

NAPF – HOPE – ICF

A National youth conference for high school through college age youth

July 25-29, 2009
Carroll University
Waukesha, WI

National Association of Pilgrim Fellowship
Heritage of Pilgrim Endeavor
International Congregational Fellowship



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Colossians 3:12-17

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What is NAPF ? HOPE? ICF?

NAPF is the youth organization of the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches. HOPE is the college age group and ICF is the International Congregational Fellowship which meets once every four years. NAPF & HOPE meet annually in various locations around the country, usually in conjunction with the Delegate Annual meeting. The conference has various themes exploring scripture and helping youth apply this to their own lives. We have great Christian music, fellowship with other youth from all over the country, fabulous games and mission opportunities. There are large group sessions with a speaker and small group sessions. In NAPF these are led by youth leaders from Congregational Churches from around the country. In HOPE, the small groups are led by experienced HOP-ers. The youth conferences are often held on college campuses or at camps. This is a great opportunity to learn more about God through Jesus Christ with youth just like you! Please join us! Check out our two pages on Facebook and get to know us: NAPF and H.O.P.E.

NAPF Details

NAPF Speaker: Rev. Stu Merkel:



Stu has had a life long passion for the youth ministry of the NACCC. He has served as Youth Leader and Minister at churches in CA, WI, and CT. Stu attended NAPF as a teen, was president of HOPE and served terms on the NACCC Youth Commission and as Co-Director of HOPE. He also was key note speaker for the Congregational World Assembly (CWAY) in 1991 and took teens to CWAY-Brazil in 1995. Stu grew up as a youth through the ministry of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Pomona CA and most recently was Associate Pastor for Spiritual Formation at Gurnee Community Church for 8 years. He received his Doctorate of Ministry degree from Fuller Theological Seminary this past year. His wife for 25 years, Lynn, who he met at HOPE in 1981, shares a similar passion for youth ministry and they have two young adult boys Peter who attends Marquette University in Milwaukee and Greg a Sophomore in HS. Stu presently works for Alphausa as Wisconsin Regional Director for the Alpha course.



HOPE Details

HOPE is designed for youth from age 18—26+. Just graduated High school seniors have the option to attend either HOPE or NAPF. HOPE will also have a speaker and utilize small group sessions to explore the topic of “Bound Together in Harmony.” HOPE follows a similar daily schedule as NAPF. The HOPE program is designed for an intense conference of personal and spiritual growth. It is a fantastic conference that will leave you closer to God, with a spiritual high. We hope you can join us to experience this life changing event. Check out our site on Facebook H.O.P.E.

FREQUENTLY ASKED CONFERENCE QUESTIONS

- Can I arrive early? A: Due to necessary set up and supervision issues, no early arrivals are allowed. Registration begins at 12:00 noon. Please make travel arrangements accordingly.
- Can I leave early? A: Due to supervision and liability, no one is allowed to leave the conference early. Exceptions may be made for discipline incidences and death (in the family). Please make travel arrangements accordingly (ie. Allow time to arrive at airport on shuttle - ex: no flights out before 9 am)
- Can adult counselors bring family to the conference? Unfortunately , due to liability, insurance coverage and space—only conference attendees may attend. All Adults in attendance will have supervision responsibilities and will be expected to participate in all activities.
- Can I room with my best friend/brother/sister/cousin etc.? One of the unique features of our conference is the opportunity to meet people from all over the nation and world. Due to this, we strive to room individuals with people they do not know to increase fellowship connections.
- I have friends who live in town, can I go visit them? A: No. No one is allowed to leave activities or campus. Planned group excursions may leave campus with appropriate supervision.
- I'm only the adult chaperone, can I stay on campus and not participate in activities? A: No. All adults will have supervisory duties including small groups and bed/ room checks. The intent is that new attendees will learn from experienced counselors to eventually assume these roles.
- Can I bring my ipod? Mp3 player? Cell phone? Digital camera? Expensive jewelry? Etc? All items are brought at your own risk. Youth will be active all day. Rooms do have locks and conference attendees will have keys. Cell phones and ipods/ mp3 are not allowed during sessions.
- I am the only youth from my church and I don't have an adult to bring me, can I come anyway? A: Yes! We provide adult supervision once you arrive at the conference. Invited counselors have years of experience and knowledge. Travel would be on your own, but there is a shuttle provided from the airport.

TRAVEL QUESTIONS:

Registration is from 12-2pm All participants should plan to arrive between these times.

Shuttles are available from the airport at 11:00 am and 1:00 pm on Saturday and 7 am and 9am on Wednesday.

Reservations and a fee are REQUIRED for a space on the shuttle.

No flights should be made to leave Milwaukee before 9 am on Wed. July 29.

Travel discounts are available with the following carriers, using the information below:

AIRLINE DISCOUNTS

Midwest Airlines is offering a discount for attendees traveling to the Annual Meeting and/or ICF/ Youth meeting in July. Book online at www.midwestairlines.com and use **promo code CMZ1669** or call (800) 452-2022 or book through a travel agent.

Northwest Airlines is offering a discount for attendees traveling to the Annual Meeting and/or ICF/ Youth meeting in July. Use **discount code NM34P** by booking online at www.nwa.com or call (800) 225-2525 or book through a travel agent. Online instructions: (1) Under the "Flights" tab, click on "Do you have an NWA discount ..." (2) Complete the "Flight Options" section. (3) In the "Additional Search Options" section, navigate to the section labeled E-Cert: "Do you have a Discount Travel E-Cert, Elect Credit voucher (ECV), Meeting?" Select "Yes" from the drop-down select "Meeting Agreement" and enter WorldFile number 'NM34P' and enter. You may then complete your transaction.

MEGABUS—travels from most major cities to Milwaukee (there may be a connection need in Chicago to get to Milwaukee) Very inexpensive (\$1.00 a seat) if you book 45 days ahead.
www.megabus.com

Pre and Post Trip information is available from:

<http://www.visitmilwaukee.org/visitors>

COST: Early Bird registration: \$360.00 (NOW until May 1, 2009)

Regular Registration: \$375.00 (May 2—June 30, 2009)

Late Registration: \$395 after July 1, if space allows

Typical Schedule

7:00 am Rise & Shine
8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Music and Morning Devotions
10:00 am Whole Group Session
10:45 am Small Group Session
12:00 pm Lunch
1:30 pm Music and Games
2:00 pm Whole Group Session
2:45 pm Small Group Session
3:30 pm Free Time—outdoor games available such as volleyball, basketball, frisbie
6:00 pm Dinner
7:15 pm Music & Announcements
7:45 pm Evening Activity
10:00 pm Music & evening Worship
11:00 pm Floor Meetings
12:00 am Lights out

If you've never been to NAPF & HOPE—THIS is the year to come!!
If you've come before—Welcome Home!
Hope to see you there

Registration Form

N.A.P.F.-H.O.P.E.-I.C.F

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(A separate form must be filled out for each individual. Additional forms may be obtained from the NACCC Office or you may duplicate this one.)

Important: Please print legibly all information.

I am registering for: **N.A.P.F.** or **H.O.P.E.**
(Circle one) Completed Grade 8 through 12 Graduated high school until the age of 27

I am registering as a: Youth _____ HOPER _____ **Invited Counselor*** _____ CIT _____ Co-Director _____ Officer _____

Last Name First Name MI Name to appear on nametag

Address City State Zip

Phone Number () _____ E-Mail Address _____

Cell number while traveling/at conference: () _____

Age _____ Birth Date ____/____/____ Sex: M ____ F ____ T-Shirt Size S M L XL XXL
(Circle one)

Circle grade recently **completed** in 2009 (N.A.P.F. registrants only): 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th

Church _____ City _____ State _____

(Please Note: To attend N.A.P.F. you must have completed 8th Grade. Graduating Seniors may attend either N.A.P.F. or H.O.P.E.)

Before this, how many conferences have you attended? N.A.P.F. _____ H.O.P.E. _____

I will be: Driving _____ Flying _____ (complete information box below) Traveling with my Church Group in a Van/Bus _____

I will be traveling with the _____ (Local church, state, or regional group)

If flying in and out of the Milwaukee airport: ***This information MUST be provided to be included in shuttle – seats limited***

Flight Arrival _____ Shuttle 11:30 a.m. _____ 1:00 p.m. _____ (\$7.50)
Date Time Airline Flight Number

Flight Departure _____ Shuttle 7:00 a.m. _____ 9:30 a.m. _____ (\$7.50)
Date Time Airline Flight Number

Included with this form

(Check all that apply)

_____ **\$360.00 Early Registration Fee (May 1)**
_____ **\$175.00 Invited Counselor Fee**
_____ **\$375.00 Registration Fee (May 2 – June 30)**
_____ **\$395.00 Late registration (after June 30)**
_____ **\$7.50 or \$15.00 Airport Shuttle Fee**

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations below and to participate in the N.A.P.F., H.O.P.E. or I.C.F. program and cooperate with the leadership of the conference.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Registrant)

Signature _____ Date _____
(Parent or Guardian if under 18)

Signature _____ Date _____
(Minister/Youth Director - **Signature Required**)

Conference Fee: **\$360.00** and Registration Form due in the NACCC Office by **May 1, 2009.**

Regular Registration of **\$375.00** will be charged for any registration postmarked **after May 1, 2009.**

Space is limited – if registration is received after July 1st there is no guarantee your registration can be honored. Late registration Fee of \$395.00 will be required

***Invited counselors have received a letter of invitation from Co-Directors – all other adults are considered CITs**

Absence of any required signature will void this registration.

TOTAL REGISTRATION FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS FORM (Over)

N.A.P.F. and H.O.P.E. Rules and Regulations

ATTENDANCE: You are not to leave the conference site. Extenuating circumstances may allow variations from the Co-Directors only. Individuals with extenuation circumstances may contact Co-Directors. You are expected to participate fully in all aspects of the N.A.P.F. or H.O.P.E. program and to respect the regulations and property of the host institution. **DRESS:** No bare feet in the dining room or around campus. Please wear appropriate casual attire for a Christian conference. Shirts or T-shirts are always to be worn. **SMOKING:** Permitted only in designated areas in accordance with the host institution's policy and laws of the state. **ALCOHOL:** Possession or use of any alcoholic beverages is forbidden. **DRUGS:** Except for individual medical prescriptions, the possession or use of drugs is forbidden. **AUTOS:** Not to be used during the conference. **Infractions of the above will be subjected to review by a disciplinary committee and may result in dismissal from the conference at parents' or registrants' expense.**

PUBLICITY RELEASE: By signing this registration form the undersigned agrees to allow the possible use of photographs and/or verbal quotes of the attendee for published promotional materials including but not limited to direct mailings, advertising flyers and internet web site information.

Conference fee includes lodging, meals (Saturday dinner through Tuesday dinner), and accident insurance (injury only, not illness). Cancellations will be honored. Those who cancel before June 15, 2009, will receive a total refund, less \$25.00. **After June 15, 2009, no refunds will be issued.** Transportation arrangements are the responsibility of the individual. Insurance for the conference is provided to the NACCC by the Hartford Company and by Church Mutual Insurance Company.

IMPORTANT MEDICAL and DIETARY INFORMATION

Failure to supply any of the following information may result in our inability to assist the registrant according to their medical needs:

1. Is the registrant in good health and able to participate in all normal activities? Yes No
If no, please attach a statement indicating limitations.
2. Has the registrant ever received counseling or been treated for an emotional disorder? Yes No
If yes, please attach a statement of explanation (information is given to Co-Directors only)
3. Date of last physical exam _____ Date of last Tetanus shot _____
4. Operations or serious injuries within the last 3 years: _____
5. Does the registrant experience/suffer from/react to: Allergies, fainting, flushing, itching, swelling, nausea, vomiting, shortness of breath, anaphylactic shock, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, sulfa, hay fever, bee sting, tetanus, penicillin, etc?
Please describe: _____
6. Please list and explain all medication presently prescribed and its use: _____

8. Does the registrant request vegetarian meals? _____
7. Please list any other dietary restrictions: _____

8. May youth take over the counter pain reliever if needed for headaches or aches? YES NO

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CONTACT

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Relationship _____ Dr.'s Name _____

Dr.'s Phone Number _____ Insurance Company _____

Policy # _____ Group # _____

In case of medical emergency, I understand that every effort will be made to contact the "emergency contact" listed above. In the event that they cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the physician selected by the conference directors to hospitalize, secure proper treatment, and order injection, anesthetic, or surgery.

Signature _____ Date _____
(Registrant)

Signature _____ Date _____
(Parent or Guardian if under 18)

Return Registration Form with appropriate Fee by May 1, 2009

Make Checks Payable to **NACCC**

Mail to: N.A.P.F.-H.O.P.E.-I.C.F., NACCC, P.O. Box 288, Oak Creek, WI 53154-0288

Absence of any required signature will void this registration.