**Questions & Answers**

**147th Annual Meeting Atlantic Mission Society**

**September 20-22, 2024.**

**Why is the Annual Meeting being held in a conference-style format this year?**

Considering no invitation was received from a presbyterial to host the annual meeting, the Executive made the decision to try a “conference-style format” to facilitate an in-person gathering of the Society for worship, learning, inspiration, fellowship, and to accomplish the Society’s business as per its constitution.

**How do I register?**

Complete the registration form. Send your completed registration form, along with a cheque for $60.00 to the Registrar listed on the form. Be sure to make your cheque payable to: AMS–St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church. The Executive is grateful that the Newfoundland Presbyterial has agreed to be responsible for coordinating the registration for this year’s event.

**If I can only attend for one day, do I still have to register and pay the registration fee?**

Yes. Registration is important for every participant and the fee helps to cover the cost of the total event.

**Does my registration for the event confirm a room for me at the hotel?**

No. You are responsible for making your own hotel room reservation directly with Best Western Glengarry.

**Is there a deadline for making a room reservation at Best Western Glengarry?**

Yes. A room block has been reserved for this event until August 15, 2024. Rooms include two Queen beds and breakfast. The cost is $179.00 plus taxes per night, based on single/double occupancy.

**How do I make my reservation at Best Western Glengarry?**

One person per room is required to make a reservation with the hotel. You will need a major credit card to hold your reservation. Hotel direct is 1-902-893-4311, long distance charges will apply. (If you prefer: Toll-free Central Best Western Reservations: 1-800-780-7234.) Identify that you wish to make a room reservation for the room block Atlantic Mission Society, for the required nights of your stay. You may declare at that time how many people will be staying in the room. Hotel check-in is after 3:00 pm and check- out is before 11:00 am.

**What happens if my plans change after making my hotel reservation and registering for the event?**

Hotel cancellation policy will pertain to your room reservation, so you must contact the hotel directly. For the event registration, please contact the Registrar: Corinne King 1-709-753-2928; Email:corinne247@gmail.com

**What about meals and snacks during the event?**

There is a restaurant located in the hotel. Breakfast (for up to 2 people per room) is included in the room charge.

Lunch on Saturday will not be provided, but you may elect to dine in the hotel restaurant or use near-by local food/dining options. Information about these local options will be available at the event registration table.

Saturday evening dinner will be “banquet style” at the hotel. Sunday lunch will be provided at St. James Presbyterian Church following the service of worship.

Water will be provided on the tables in the conference room. Saturday morning’s program will include a tea/coffee break. Due to hotel policy regarding “no outside food” and high catering costs, no snacks will be provided so you may elect to put a snack or two in your “bag” for personal use during the event!

**Who will be the special guests and speakers at this year’s event?**

Joining us will be:

* Allyson Carr, Associate Secretary, Justice Ministries, PCC;
* Ian Ross-McDonald, General Secretary, Life and Mission Agency, PCC;
* Cathy Reid, President, Women’s Missionary Society (WMS);
* Helena Human, Atlantic Synod Camping and Youth Ministry Consultant.

**What about offerings during the Annual Meeting?**

One offering, in support of the general work of the Society or unless otherwise designated, will be received during the Saturday evening banquet. A general offering will be part of the worship service at St. James, with all donations going to support the work and ministry of that congregation, unless otherwise designated.

**Will there be the used book table exchange this year?**

Due to this year’s logistics, there will be a SMALL second-hand book table provided. Individuals are encouraged to limit the number of their book donations to three…but you can pick up as many as you want for a monetary donation! All donations from this table will go to the AMS mission fund.

**Can my friend or spouse attend this event with me?**

Of course! Those who are not members of the AMS are welcome to attend. They would need to register using the Registration form, checking off Visitor in the category section.

**Help, I need a hotel roommate!**

Word-of-mouth is the best way to recruit a roommate for the hotel. Reach out to your presbyterial president or others you may know planning on attending the event. You may mention your request to the Event Registrar when you register as part of your “word of mouth” network.