

A Word About Housing

The conference center is specifically designed to help attendants meet with God. Therefore, the focus of the center is to provide acres of beautifully landscaped gardens where participants can be alone with God, or spend time in intimate conversation with friends. In addition to outdoor areas, there are cozy indoor spots, such as the large coffee shop, meeting rooms, and living room type areas in the various lodges. Not to mention that the bedrooms themselves are actually quite spacious, and most include a patio or balcony with a beautiful view of the lake or grounds. My overall point is that I am not picturing us spending a great amount of time sitting in our rooms.

Although I, like many of you, have become accustomed to the thought of a get-a-way meaning a hotel room by myself or with a friend, I have decided not to go that route with the Mothers & Ministry conference for several reasons. While a luxury hotel does provide more “room privacy,” I have found that the hotel crowds, lobby lines for check in and coffee, scrambling for nearby restaurants in between sessions, dealing with parking, and paying exorbitant prices for it all, have left me wanting for a more peaceful and God-centered experience in the past. Though the conference center rooms are set for six people, I feel the overall simplicity of the grounds and focus on nature will actually provide a more peaceful experience.

For those of you who are anxious about the thought of six to a room, I would ask you to open your mind to what God is calling you to. Could it be possible that He will provide for you in ways you cannot see? Could he be asking you to give up control and trust Him? Could you open your hands and allow Him to fill them? I encourage you to not let housing fears keep you from such an opportunity of growth and peace in your parenting. Don't let those fears keep you from registering. Let's trust in Him together & just see what He has in store!!

FAQ's:

I am interested in going, but I don't have five friends to come with me. Should I go ahead and register? Absolutely! Go ahead and reserve your spot now. We will work with you to find the best roomies for you. The conference team will be praying for each mom, and we trust that God will provide the exact combination of women to meet your exact spiritual needs. You may come away from this conference with new and lasting relationships!

Can I request specific roommates? Of course! Please write in the notes section of your on-line registration, which moms you would like to room with. Once registration closes in December, we will begin processing the housing requests. You will receive your final rooming assignments at that time.

Can I somehow pay extra money to have a room with less roommates? If you are in the position to purchase two spots, there is nothing stopping you from doing so. This would assure you of fewer people in your room, as one of the beds would go unused. If you had 2 other friends who wanted to do the same, you would have a “6-bed room” with 3 participants. The cost would be \$370, which would actually be comparable to what you would pay for a two night stay at the Marriott including food, parking, and the like. Please just mark this in the notes of your on-line registration.