



BULLETIN

BRINGING GOD'S MESSAGE OF LOVE IN CHRIST JESUS TO ALL THE WORLD

The Lutheran Church–International

and the

Lutheran World Parish

EASTERTIDE 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ
in the LC-I Community,

May the grace and glory of
Our Risen Savior fill our minds and
hearts this Holy Eastertide. We in
the LC-I have many reasons to re-
joice in all seasons, but especially in
this holiest celebration of the Chris-
tian year. In His death and resurrec-
tion, we are continually renewed.
Eastertide is a season for freshness
and renewal in spirit and service.

By His grace we strive to fulfill
our unique commission within the
Universal Christian Church. I am
convinced that as an integral part
of the Church Universal, as a church body we have
an important role to play in the life of the church
catholic. We are Lutheran Christians who under-
stand continuity in Gospel and worship is essential
to the church as established by Christ and transmit-
ted through the apostles.

We can give thanks to God for His saving grace
through Jesus, our resurrected Savior. We can be es-
pecially grateful for the gifts that He has given to the
LC-I in our dedication to the means of grace in and
through the sacraments rightly administered. We are
blessed to understand how important the beauty of
the liturgy and the steadfastness of doctrine are to us
as God's holy people.

I feel blessed and privileged to report that the
LC-I as a church body is doing well. Although we
are not the largest Lutheran body, we continue to
increase our impact in service to Christ through
prayer, proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and liturgical worship in evangelical catholic forms.
Following the example of Christ and His disciples,
we are bold in the proclamation of the Good News
through our specifically Lutheran and evangelical



++Robert W. Hotes, Archbishop

catholic ministries. We are few but
mighty in our resolve to serve by
God's grace.

This issue of the BULLETIN
features information concerning the
diocesan ministries around the LC-I.
In this issue we also stress the impor-
tance of the upcoming Synod at St.
Meinrad's Abbey in Indiana, a set-
ting that is quite different from last
year's assembly that was held near
Washington D.C. After deliberation
and weighing the options, the LC-I
Board felt this year's site will offer
many opportunities for accomplish-
ing the goals of the 2024 Synod
gathering.

St. Meinrad's is one of the most beautiful and
contemplative sites in the USA. While the Annual
Synod is not a retreat, St. Meinrad's will provide ample
opportunity for worship and prayer in addition to
facilities for conducting the business of the Synod.

We will also be blessed to have a guest speaker,
the Reverend Senior Paddy Rooney, STS and a special
musical program featuring Dr. Frederick Hohman as
part of the agenda.

The Annual Synod is an important part of the life
of the Lutheran Church–International. As a church
body, the LC-I is international and multifaceted in
ministerial outreach. Each of our individual dioceses
and ministries faces specific challenges. Through God's
grace all our dioceses and ministries have individual
opportunities and resources. That is why it is so impor-
tant that we meet in assembly on an annual basis.
The entire church body benefits through our meeting
as we raise our individual voices in worship and plan
for our ministries. Our time together is energizing
and Spirit-filled, a time of fellowship and sharing
God's grace in Christ Jesus.

We know from Scripture that the unity of the church depends upon prayer, reception of the sacraments, and communication among the servants of Christ's Gospel. Plan on joining us this year as we share several opportunities to engage in communal worship and make your individual voice heard as a valuable partner of the Lutheran Church–International!

Detailed information on the Synod Assembly is included in this issue of the BULLETIN. Please make plans to attend. If this is difficult for you, please contact your diocesan ordinary bishop to find a solution, or to be excused from attendance.

May God continue to bless and keep you in His grace as we rejoice in the glory of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

In His name,

**++Robert
Archbishop**

Reasons to Come to Synod Assembly 2024

- Prayer and worship as a church body.
- Sharing and fellowship.
- Expressing opinions and taking part in important votes and resolutions at Synod meetings.
- Worshipping together as an evangelical catholic community, united in the knowledge that we are serving the universal church following in the Lutheran understanding.
- Professional learning and development.
- Special presentation by renowned composer and organist
Frederick Hohman
- Special presentation by the Senior of the Society of the Holy Trinity (STS),
The Rev. Patrick J. Rooney
- Last but not least, we would greatly enjoy the company of your presence with our Synod family and friends!

– Archbishop Hotes

Also from Our Archbishop's Desk Additional Prayer Requests and Thanksgiving (*Note: You are encouraged to make requests.*)

- For the work of Holy Cross Ministries.
- For the congregation and clergy of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ, Rosedale as they continue their search to call a permanent pastor.
- For Pastor James Townsend and the people of St. Paul's in Sacramento, California.
- For the Ministries of Pr. William Gies in thanksgiving for his fine pastoral and priestly work.
- For Pastor Art Hebbeler and his ministry in curating the LC-I Facebook page and for the many new friends of the LC-I that are added each month through his efforts.
- In gratitude for the service of Bishop Richard Horn, Assistant to the Archbishop and Missionary Bishop for the Western Diocese.
- For Mitzi Eberhardt who serves as LC-I Vice President and spouse, Dean Rodney Eberhardt for their fine work bringing our Annual Assembly to fruition.
- For the continued success of the ministries of Bishop Juan Cepero and spouse, Carmen.
- For the ministries and welfare of the Very Reverend William Babbitt.
- For the ministries of Father Gene Fortune.
- For the ministries of our Deacons, Deaconess, and our Lay Leaders in thanksgiving for their ministries.
- For the ministerial outreach of our Synod, that we may find more and more ways to serve others.
- For the welfare of the Christian Church in Asia. Many expressions of Christ's church on earth are under persecution and repression in these days. This repression is touching LC-I missionary efforts in India. Because of the political and social climate in India at the present time, the LC-I is not able to continue to support the India ministries financially. This is not a decision on the part of the LC-I.



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

These prayers have been requested through communication to the Archbishop's office. Please include them in your personal prayers and in the prayers of your congregation. Prayers, thoughts, and joyful remembrances may be sent to the Archbishop: dbldoc@sbcglobal.net

- For healing and the special needs of Joanne, Jeanne, Gustave, Ute, and the family of Alexei Navalny.
- For Pastor Rajendra Tanuku Prasad and all the saints in India and other Christian missions and ministries suffering persecution in Asia.
- For persecuted Christians throughout the world.
- For clergy and laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and those suffering from war and turmoil in Israel and Gaza.
- For peace with justice throughout the world.
- For the work of the LC-I Institute for Ministerial Formation, under the guidance of Dean Rodney Eberhardt.
- For the Latin-focused ministries of the Lutheran Church–International in South and Latin America, Brazil, and the United States.
- For all deacons, pastors, and bishops of the LC-I.
- For all members of the Lutheran World Parish.
- For the good people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Christ, Rosedale, Queens as they continue their search for a new called pastor, and for Pastor Tom Robson who has served so well as their Interim.
- For the special ministries of Deacons Christine Watts, Anna Haye, Sam Sooppersaud, Sevika Sooppersaud, Eric Frank, Norbert Mayer, and Helena Morris.

- For special prayers for all those suffering in mind, body or spirit.
- For all of the members of the LC-I family who are in special need of the comfort of God's grace as well as healing and improved health.
- For the Lutheran Deaconess Association, collaborators in ministry with the LC-I, especially Lisa Polito, Executive Director of the LDA as she encounters new ministries in her retirement.
- For the ministries of LC-I Deaconess Christine Stephenson.
- For those traveling during the summer season. May God guide them and keep all safe in His care.
- For all the Saints at First Church in Lyons and Pastor Wigmore for his fine ecumenical leadership.
- For all the faithful who have been absent from worship due to fear or neglect due to COVID or other illnesses, that they may once again hear the healing Word and receive the Blessed Sacrament.
- For all the Saints of the Christian church on earth and in heaven.

“No one can believe how powerful prayer is and what it can effect, except those who have learned it by experience. Whenever I have prayed earnestly, I have been heard and have obtained more than I prayed for. God sometimes delays, but He always comes.”

Martin Luther

To Our Readers

The Editors of the LC-I and Lutheran World Parish BULLETIN are always eager to receive news of interest to the friends, members, and ministries of the LC-I. Articles in this BULLETIN reflect the opinions of their authors and are not to be understood as official statements by the LC-I. All items must have relevance to the identity and mission of the LC-I as expressed in our Constitution. A copy of the Constitution is available on the LC-I website. The LC-I reserves the right to approve all content as well as the right to copyright any material published with permission of the authors.

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To gather with God's people in united adoration of the
Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer.

Martin Luther

25th Annual Synod Meeting

St. Meinrad Archabbey

June 17-19, 2024

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Registration Form Elsewhere In This Issue

Reservation Deadline – June 1, 2024

After its last meeting, the Synod Assembly Venue
Committee made this recommendation for the
25th Annual Synod. It was approved by the Synod's
Executive Committee.

Mitzi Eberhardt
LC-I Vice President



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200 Hill Drive
St. Meinrad, IN 47577

2024 Annual Synod XXV

Monday–Wednesday (Afternoon)

June 17–19, 2024

Nearest airports:

Louisville, Kentucky and Evansville, Indiana.
One person, lodging and meals is \$243.00;
Two persons, lodging and meals is \$362.80.

**ALL TRAVEL, INFORMATION AND
REGISTRATION FORMS ARE INCLUDED
IN THIS ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN!**

Save a Stamp!

Mail your registration along with your Annual Dues!

Diocesan News & Notes

Keeping you up to date on good things going on!

Western Diocese

Rt. Rev. Richard W. Horn, Missionary Bishop

Bishop Horn, as LC-I Missionary Bishop, has been providing pastoral guidance to the Western Diocese. The LC-I Executive Board as requested by Holy Cross Mission in Sacramento, CA has changed their name to Holy Cross Ministries, serving in consultation with St. Paul's Lutheran Church and the leadership of Pastor James E. Townsend. Their representative lay leader at Holy Cross is Sandra Wolpert, teaching catechetical classes and developing outreach and educational ministries. Sandra is also working with Dean Rodney Eberhardt of LC-I's Institute for Ministerial Formation in developing an appropriate course of studies for recognition of her ministries. The Lutheran Church–International is appreciative of St. Paul's willingness to share their ministries in ways helpful to the whole Church.

Pastor Bruce Hackman, one of our Lutheran Church–International pastors, is Director of the San Pedro Pastoral Region of Catholic Charities of Los Angeles. He is highly respected and acclaimed by the CCLA Executive Director, The Rev. Monsignor Gregory A. Cox. Pastor Hackman's work with resident and immigrant communities includes extensive fund-raising, distribution of food, and provision of housing as well as supervision of a large staff.

Pastor Hackman is in the process of writing his thesis for a Master of Arts degree, comparing the theologies of Augustine and Luther especially "on the concepts of grace, faith, and the sovereignty of God," and how Luther "drew upon Augustine's ideas to develop his understanding of salvation."

At some point Pastor Hackman will retire from his current position and return to pastoral Lutheran ministry. Please keep him in your prayers in thankfulness for his ministry now, and as he plans and prepares for the future.

Mid-America Diocese

Rt. Rev. Jeffrey D. Bischoff, Bishop

Bishop Bischoff reports that daily masses and prayer offices continue at the St. Augustine's House which has also continued to have a steady stream of guests. Zion Evangelical Lutheran, Montpelier, Ohio

continues its worship in the Lower Church as Deacon Eric Frank continues to recover from knee surgery. One member of the congregation is wheelchair bound. The installation of a lift is being investigated to alleviate the need to use stairs to get to the Sanctuary. Deacon Norbert Mayer continues his ministries in the Fremont, Ohio area and is an inspiration to all with his tenacity and persistence in fulfilling the mission that God has for him.

Northeastern Diocese

Rt. Rev. Dr. Aubrey N. Bougher, Bishop

Bishop Bougher reports that he is continuing to provide pastoral care at Christ, Rosedale. The parish's Interim, Pastor Robson, is preparing to move to Florida. A nearby pastor is expected to assume responsibility for assuring continuity in the care of the parish as the Christ, Rosedale Call Committee continues its search to issue a permanent Call.

Christ Church is a member of the LC-I and is the Cathedral for the Northeast Diocese.



Pastor Robson (3rd from Right) with Ecumenical Clergy at a recent worship gathering in Rosedale

As shown above, ecumenical efforts by the Evangelical Church of Christ at Rosedale, Queens are important for the life of the community. The Reverend Dr. Thomas Robson, Interim Pastor has provided exceptional leadership. He is pictured with Episcopal and Roman Catholic clergy above. As an integral part of the Church catholic, the LC-I has a dynamic role to play in ecumenical affairs.

The Lutheran Church–International is grateful for Pastor Robson's pastoral leadership at Christ, Rosedale. We offer our prayers and good wishes as he prepares to relocate to Florida.

Missionary Ministries, Caribbean, Hispanic Rt. Rev. Juan O. Cepero

Under the episcopal guidance of Bishop Juan Cepero and Archbishop Hotes, the LC–I continues to strengthen ministries among Central and South American Christians along with Spanish speaking populations in the U.S. and Canada. These efforts are facilitated through the World Lutheran Parish and the LC–I Facebook page which also provides information on the outreach being done in Asia and Brazil.

Archbishop, Administrator of the Southern Diocese The Most Rev. Dr. Robert W. Hotes

Archbishop Hotes provides pastoral care and support for our Synod. In his March report to the Executive Committee of the Synod, he expressed his feeling that we have great opportunities and significant challenges in fulfilling our ministries in the Lord's name. He maintains that our Evangelical catholic identity needs to be strong and in accord with our Gospel-centered mission. We have many opportunities for service. Our presence is being felt as we collaborate with other Lutheran church bodies and other churches.

Archbishop Hotes is constantly in contact with all committees, pastors, and Bishops of our Synod via emails, text messages, and telephone. In addition, he is constantly in contact with Pastor Ettlemeyer, Director of Communications, regarding our BULLETIN newsletter and other pastoral matters. He has been particularly helpful in the formulation of standards for publishing articles promoting a wider awareness of our presence to other church organizations.

Archbishop Hotes has been working with Dean Eberhardt in developing a plan of studies focusing on needs of clergy and laity serving in LC-I ministries. Of special note is his input regarding long-term planning in the areas of evangelism outreach and mission activity. Special attention is being given to Latin ministries.

We are updating our Synod Roster and Directory as well as bringing the official document on Apostolic Succession up to date.

Editor's Note: Archbishop Hotes is always open to contact and is a wonderful example of pastoral and priestly shepherding to all.

Seekers and Believers – A Few Thoughts

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent St. John tells us some “Greeks” approached Andrew saying, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” After our celebration of the “Queen of Feasts,” the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, this request is instructive for us. When Andrew and Philip take this group of non-believers to our Lord he says the following:

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.” (St. John 12:23-26 ESV) The Greeks or the “seekers” receive what I feel is the calling for all who believe. Serving means following in word and deed. Following means being caring and compassionate for all who suffer in any way, physically, spiritually, or mentally. One who “loves his life” or puts self before others doesn't know Jesus as Savior. One who “hates his life” is one who is willing to put self aside so that others may find the peace and wholeness that only our Lord can provide.

One can only “love [one's] life” through humble service in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus Christ because it raises us beyond this life to life in Christ for all eternity. To “hate one's life” means that Jesus, our resurrected Savior comes first. We can be examples of this by actively seeking to be renewed in our calling by regularly hearing the Word and receiving the Blessed Sacrament. That means regularly worshiping in the community of faith where we are nourished for service to others.

Andrew and Philip took those “seekers” directly to the source. The disciples didn't talk to them about Jesus. They didn't leave them to wander around by themselves to find what they were seeking, nor can we bring others to him by leaving them to their own devices.

How about you? As we continue to grow in our knowledge of the wonder of the Resurrection and what God in Christ Jesus has done for us, how are you sharing that Good News? Are you actively participating in the life of the Body of Christ, God's holy Church? Are you actively praying and thinking of ways you can be a gentle and compassionate example of Christ's love for you? Are you helping others to do the same?

– Rev. Gary V. Ettlemeyer +

Lyons Inter Church Council Gathering Highlights

The Reverend William Wigmore, Pastor of First Lutheran, Lyons has sent us highlights of two recent special events sponsored by the Lyons Inter Church Council. His leadership with that organization has been inspirational!

Blessing of the Animals – Lyons Central Park – October 2023

Participants in the Blessing of the Animals included John Hewes, St. Michael Roman Catholic Church; Marcia Bilancini, First Lutheran Church; Beth Whitbeck, First Presbyterian Church; The Reverend Felicjan Sierotowicz, St. Michael Roman Catholic Church; The Reverend William Wigmore, First Lutheran Church.



Pastor Wigmore opens the service.



Father Sierotowicz offers the prayers.



People and animals enjoy fellowship in the park.



This person's pet is a blessing!



Leaders at the Blessing: John Hewes, Pastor Wigmore, Marcia Bilancini, Father Sierotowicz, Beth Whitbeck

Soup and Sharing Gathering, Lyons Community Center – February 27th

The second event was the Soup and Sharing gathering on February 27th. In past years the Council held this event on Tuesdays throughout Lent at each of the participating churches. Each gathering included special themes and presentations. Occasionally, churches would combine their efforts in the past, but in 2023 one event was held rather than the usual five to eight separate ones.



Participants at the Soup & Sharing: Beth Whitbeck, First Presbyterian Church; The Reverend James Carroll, United Methodist Church; The Reverend Felician Sierotowicz, St. Michael Roman Catholic Church; The Reverend William Wigmore, First Lutheran Church.



Pastor Wigmore welcoming guests.



Two of the presenters for the meal.



Father Sierotowicz offers comments.

MUTUAL SUPPORT OF ONE ANOTHER

Special thoughts shared by Bishop Horn

The Church, holy and catholic in its universality and in all expressions of the Church including the dioceses of the Lutheran Church – International, walks the difficult road of being both faithful and relevant. I am constantly reminded of Bishop William Lazareth’s admonition to follow Luther’s Two-Kingdom approach: living with one foot in this world and the other foot in the Kingdom of God – “without getting a spiritual hernia!” That is usually more easily said than done.

In our various ministries, we are all aware of the need to support one another. We are small in numbers in the LC-I, but we are very strong in our faithful commitment to Lutheran teachings and practices. What we believe and share together in faith is vitally important to you and to all the rest of us in the LC-I. That mutual support involves a number of forms, none more important than others (and thus none less important, either):

PRAYER

Our communication with God...

Without prayer, we dry up spiritually because prayer is our communication with God. Through Word and Sacrament and an openness to the Spirit’s leading, prayer guides us in our ministries individually and together.

COMMUNICATION

What keeps us together...

None of us is ever alone. Whatever you do in ministry reflects the ministry of the LC-I no matter where or with whom you serve. Across the LC-I, there are also connections with ELCA, LCMS, NALC, LCMC, ELCM, TAALC, RCC, PECUSA, SEC, UCC and other forms of denominational ministries enabling a cooperative outreach to God’s people through us. As in any relationship, communication sustains us together.

DUES and FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Financial support feeds ministries...

Dues and contributions are needed for the functioning of the LC-I, the same as for congregational ministries. Payment of annual dues (\$75 for individuals and \$150 for congregations) is constitutionally required of every rostered leader, and persistent failure to pay dues can result in removal from the LC-I (By-Laws 6: Inactive Members). Sadly, only half of the members of the LC-I (Congregations, Lay Ministries, Deacons,

Pastors and Bishops) have paid their required dues so far this year. If payment of dues is a financial hardship, the amount can be adjusted or waived by request to the diocesan or assigned bishop. Fortunately, many pastors and congregations also contribute additional amounts during the year at anniversaries or occasions in thankfulness or in honor or memory of others. These gifts can be designated for specific purposes (missions, disasters, Lutheran World Parish, Bishops Fund, memorials, endowment, or general needs) to keep the Church functioning. It should also be noted that the LC-I pays no salaries to any staff or position except a \$1 annual stipend to the Executive Board members.

PARTICIPATION

So many good things possible...

There are as many ways to serve the LC-I as the creativity of each one of us provides. Local, diocesan or regional gatherings, committees, or other pastoral and congregational events provide opportunities for fellowship, dialogue and “consolation of the brethren.” Most helpful, because of the time spent together in worship and decision-making, is the LC-I Annual Synod, this year at St. Meinrad’s Archabbey (Indiana) on June 18-19, 2024 with special presentations by renowned composer and organist Frederick Hohman and the Senior of the Society of the Holy Trinity (STS), The Rev. Patrick J. Rooney.

Each one of us brings a wealth of resourcefulness and creativity, of faith and commitment, of ministry adapted to location and circumstances. We are not all alike, nor should we be. But we have chosen voluntarily to join together and to remain as members of the Lutheran Church–International. If we are going to maintain a viable ministry within the LC-I to God’s people, we each need to show our commitment and service and not be an inactive observer.

May God bless (+) you and each of us in the ministry of our living savior, Jesus Christ.

+ Bishop Richard W. Horn

BULLETIN Newsletter Deadline

The Executive Board encourages you to submit information, pictures, and stories about the great fellowship and mission activities of your congregation. Help us make the BULLETIN more and more interesting with each issue. Please provide pictures whenever possible. Next deadline:

Pentecost and Ordinary time: May 6, 2024

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*First Lutheran Church, Lyons, New York
LC-I Headquarters Church and Archbishop's Office*

Reminder – 2024 Dues

FOR CONTINUING SUPPORT OF THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE LC – I
Clergy and Lay Minister Membership Dues: \$75.00 U.S.D.
Congregations / Communities of Faith Membership Dues: \$150.00 U.S.D.

Please maintain your good standing and credentialing! The dues are required for ordained and lay members and communities of faith who have been received and included on the official ministerial roster of the LC-I. All additional contributions, gifts, and bequests are gratefully received.

SPECIAL NOTE: Unable to meet your responsibility for 2024 dues? Contact your bishop as soon as possible.

2024 LUTHERAN CHURCH – INTERNATIONAL 2024
2024 MEMBERSHIP DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

_____ 2024 Dues for Ministerial Members: \$75
_____ 2024 Dues for Congregations and Communities of Faith: \$150
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_____ In Memory _____ In Thankfulness

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USEFUL ANNUAL SYNOD MATERIALS

The following pages are set up so that you can do the following:

1. Complete your registration and send required fees to our Synod Office.
2. Print the St. Meinrad brochure.
3. Print the Visitor's Guide and Guest Services Guide for your stay.
4. Read about our two guests who will make you glad you attended!

Note: *If you print the following pages back to back, they'll be properly oriented.
Please be mindful of the deadlines and suggested travel information shown.*

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REGISTRATION FORM

Annual Synod XXV of the Lutheran Church – International

Monday, June 17 - Wednesday, June 19, 2024

Annual Synod Registration: Includes Room & Meals

Single - \$243.00

Double - \$362.80

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 1, 2024

Number Attending: _____ Registration Confirmed _____ Registration PAID by _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

SEND TO: The Rev. William Wigmore, Treasurer
15 High Street
Lyons NY 14489

OR PastorWigmore@gmail.com (1-215-416-9591)

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Annual Synod XXV of the Lutheran Church–International

June 17-19, 2024

Hosted by the LC-I Southern Diocese

Location: St. Meinrad Archabbey

200 Hill Drive

St. Meinrad, IN 47577

Annual Synod Registration

\$243.00 Single \$362.80 Double

(Fee Includes Room & Meals)

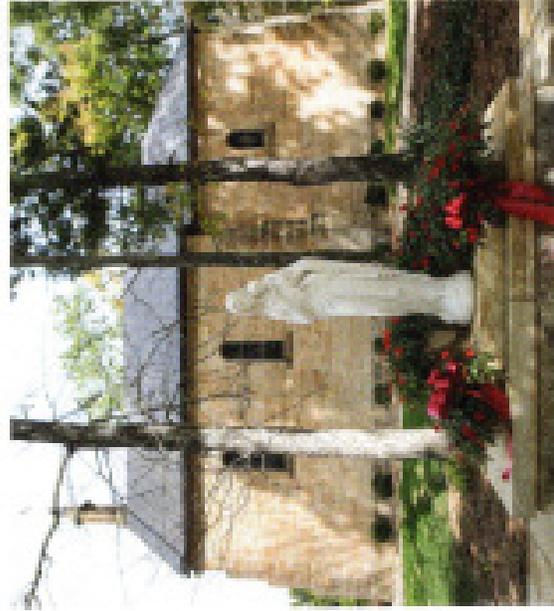
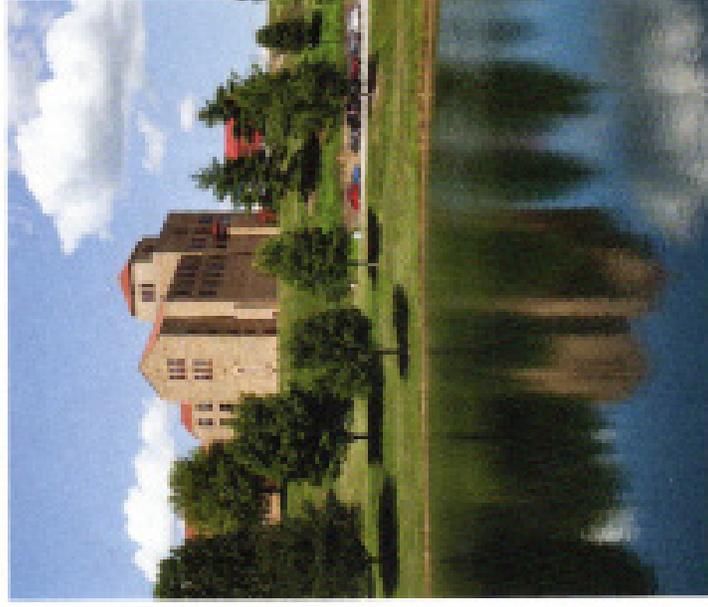
Nearest Airports: Evansville, IN and Louisville, KY

Registration Deadline: June 1, 2024

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of Benedictine hospitality."*



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Guest House and Retreat Center
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St. Meinrad, IN 47577

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Email: guestservices@saintmeinrad.edu

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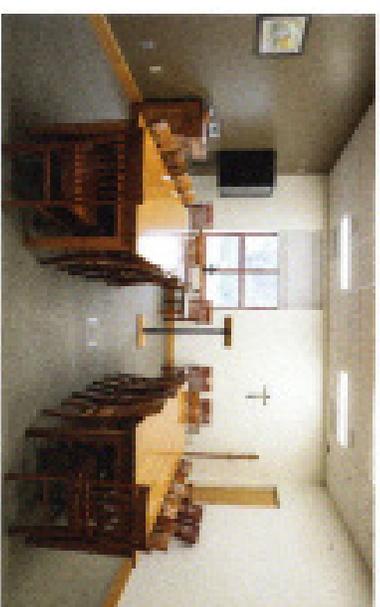
Guest Room



Guest House Chapel



Dining Room



Conference Room

ON YOUR VISIT:

- Join the monks for daily Mass and Liturgy of the Hours
- Visit nearby Monte Cassino Shrine
- Browse in the library (an art exhibit is often on display)
- Shop at the Saint Meinrad Archabbey Gift Shop and the campus bookstore The Scholar Shop
- Tour the grounds and the historic Archabbey Church
- Enjoy a walk around the beautiful campus
- Visit the Rock Garden

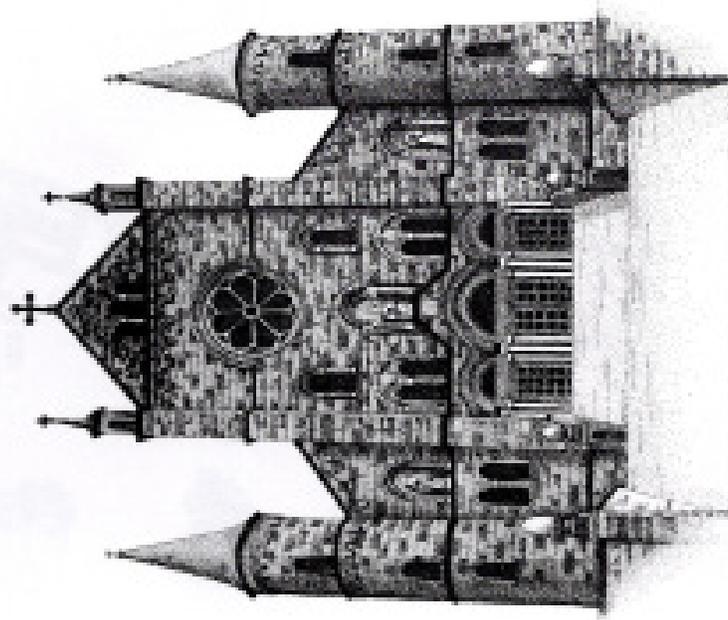
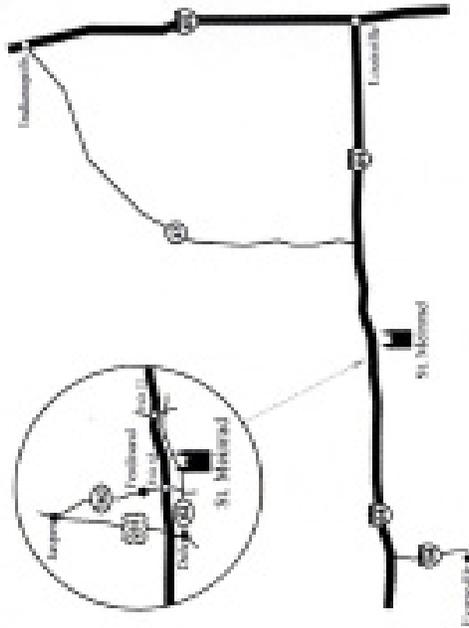


"A perfect setting for a retreat – peaceful, spiritual, and welcoming."

Directions

Saint Meinrad is located in southern Indiana, about halfway between Evansville, IN, and Louisville, KY. If travelling from the west, follow I-64 to Exit 63 (Ferdinand/Santa Claus), turn south on State Road 162, turn left onto State Road 62, go four miles.

From the east, take I-64 to Exit 72 (Bristow/Birdseye), turn south on State Road 145, take first right onto State Road 62, go eight miles. Follow the signs to the Archabbey.



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Helpful Information for Your Travel Plans

1. St. Meinrad is on Central Time. Please remember to lock your phone on Central Time. If you don't, it will change back and forth between Central and Eastern Time, depending on where you are on The Hill.
2. No transportation is provided to/from Evansville (Central Time) and Louisville (Eastern Time). Dasher Delivery Dash-A-Ride | Dasher Delivery does do transportation to/from airports. 3-days' notice needed!
3. Daily bus service from Louisville, KY and Dale, IN is available through Megabus (megabus | Low cost bus tickets from \$1). However, you will still need transportation from Dale to St. Meinrad. A group might want to explore this.
4. There is no Uber, Lyft, or taxi service near St. Meinrad. If anyone finds a local service, please be sure to set up a return trip, also.

SAINT MEINRAD ARCHABBEY GUEST SERVICES

Welcome to Saint Meinrad Archabbey! We hope you will be pleased with the facilities and that you will find the spirit of the Archabbey to be peaceful and prayerful.

Note: All times are Central Time.

Helpful Telephone Numbers

After hours: Dial extension 6611 or 6402

Archabbey Switchboard	(812) 357-6611
Archabbey Security	(812) 357-6402
Archabbey Security Cell	(812) 686-3512
Guest Master	(812) 357-6838

Driving Directions

From the West (St. Louis, Evansville):

Take I-64 east to Exit 63. At the exit ramp, turn right (south) onto State Road 162. Drive about 2 miles to a 4-way stop (intersection of State Roads 162 and 62). Turn left (east) onto State Road 62. Proceed to the town of St. Meinrad, about 5 miles. Follow the signs to Saint Meinrad Archabbey. Turn right onto 6th Street. Saint Meinrad is about 3 hours east of St. Louis and 1 hour east of Evansville.

From the East (Louisville):

Take I-64 west to Exit 72. At the exit ramp, turn left onto State Road 145. Then turn right onto State Road 62, immediately after the overpass. Drive about 8 miles to the town of St. Meinrad. Follow the signs to Saint Meinrad Archabbey and turn left onto 6th Street. Saint Meinrad is about 90 minutes west of Louisville.

Rooms and Amenities

All rooms are furnished with bedding, towels, pillows and soap. Wireless Internet connection is available in all buildings.

Benet Hall: Individual rooms and suites with private bathroom/shower. A TV lounge and kitchenette are available on each floor.

Guest House: Individual rooms with private bathroom/shower. Vending on first floor.

St. Anselm Hall: Individual rooms with private bathroom/shower. Guest lounge is located on first floor.

St. Gregory Hall: Individual rooms with private bathroom/shower.

St. Bede Hall: Individual rooms with private bathroom/shower. Vending is on third and fourth floors. TV lounge is on fourth floor.

Check-in and Check-out Times

Please check in and check out at the front desk of the Guest House and Retreat Center.

Check In: Rooms available after 2 p.m.

Check Out: 11 a.m.

Archabbey Liturgy Schedule

Morning Prayer 5:30 a.m. (7:15 a.m. Sunday/Feast Day)

Eucharist 7:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m. Sunday/Feast Day)

Noon Prayer 12 noon

Vespers 5 p.m.

Compline 7 p.m.

You are welcome to join the monks for prayer.

Please keep in mind:

- When singing and reading, please use a soft voice and listen to the pace set by the monks.
- To maintain an atmosphere of prayer, please turn off pagers and cell phones when entering the church.
- Please refrain from flash photography during liturgy. Photography at other times is encouraged.

Meal Times and Dining Rooms

Fresh coffee is available at 6:30 a.m. in the dining room assigned for the breakfast meal.

Breakfast: 8-9am

Lunch: Noon-1pm

Dinner: 5:30-6pm



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The Reverend Patrick J. Rooney STS, CTJ

General

Pastor Rooney is a retired Lutheran clergy having served parishes in central Pennsylvania, with 10 additional years in a Roman Catholic religious order. He has served on numerous committees in his Synods and, in his retirement, has served as interim pastor in several congregations in the Lower Susquehanna Synod and the North Carolina Synod-ELCA. He has served in the human services field including as President and CEO of a large non-profit entity serving the mentally ill and the developmentally disabled. He served 5 years in full time Ecumenical ministry.

Pastor Rooney is Past Chair of the York County History Center, York Pa and has served as a Board member of five other non-profit agencies.

He is the author of a number of published sermons for three different groups including 10 published by CSS under the title "The Perfect Sacrifice."

Pastor Rooney is a founding member of the Society of the Holy Trinity, a Lutheran Order and Ministerium, which now numbers some 180 pastors in the United States and Canada. He served as Dean, as General Secretary and in 2015 was elected Senior (Superior General) of the Society.

He has taught widely at retreats and other venues across the US and Canada and at all 23 of the Society chapters.

Pastor Rooney is a member of the Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem and served as Chaplain to the Priory of St. Clair before transferring to the Priory of St. Thomas a Becket where he serves as Master of Postulants and Assistant Chaplain. He also serves the Grand Priory of the USA as Grand Learning Officer.

He is the recipient of the Legion of Honor Award from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains in recognition of his community service.

Personal

Pastor Rooney is a native of England and completed his undergraduate studies at St. Mary's College, London; studied philosophy in America; has a Master's Degree in Counseling from Shippensburg University and completed his Lutheran studies at



Gettysburg Seminary. He has been married to Sally for 44 years and they have two grown children and three grandchildren.

Rotary Club

He is an active member of the Rotary Club of Raleigh and previously a member of the Rotary Club of York PA.

He was President of the York club in 2016-17 with 15 years of perfect attendance and served on more than 20 club committees.

He received the York Club's President's Certificate of Appreciation for Service Above Self and was awarded the Certificate of Excellence for service to the club. He is also a recipient of the Avenues of Service Citation from Rotary International.

District: Rotary District 7390

Served as District Governor 2019-20
Served as Team Leader for District 7390 GVSE team to Argentina - 2013.
Served as the District 7390 Conference committee chair 2016-17.

Rotary District 7710

Currently serves as Chair of the Peace Fellowship subcommittee and as a member of the District Foundation committee. He will serve as District Rotary Foundation Chair 2024-2027

Region and Zone

Served as RLI NEA faculty for seven years. He was awarded the RLI Faculty of the Year Award in 2019. Currently Faculty Trainer and facilitator for MARLI. Served as faculty at MA PETS for 6 years. Served as Zone 28/32 Facilitator for the training of Governor Nominees in 2020. Invited to be a guest speaker at two Rotary District and club events in India in 2019-20

Foundation

Pastor Rooney is a member of the Polio Plus Society in District 7710, a member of the Paul Harris Society and a Major Donor (Level 2) to the Rotary Foundation.

He also supports the club Foundation as a member of the Heritage Oaks Legacy Society.

WELCOME PASTOR ROONEY!



Frederick Hohman

Organist – Choirmaster – Teacher – Composer

From 1975 to 1979, Frederick Hohman served as organist-choirmaster of First Lutheran Church in Lyons, New York, a parish now affiliated with the Lutheran Church–International.

Frederick holds MusB, MM and DMA degrees from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York.

Groomed at Eastman as a recitalist since 1984, a year in which he won First Prizes in two notable organ-playing competitions, Frederick has performed hundreds of solo organ recitals throughout the USA, with foreign engagements in the UK, Australia, the Caribbean and Scandinavia.

Frederick founded the Pro Organo recording label in 1985 [ProOrgano.com]. With over 300 titles in its catalogue he continues to manage the label yet today.

Since 2018, the Pro Organo label has enjoyed exclusive worldwide digital distribution through Naxos of America. Frederick has appeared as both host and performing artist in the Pro Organo radio series heard on USA National Public Radio affiliates (1978-1979), and in the Midnight Pipes television series seen on select USA PBS affiliates (1997-2000).

Frederick has adjudicated over 20 national and international organ-playing competitions.

As a composer, his organ and choral music appears published under the Wayne Leupold and Zarex Scores insignias.

In 2017, Frederick served as an on-line organ instructor in an educational series sponsored by the American Guild of Organists, entitled “30 Lessons for the New Organist.”

Since 1990, Frederick has made his home in South Bend, Indiana with his spouse, Elizabeth.

More details and videos are found on-line at:

FrederickHohman.net