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**2022 Annual Gathering – July 10-15, 2022
Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, USA**

Information Sheet

1) Meeting Venue:

Samford University
800 Lakeshore Dr.
Homewood, AL 35229
USA



2) BWA Registration Fees:

	Before April 30, 2022	From May 1 – June 30, 2022	ONSITE
Participant:	US\$150.00	US\$175.00	US\$200.00
2 Participants (Married Couples only):	US\$250.00	US\$275.00	US\$300.00
Participant (Under 35 years old only):	US\$95.00	US\$120.00	US\$145.00
Virtual Participant:	US\$50.00	US\$50.00	-----

NB: Airport transfers NOT INCLUDED in the conference fee.

Register and make your accommodation* reservation all in one place!

Please visit the BWA website at www.baptistworld.org/annual-gathering/ to access the **online registration page** or click the following direct link: <https://bwa.regfox.com/bwa-2022-annual-gathering>.

Regardless of payment method, we ask that you register online. For credit card users, follow the instructions you receive on the secure registration page. Credit card transactions online and offline will be charged in US Dollars. For those persons not paying with a credit card, please use the online registration form and select "Offline Payment" and follow the instructions on how to send and completed your registration payment to the BWA Office.

IMPORTANT: ONLINE REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE on June 30, 2022. After that date, you must register onsite (dependent on availability). **Make your accommodation reservations by May 31, 2022, to ensure special rates and availability.** Samford University Housing and Sonesta Select will not guarantee the availability of rooms after the cut-off date.

3) Schedule:

Enclosed is a draft schedule for the meetings. **Please refer to this schedule when making your travel arrangements.** Check our website (www.baptistworld.org/annual-gathering/) regularly for updates. A schedule highlighting all virtual components for those that will not be able to join us in person will be available soon.

4) Meal Plan and Conference Per Diem:

The Meal Plan and Conference Per Diem Fee is US\$50 per person/per day and includes:

- 3 meals per day (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)
- Use of Samford University Meeting Facilities
- On-campus parking for one vehicle per participant
- Guest internet access in meeting space
- Use of Sam-Tram campus shuttle service around campus grounds

Please indicate on your registration form how many days you will attend.

Note: If staying in Samford University accommodations, the number of days of Meal Plan has to match your number of accommodations days.

5) Accommodations

Make your accommodation reservations by May 31, 2022, to ensure special rates and availability.

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A. Samford University:

Accommodations will be at the Beeson Woods Residence Hall on the Campus of Samford University. Beeson Woods is an area on the east side of campus that consists of 13 residence halls.

All buildings in Beeson Woods are made up of 10 suites.



Each suite contains 2 bedrooms with private bathroom in each bedroom and a living room or common area with a kitchenette.

Room Type	Rate
Single Occupancy: Private room in shared suite	US\$75.00 per night/per room
Married Couple: Private room in shared suite	US\$75.00 per night/per room
Double Occupancy: Shared room in shared suite	US\$40.00 per night/per person

The Room Rate includes:

- one set of bed linens for the duration of the stay
- two bath towels
- two bath cloths
- One additional set of towels and bath cloths will be delivered to individuals occupying a Room for more than five (5) nights

Each Bedroom contains:

- 2 Twin beds
- 2 Desks
- 2 Desk Chairs
- 2 three-drawer chests
- In-suite bathroom

Living area contains:

- 1 love seat
- 2 upholstered chairs
- 1 round table with 4 chairs for dining

Each kitchenette contains:

- full-size refrigerator

- small sink
- upper and lower cabinets for storage

There are laundry facilities (paid by participant) and a stove/oven are located on the lowest floor of each building.

In addition, the following services and amenities shall be provided for participants staying in campus housing:

- On-campus parking for one vehicle per occupant, per night
- Guest internet access in residence rooms and meeting space
- Access to designated computer facilities
- Access to certain campus fitness facilities as designated by the University
- Use of Sam-Tram campus shuttle service around campus grounds

Please indicate on your registration form your room type and how many days you will be staying.

Note: Number of accommodation days has to match your number of Meal Plan days.

You can choose your roommate and suitemates in the provided fields. If you do not provide a name, BWA will make the allocation with other participants of the same gender.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

A limited number of rooms with various handicap accommodations are available. Please email meetings@baptistworld.org if you require special accommodations.

NOTE:

- Rates are quoted in US Dollars.
- Maximum room capacity is 2 people and maximum suite capacity is 4 people.
- **Reservations can be made until May 31, 2022.**
- All reservations made after May 31, 2022, are subject to availability.

B. Sonesta Select Birmingham Colonnade

4300 Colonnade Parkway
Birmingham, AL 35243
Phone: (205) 967-4466



Room Type	Single	Double
Studio Suite	US\$ 154.00	US\$ 154.00

- Check-in time is after 3:00 p.m. on the day of arrival.
- Check-out time is before noon on the day of departure.
- Rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes 17.5% and \$3.00 local assessment in effect at the time of check-in.
- Room rates are applicable for July 9-16, 2022.
- **Reservations can be made until May 31, 2022, guaranteed with a major credit card.**
- **Credit card will be charged one night room deposit upon making reservation.**
- All reservations made after **May 31, 2022**, are subject to availability.
- Participant is responsible for own transportation to Samford University.

HOTEL Reservation Methods:

Participant should make hotel booking directly with Sonesta Hotels. **Make reservations by May 31, 2022, to ensure special rates above.** Hotel will not guarantee the availability of rooms after the cut-off date. **(Reservation method details to follow)**

6) Cancellation Policy:

All fees paid to the BWA (Registration, Meals and Samford University Accommodations) will be refunded only when written/email request is received in our offices before March 31, 2022. An administration fee of US\$25 will apply to each cancellation. We regret that cancellations made after March 31, 2022, will result in loss of the entire registration fee.

COVID-19 Special Considerations:

In addition, the following will apply with specific respect to the **COVID-19** outbreak characterized as a pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020: if (1) the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the state of Alabama issues a regulation, advisory, notice, or warning (collectively, a "Notice") advising travelers to avoid travel to Birmingham, Alabama, avoid gatherings of the size contemplated by this agreement, or to shelter in place/stay at home as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and such Notice covers the Event dates, and (2) as a direct result of such Notice, **BWA and Samford University will make a formal announcement** as soon as reasonable practicable, but in any event, no later than **March 31, 2022**. All fees paid to the BWA would then be refunded accordingly.

BWA will send out the latest COVID-19 US travel restrictions on/by May 15, 2022. We encourage you to purchase travel insurance and refundable tickets.

7) Speak Freedom Conference (hosted by the 21Wilberforce Global Freedom Center)

The Speak Freedom Conference is a leadership program on living with passion, leading with excellence, and leading systemic changes. Effective change makers seek out the vulnerable and take positive steps to advocate for change and prevent injustice. This conference can help you learn and grow as a leader. Emergent leaders face significant opposition anytime systemic change is considered.

Dynamic leaders from ministry, non-profit humanitarian and advocacy organizations, and business will share insight to explore how to lead courageously through some of the greatest challenges of our time. Join us! *"To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God."* Micah 6:8.

Title: Speak Freedom: Developing Emergent Leaders in the Struggle for Justice

Date: Saturday, July 9, 2022, 9:00am – 3:00pm

Venue: Samford University

Cost: US\$25 (if added to your Annual Gathering registration – includes book and workbook)

8) Worship on Sunday:

Birmingham Baptist Churches are looking forward to receiving you at their services on Sunday, July 10, and Sunday, July 17. Please email us at meetings@baptistworld.org to let us know if you are interested in attending or preaching at one of their Sunday worship services.

9) Racial Justice Special Emphasis:

As many around the world continue to experience racism, ethnic tension, structured injustices, and extrajudicial violence, this Annual Gathering will have a special focus on racial justice designed to help us listen, learn, and lean into a biblical mandate to pursue justice and transformative peace. This includes:

Connecting with your Global Family – Join with a global family of Baptist leaders through worship, prayer, learning, relationship building, and shared ministry.

Growing and Collaborating – Engage in racial justice focused plenaries, Bible studies, regional ministry updates, and small group reflections developed by 14 BWA Commissions.

Equipping for Impact – Join a “Leading for Social Change” pre-conference, follow a dedicated path through the Annual Gathering, and receive a leadership certificate.

Journeying Together – Experience a visit to a nearby community that provides a historic lens as well as commissions us to serve as ongoing leaders pursuing racial justice around the world today.

Taking Action – Engage with BWA resolutions and resources and discover practical ways individuals, churches, and conventions and unions can take immediate action to further racial justice around the world.

10) Tour Opportunities:

Racial Justice Journey:

On **Thursday July 14, 2022**, there will be an opportunity to join a special Racial Justice Journey to nearby Montgomery, Alabama. Together we will visit several historic sites that document sins of racial injustice as well as efforts to pursue sustained change and justice. This will be a meaningful time of listening, learning, praying, and being recommissioned with a biblical mandate to return to our home cities and countries and follow in the path of transformative racial justice. This tour has an additional fee of US\$40 and pre-registration is required by **May 1, 2022**. Space is limited.

Post Tours

On the afternoon of **Friday, July 15, 2022**, there will be an optional post tour organized and facilitated by individuals who are members of the Baptist Heritage & Identity Commission. This tour will visit several sites throughout Birmingham, Alabama, including a museum and key churches that pressed for racial justice. The tours have an additional fee and pre-registration is required by **May 1, 2022**. Space is limited. For further information about this tour, email Melody Maxwell at melody.maxwell@acadiu.ca.

11) Visa Information:

Please check to see if you are required to have an entry visa. Visa information can be obtained from the following site at <https://www.uscis.gov/forms/explore-my-options/visit-the-united-states> or your nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

BWA will issue an invitation letter only after you have completed the Annual Gathering registration process. Please supply the requested information on your registration form. **Invitation letters will be sent within 2 weeks of complete registration.** Thank you for your patience.

To ensure your participation, please apply for your visa in sufficient time before the event.

12) Proxies (General Council members):

If as a Member Body, you are sending a proxy in place of your named General Council member, BWA will need an official letter stating the name of the person proposed as proxy and whom they will be replacing at the meeting. Please send the letter before June 1, 2022, to Julie Justus at Julie@baptistworld.org.

13) Program of Assistance for Travel and Hospitality (PATH):

a) PATH Sponsorships

As you know, some leaders of our member bodies are unable to attend the Annual Gathering without the assistance of PATH (travel and hospitality) Scholarships. We rely on donations to support these leaders. Please consider giving to the PATH Fund. Thank you in advance for any donations you designate as a PATH Grant. These may be sent to the BWA Office, Attn: Finance Department, or you can also add your donation when you complete your registration form online.

b) PATH Requests

PATH Grants for 2022 are extremely limited. Normally, those who wish to apply for a PATH Grant must be from BWA Member Bodies which have made a contribution to the organization since January 2019. Please consult your member body before writing to us. For further information, please e-mail Julie@baptistworld.org.

14) BWA Annual Gathering Report Book:

In keeping with the desire to improve our stewardship of the environment and to facilitate those that will be participating virtually, we will only offer the BWA's Annual Gathering Report Book electronically.

Additional Information Contact:

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