacity, we want to make sure we are prepared for the number who will attend and won't have to turn anyone away after they travel so far. Therefore, our registration window will close on September 9th. However, if we still have available space, we will extend that date. Again, we really don't expect a problem with our numbers, but we don't want to risk anyone waiting too late to be assured a seat.

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Some have asked about the schedule. We are changing the order of the schedule this year in order to have Evangelist Beth Stephens-Johnson as our speaker. She will speak on Friday night and Saturday morning. At this time, we have not finalized the Sunday morning service. However, we would love to include testimonies! Please notify me if you have **one** lady from your church who has a powerful testimony and would love to share. We will need to limit testimonies to five to ten minutes, so that others have time. We also have a team from the Iva PH Church who will be doing a song and drama. There are some other things planned as well... Surprise!

Final details:

- Registration will be from 6:00 to 7:00 Friday night.
- Service will begin at 7:00. (We are aware some will not arrive until a little earlier, but we will conduct some business at the beginning of our service, so you will still have time to get to the service.)
- Don't forget to bring those \$25 Walmart gift cards for our Turbeville children for Christmas.
- We will do our traditional door prizes, so continue to bring those from your WM group!

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon,

Janice Evatt

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