



2009 Ohio Women of the Church of God State Convention
“Women Designed by God”
Confirmation Letter



Hello, WCG Leader / Group Contact Person!

We are so glad you and the ladies of your Church will be joining us for the 2009 Ohio WCG State Convention at the Carlisle Inn at Sugarcreek, September 25 through 27! Much prayer and planning has gone into this Convention. We are very excited about sharing it with you and your ladies!

Enclosed / Attached you will find materials you'll need to prepare for the Convention and to guide you through the Convention weekend. We've tried to answer any questions you might have, but just in case we missed one or two, you can contact a Planning Committee Delegate from your District. (See contact info at the bottom of this page.)

Make / Forward copies of these forms as needed and share them with the ladies who will be joining you for the Convention.

What to bring: Personal items & toiletries, Bible, swim suit, a snack to share and a favorite game to play at the Slumber Party, Pajamas for the Pajama Contest, a big appetite and a joyful spirit. Optional: One themed basket from your WCG unit for the Silent Auction on Saturday.

What to Wear: Casual dress. We want you to feel relaxed and comfortable throughout the weekend. Walking shoes may be necessary to take in all the sights during Free Time. There will be a time for posed, group photos on Saturday. Your group may like to coordinate their apparel for this photo!

Meals: Friday Dinner, Saturday Lunch & Saturday Dinner will be served in the Dutch Valley Restaurant. Saturday & Sunday Breakfast will be served in the Wicker Room. Meals are covered by Registration Fee.

Friday Dinner – Salad, Creamed Chicken with Biscuits & Mashed Potatoes, HoHo Cake, Beverages
Saturday Breakfast – Cinnamon Rolls, Sausage, Waffles, Bagels, Hot & Cold Cereals, Fruit, Beverages
Saturday Lunch – Soup & Salad Buffet, Assorted Desserts, Beverages
Saturday Dinner – Amish Kitchen Buffet; Salad, Roast Beef, Ham, Chicken, Potatoes, Noodles, Dressing, Gravy, Vegetables, Rolls, Pies, Beverages
Sunday Breakfast – see Saturday Breakfast

Slumber Party: Saturday Night, from 9:30 to 11:00 pm, there will be a time for Fun & Fellowship in the Wicker Room. Since we have filled the ENTIRE INN, feel free to wear your Pajamas to the Party! We'll enjoy Snacks, Group Games, your favorite board games, a Craft, and a Pajama Contest!

Enclosed / Attached you'll find: a map to Carlisle Inn Sugarcreek, a Schedule for the weekend, Silent Auction information, Conference Descriptions, and area suggestions for Saturday's Free Time.

Questions?

Northeast District, contact: Margaret Wagner . . . 419 / 347 – 1330 or mwagner@embarqmail.com

Southeast District, contact: Rene' Price . . . 740 / 630 – 7112 or rprice@tdpi.com

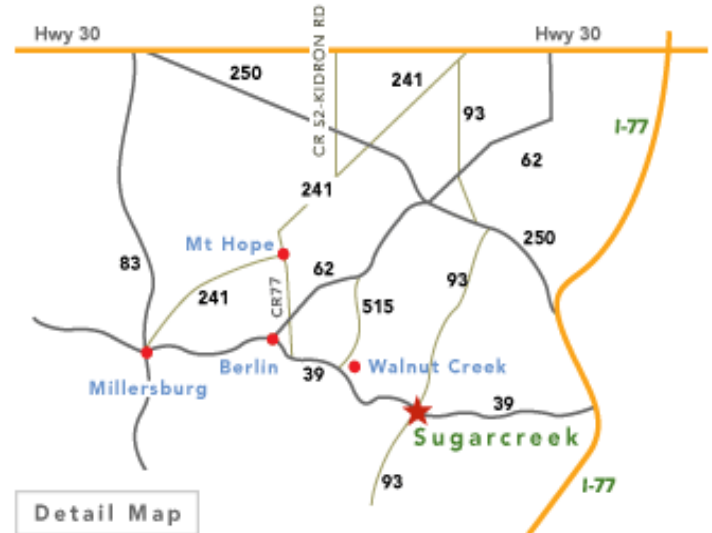
Southwest District, contact: Lawana Bowers . . . 513 / 423 – 9934 or LBowers@cinci.rr.com

Western District, contact: Angie Swonger . . . 419 / 872 – 9045 or TASwonger88@att.net

“For we are God's handiwork, created I Christ Jesus to do good works.” Ephesians 2:10

Locating the Carlisle Inn at Sugarcreek

1357 Old Route 39 NE
Sugarcreek, OH 44681
(330) 852-2586



Silent “Theme Basket” Auction Saturday, September 26 from 8:30 am – 5:55 pm

A Silent Auction will take place during the Convention on Saturday.
All proceeds from the Auction will be used toward the Start Up costs of our next Ohio WCG Convention.

- ✧ Bidding will begin on Saturday morning at 8:30 am and continue until 5:55 pm on Saturday evening.
- ✧ Name tag will have an Auction Number. This is the Number you’ll use when making or increasing a bid.
- ✧ Highest Bid / Winners of the Theme Baskets will be announced at the Slumber Party on Saturday night.
- ✧ Please be prepared to pay for your Basket Saturday night. Checks can be made payable to Ohio WCG.

Each local WCG unit may make & donate ONE Theme Basket for the Auction.
Choose a Theme then follow these directions!

- ✧ Drop off your basket in the Conference Center following the Friday Evening Service, before 10:00 pm.
- ✧ Each Basket should have a tag denoting the Theme of the Basket and the items included in the basket.
- ✧ Baskets should be wrapped in clear packaging, so Bidders can see inside yet get all the goodies home safely.
- ✧ A total estimated value of the Basket can be written on the tag.
- ✧ Include the name of your Church / WCG unit on the tag.
- ✧ Baskets should not contain perishable items that may need refrigeration.
- ✧ If including gift certificates, be sure they can be used throughout the State of Ohio.

Convention Schedule for Ohio Women of the Church of God

“Women . . . Designed by God”

Carlisle Inn at Sugarcreek ~ Friday, September 25 – Sunday, September 27, 2009

Friday, September 25

4:00 – 9:00 pm . . . Registration (Lobby)

6:00 pm Dinner (Dutch Valley Restaurant)

7:00 pm Evening Service (Conference Center) Chair - Southeast
Worship – Kathy Webert Speaker – Erin Moss Taylor

Following the Evening Service, bring Theme Baskets for the Auction to the Conference Center

9:45 pm Water Aerobics (Pool) Instructors – Patty Howard & Cassi Bishop

Saturday, September 26

Swimming Pool & Exercise Room are open from 6:00 am – Midnight

7:00 – 9:00 am . . . Buffet Breakfast (Wicker Room)

8:00 am “Morning Joy” (3rd Floor Board Room) with Reba Fowler

8:30 am Basket Auction Begins (Conference Center Hall)

District Scrap Books, Picture Albums & History Books will also be on display in the Center Hall

9:00 am Missions Service (Conference Center) Chair – Southwest
Worship – Kathy Webert Missionaries – Mike & Heather Webb / Tanzania

10:30 am Conference Session One

- > “Why Women” with Mary Merriman Stephens (Meeting Room 1)
- > “Answering the Call” with Heather Webb (Meeting Room 2)
- > “The Proverbs 31 Women Today” with Teresa Burrell (Meeting Room 3)
- > “Personality Designed by God” with Luann Heffelfinger (3rd Floor Board Room)

11:45 am Lunch (Dutch Valley Restaurant)

1:00 pm Conference Session Two
> See Conferences and Locations from Session One

2:15 – 5:15 pm . . . Free Time

5:30 – 6:00 pm . . . Group Photos (Lobby)

5:55 pm Silent Auction Ends

6:00 pm Amish Kitchen Buffet Dinner (Dutch Valley Restaurant)

7:30 pm Evening Service (Conference Center) Chair – Northeast
Regional Director – Agnes Clark Worship Leader – Kathy Webert Speaker – Erin Moss Taylor

9:30 – 11:00 pm . . . Slumber Party (Wicker Room)

Sunday, September 27

7:00 – 9:00 am . . . Buffet Breakfast (Wicker Room)

Please Check Out of your Rooms before coming to the Morning Service

9:30 am Morning Service (Conference Center) Chair – Western
Worship Leader – Kathy Webert Speaker – Erin Moss Taylor

11:00 am Depart for Home

Speakers & Conferences



In three services we will explore “Women . . . Designed by God” with Erin Moss Taylor. Erin is a PK (Bob & Renee’s daughter!) who grew up in Michigan. Erin answered the Call to Ministry at age 15. As Miss Michigan, Erin traveled the country, speaking in communities and churches. She is a graduate of Anderson University and a student at Anderson School of Theology. Erin has served the Church of God as the Coordinator for Women in Ministry. She is on the Pastoral Staff at Church at the Crossing in Indianapolis. Erin is married to Dan, an Elementary School Teacher. They have one dog, Scarlet. Erin has an enthusiastic passion to see the Word of God transform lives.

Saturday’s Missions Service will feature Mike & Heather Webb, Missionaries to Tanzania. Mike and Heather felt the call to missions at an early age. After ministering in Wilmington, Ohio, they taught in Asia. Currently, they are serving in Tanzania, East Africa as directors of the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program, as well as directing a Tailoring School for Tanzanian women.



Kathy Webert is the Senior Pastor of the Middleburg Heights Church of God. She is a graduate of Anderson University and the University of Toledo. Through her ministry of music, she has served in many congregations throughout Ohio and Indiana. Kathy and her husband John are celebrating 28 years of marriage and are parents to feline boys, Socks, Simba and Shadow.

Teresa Burrell – “*The Proverbs 31 Woman Today*” When was the last time you used a distaff or sought out wool and flax? Never?! Yet these were the daily activities of a woman we somehow aspire to become. In this conference we’ll examine these verses from Proverbs, gain an understanding of the principles she lived by and make them come alive for 2009.



Luann Heffelfinger – “*Personality – Designed by God*” This introduction of the four basic personality styles will help us promote an understanding of ourselves and others. We’ll learn to discern these God-given strengths and build relationships now and for eternity!

Mary Merriman Stephens – “*Why Women*” This conference will focus on the importance of women in the church and the relevance of Women’s Ministries in today’s culture, especially as related to the Women of the Church of God.



Heather Webb – “*Answering the Call*” Heather will tell of the Call to Ministry on her life, the lives of the Women of the Church of God in Tanzania and the Call you may be sensing in your own life.

Conference Times – Saturday at 10:30 am & 1:00 pm.

Saturday Free Time ~ 2:15 – 5:15 pm ~ Things to See & Do!

Amish Heartland Tour – Designed just for Ohio Women of the Church of God!

At 2:15 pm a Small Bus with Driver and Tour Guide will pick you up at Carlisle Inn, Sugarcreek!

The Bus will travel through the back roads with tours of an in-home Amish Quilt Shop, a Cheese Factory and a visit to an Amish Home & Cottage Business.

Following the Tour, the bus will bring you back to Carlisle Inn, Sugarcreek by 5:15 pm.

Each bus can accommodate 20 ladies. The cost is \$20 plus a tip for the driver (\$1 is suggested).

Reservations can be held with a credit card by calling LaVonne at Amish Heartland Tours at 330 / 893 – 3248.

Reservations must be made before September 4!

Below is just a sampling of the MANY free time activities in the Sugarcreek / Holmes County area!

For more area attractions, go to www.visitamishcountry.com

Behalt / Amish Mennonite Museum - <http://www.behalt.com/> See why our people live the way they do! Half-hour interpretive tour of stunning 265' mural-in-the-round depicting Amish/Mennonite history, plus video presentation, area's best selection of Amish/Mennonite books, art gallery, unique gift shop. Open Sat 9-5

Lehman's Hardware - www.lehmans.com A trip to the past. Visit our newly expanded old-time general store and see thousands of products you probably thought they quit making years ago. Located on the square in Kidron. Open Sat 8am -5:30pm.

Yoder's Amish Home - www.yodersamishhome.com Tour two homes, local guides explain culture and lifestyle, barn with animal petting area, buggy rides, school house tours, gift shop. Locally owned for 25 years. Open Saturday 10am-5pm. 6050 SR 515, Millersburg

Ashery Country Store - Bulk foods, cheese, meats, spices, pastas, baking supplies, nuts, snack mixers, dried fruits, candies, and much more! Saturday 8a.m.-5p.m. 8922 SR 241, Fredericksburg

Guggisberg Cheese - www.babyswiss.com Watch cheese being made, cuckoo clocks, Swiss building surrounded by flowers, nestled in the hills of Doughty Valley. Saturday & Sunday 8a.m.-5 p.m. 5060 SR 557, Millersburg

Hearthside Quilt Shoppe - www.hearthsidequiltshoppe.com One of Ohio's finest quilt shops featuring Amish and Mennonite handmade quilts and wall hangings. Large selections of designer fabrics, yarns, quilting and knitting books, patterns, and supplies. Open Sat 9:30a.m.-5p.m. 13110 Emerson Road, Kidron

Heini's Cheese Chalet - www.heinis.com Sample more than 50 cheeses; view cheese making. Amish foods, smoked meats, homemade fudge, custom gift packages. Saturday & Sunday 8am-5pm. 6005 CR 77, Millersburg

Helping Hands Quilt Shop - www.helpinghandsquilts.com Hundreds of quilts in stock (antique and new) made locally. Custom quilting orders welcome. Over 3,000 bolts of fabric, notions, stencils, quilt frames, and supplies. Museum (free) and Christmas room. Two buildings, two floors. Sat 9am-5pm. 4818 Main Street, Berlin

Holmes County Flea Market - www.holmesfleamarket.com New location of the original flea market on the east edge of Berlin! Hundreds of vendors all under one roof. Large variety of merchandise including antiques, quilts, collectibles, fresh meats and cheeses and more. Sat 9am-5pm. H 4568 S.R. 39, Berlin

Save and Serve Thrift Shop - Save and Serve is a non-profit thrift store that benefits Mennonite Central Committee. Find great bargains in clothing, toys, housewares, furniture, books, and much more. Sat 8:30am-5pm 1108 South Washington Street, Millersburg

Walnut Creek Amish Flea Market - www.walnutcreekamishfleamarket.com 3 acre village. Featuring homemade food, farmer's market, and special events. Sat 9-5. 1900 S.R. 39, Sugarcreek