To delegates and attendees at the 2015 General Conference Session:

Welcome to the World Church family of Seventh-day Adventists, and especially to our delegates and others who are attending the 2015 General Conference Session in San Antonio, Texas from July 2 to 11. We look forward to a highly spiritual meeting as we listen to reports of how God is carrying the 'Three Angels' Messages of Revelation 14 to every corner of this globe, and how the Advent movement is reaching every region, town, and home with a life-saving message of hope.

During a General Conference Session, not only do we have the joy of worshipping together as a worldwide family; we have the opportunity to clearly focus on the mission of the Church and how best to accomplish that mission. Elements of our overall mission theme of "Tell the World" will continue until the Lord comes as we reach up to God, reach out to others, and reach across to nurture, retain and involve everyone in the work of the Church.

Let's continue moving forward together as we focus on God's Holy Word, on the Holy Spirit's wonderful work of personal and corporate revival and reformation, on health and community outreach, on integrated evangelism using personal outreach, integrated media approaches, and public evangelism, and on our mission to the cities where millions are longing for the hope that we have to share. Moving forward, let us reaffirm the marvelous foundational truths of the Bible that make us who we are as Seventh-day Adventists—including our understanding of the sanctuary service as God's work for His people at this time, and the wonderful guiding blessing that God has given the Church through the gift of the Spirit of Prophecy.

As we meet together in San Antonio, let us lift up God's work as central to all that we do. Let Christ's righteousness be the theme of our personal and public expression of who we are as Seventh-day Adventist Christians. Let's pray together for God's leading in a marvelous way during our 60th General Conference Session as we plead with the Lord for the outpouring of the latter rain of the Holy Spirit and the second coming of Jesus Christ.

With kind Christian regards,
Pastor Ted N. C. Wilson

About San Antonio

The City of San Antonio welcomes all delegates and friends of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists!

San Antonio is one of the most exciting cities in the State of Texas. The seventh most populous city in the United States and the second most populous city in the state of Texas, its population exceeds 1.3 million. San Antonio is located in the American Southwest, the south-central part of Texas.

San Antonio is home to historical landmarks and cultural attractions. Top historical sights include the River Walk, the Alamo & Mission, SeaWorld, the Tower of the Americas, the Alamo Bowl, Marriage Island, the San Antonio Spurs, the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo and Six Flags Fiesta.

Although San Antonio has many popular attractions, The Alamo is probably the most well known because of the Mission and its historical significance. The River Walk is possibly the second most visited attraction, with SeaWorld, located approximately 16 miles west of Downtown being rated as number three.

Food enthusiasts will be pleased to know that San Antonio claims to be the birthplace of the spicy stew we call chili. Natives say that it was introduced to the nation when the city sent a San Antonio Chili stand to the 1893 Columbian Exposition in Chicago. It may also be of interest to visitors who love snacks influenced by Latin American cuisine that San Antonio is the home of the Frito, the Cheeto and David Pace's Pace picante sauce.

The San Antonio Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates that over 26 million tourists visit the city each year, bringing in billions of dollars in economic activity to the region. San Antonio has an economy that can be divided into four basic fields: financial services, government, healthcare and tourism. The General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is pleased to conduct its 60th business session in this historic city.
About the General Conference Session

General Conference Session: Opening and Closing
The opening business meeting of the 60th General Conference Session will begin on Thursday, July 2, at 8:30 a.m. local time. The closing meeting will end on Saturday night, July 11.

Simultaneous Interpretation Services
Business meetings, morning worship and evening programs of the 60th General Conference Session will be conducted in English. These will all be translated into multiple languages, and an FM radio will be needed to receive these translations. (See AWR Radio Sales Announcement on page six for details regarding purchase of FM radios). Delegates and guests may bring their own FM radios. Available languages will be posted on the website 2015.GCsession.org closer to the Session time.

Commercial and Promotional Exhibits
Commercial and promotional exhibits at the General Conference Session will be located in the HBG Convention Center, Halls A, B, and C. The exhibits provide an opportunity for church members to see the latest tools to assist with the mission of the church. Enjoy the Adventist Book Center, purchase music from recording artists, try new products, and meet people from around the world.

Exhibitors wishing to rent space should contact Dean Rogers, Exhibit Manager, at the General Conference: Phone (301) 680 6221 or E-mail rogersd@gc.adventist.org. Exhibit applications are also located on the Session website, 2015.GCsession.org.

The Alamodome & Henry B Gonzalez Convention Center (HBG)
Located right in downtown San Antonio close to the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center (also called HBG Convention Center) are countless hotels, restaurants, attractions and more. The Alamodome was built for flexibility. With 160,000 gross square feet of column-free exhibit space and 30,000 square feet of conference space, the Alamodome is ideal for conventions, general assemblies, trade shows, sports, special events and more.

With an exceptional location downtown on the renowned River Walk, the HBG Convention Center is within walking distance (via street level or the River Walk) of historical attractions, restaurants and shops and is close to 13,500 downtown hotel rooms. It has more than 630,000 total square feet of meeting space, with 440,000 contiguous square feet of exhibit space. Outside the HBG Convention Center one will find scenic plazas with native landscaping, the adjacent Hemisfair Park and Plaza Mexico, and the San Antonio River, which runs through the HBG Convention Center.
Classification of Attendees, Registration and Seating

Attendees to the GC Session are classified in one of several categories:

**Delegates**
Those persons who have been officially selected by unions, divisions, and the General Conference to vote in the GC Session business meetings. Delegates are required to register at the GC Session and, when wearing the badge provided, will be granted access to seats in the area reserved for delegates.

**Guests**
Immediate family members of a delegate who will be accompanying the delegate and staying in the same hotel as the delegate. Guests are required to register, and when wearing the badge provided, will be granted access to seats in the area reserved for delegates.

**Visitors**
Attendees who come as observers to the GC Session. Visitors will have access to seating in any area of the Alamodome and HBG Convention Center except in those areas reserved for delegates and guests.

**Special Guest**
A category of delegates to accommodate representation from different levels of the General Conference institutions, service agencies, fields, and entities that might not be covered by the constitutional provisions.

**Staff**
Persons authorized and employed by the GC Session Management to care for managerial functions at the Session. Staff personnel are required to register and must wear the badge provided in order to have access to the delegate seating area or to other restricted areas of the Alamodome and HBG Convention Center.

**Exhibitors**
Persons who are authorized to operate and/or manage commercial or promotional exhibits at the GC Session. Exhibitors must register at the Exhibit Manager’s Office located in East Registration in the HBG Convention Center. Badges provided to exhibitors will permit access to exhibit halls for preparing exhibits, etc. Exhibitors will have access to seating in any area of the Alamodome and HBG Convention Center except in those areas reserved for delegates and guests.

**Media**
Duly authorized representatives of media services who are required to register at the Media Services desk in the Plaza level entrance of the Alamodome.

**Observers**
Officially invited guests.

San Antonio’s Services

The City of San Antonio offers several transportation options for conventioners:

San Antonio International Airport is located in the north-central part of the city, approximately eight miles from downtown and easily accessible from major highways. Upon arrival, you will find several transportation options: taxi cabs, shuttle service, hotel shuttles, city bus service, car rentals, charter buses and limousine service. Ground transportation is located curbside in front of Terminal A and B baggage claim area. Uniformed transportation agents (wearing red shirts) can describe services and provide estimated rates to various destinations. For additional ground transportation information please call 210.207.3465.

Thanks to the compact downtown area, attractions, meeting venues, hotels and restaurants are within walking distance via the River Walk or street level. River taxis and bike sharing are unique ways to get around, and the convenient bus and streetcar routes make it even easier.

**Public Transportation:** VIA Metropolitan Transit is San Antonio’s public transportation agency offering service throughout the city including streetcar service within the downtown area. As of November 2013 a regular bus pass is $1.20, and a daily bus pass is $4.00. Board the Sightseer Special (Bus #7) to visit many of San Antonio’s must-see stops along one line. VIA Bus Route 7 runs daily between the city’s favorite sites: HBG Convention Center, Alamo, San Antonio Museum of Art, Japanese Tea Garden, Brackenridge Park, San Antonio Zoo, Witte Museum and San Antonio Botanical Garden. For more information on routes and prices visit: viainfo.net

**Taxi Service:** Taxi Service is available around the clock. Taxis can be hailed. Many are located near major hotels.

**Unique Modes of Transportation:** River Taxi: Move between the HBG Convention Center, restaurants, museum, and beautiful scenic routes on Rio Taxi. For more information visit: riosanantonio.com/rio-taxi.

**San Antonio B-Cycle:** Explore the city like a local and get your exercise on rental bicycles. San Antonio B-Cycle is designed to make all your short trips fun and healthy. Simply check out a B-Cycle when you need one, and return it to any open station when you arrive at your destination. B-Cycling is quick, easy, affordable, and kind to the environment. For more information visit: Sanantonio.bcycle.com

**Medical Services:** There are several urgent care centers, hospitals and pharmacies in the downtown and surrounding areas. Should you need immediate service, call 911 to request emergency service.

**Weather and Clothing:** Weather in San Antonio, Texas will be hot in the day time. It averages between 90°-100° degrees (32°-37° Celsius) in the day to mid-70° degrees (24° Celsius) in the evening. The buildings will be air conditioned. Light-weight clothes and comfortable walking shoes are needed. Dress shoes are not required.
## Housing Application

### Instructions

Housing reservations for the GC Session can be made at any time after May 1, 2014. For best availability and immediate confirmation of hotel assignment, make your reservation by phone or internet. Fax or mailed housing requests will take longer to process and your choice of hotels may not be available. Reservation deadline is June 3, 2015. Applications will not be accepted after this time.

**TELEPHONE:** Call the Session Housing Bureau (must have a credit card), 8am — 5pm CST, Monday through Friday at Telephone (210) 207-6704.

**FAX:** Only completed forms will be accepted by fax. Send one per room request. (Make copies as needed) to Fax: (210) 207-6702.

**EMAIL:** housing@visitsanantonio.com

**INTERNET:** Reservations may be made, checked, or modified, from May 1, 2014 to June 10, 2015 at the following website: 2015.GSession.org

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:** The Session Housing Bureau will confirm your reservations within 5 to 10 days of your reservation being processed. Please review all information for accuracy. Note: You may not receive a separate confirmation from your hotel.

**RATES/TAXES:** Take advantage of our special rates. Please book your reservation by June 3, 2015. After this date room blocks will be released and rates may be higher. All rates are per room per night and subject to 16.75% tax (subject to change).

**SPECIAL REQUESTS:** Special requests for specific room types cannot be guaranteed. Hotels will do their best to honor all requests and will assign specific room types upon check-in based on availability.

**DEPOSIT:** A US$200.00 deposit will be required for each room requested (for checks only—credit cards are held for guarantee only). Checks must be received by May 1, 2015. A processing fee of $35 will be assessed if check bounces.

Payment: Mail housing form with check deposit to: San Antonio Housing Bureau 202 S. St. Mary's St, Suite 200 San Antonio, TX 78205

**CHANGES, CANCELLATIONS, REFUNDS:** Reservations may be changed or cancelled without penalty up to May 10, 2015 (8pm CST). Cancellations made on or after May 11, 2015 will be assessed a US $50.00 fee.

Please note: If any reservation is cancelled within 72 hours of your arrival date, your total deposit will be forfeited.

**DO NOT CONTACT YOUR HOTEL DIRECTLY UNTIL AFTER June 10, 2015.**

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### Section 3. Room Selection

- Single (1 person, 1 bed)
- Double (2 persons, 1 bed)
- Triple (3 persons, 2 beds)
- Quad (4 persons, 2 beds)

1st hotel choice:

2nd hotel choice:

3rd hotel choice:

4th hotel choice:

### Section 4. Deposit

**Guarantee:** This room request must be accompanied by a deposit of US$200.00. Deposit may be made by check, money order, or by credit card. Faxed request must include a valid credit card. Credit card must be valid through the dates of GC Session of July 2-11, 2015. See below for check information.

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**Attention:** Those paying by cashier's check or money order must send US$200.00 per room deposit. Check deposit MUST BE MADE PAYABLE TO SAN ANTONIO HOUSING BUREAU.
# Hotel Accommodations - San Antonio

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Rates are for 2015, not including taxes. Current hotel taxes in San Antonio are 16.75% (subject to change).
Meals and Access

Meal Service:
Meeting the diverse needs of the World Church in food preparation is a high priority for the GC Session in San Antonio, Texas. Menu planning includes intentional efforts to address the suggestions and recommendations of our attendees. Recognizing the need to provide convenient, wholesome, appealing vegetarian meals at cost-effective prices has become a goal worth pursuing.

Meal service will be in Hall D of the HBG Convention Center. Meal tickets will be available via the Session website at: 2015.gcsession.org after May 1, 2014. Noon meal tickets will be available daily and evening meals will be available on Friday and Sabbath evenings. Delegates will receive additional meal ticket information from their sponsoring organization.

In order to preserve the quality and quantity of meals, it is vital to purchase meal tickets in advance. Tickets will be available for pick up at the meal tickets sales kiosk located in the East Registration of the HBG Convention Center. Meal ticket information and fees are available on the website 2015.GCSession.org. Only a minimal number of meal tickets will be available on-site, so pre-purchasing is recommended.

There will also be a limited number of on-site food outlets operating at specific hours during the Session. Every effort is being made to alert the greater downtown area of the specific needs of our attendees so quality meals are available. However, local menus and pricing will prevail, so plan accordingly. Please check often for additional information posted on the website as we draw closer to the event.

Entrances for People With Disabilities
All lower gates of the Alamodome are at street level and are accessible for entrance by people with disabilities. All levels of seats have accessible chairs and space for wheelchairs, strollers, etc.

Travel Information in the United States

Entry Into the United States
Citizens from countries outside the United States must contact their local U.S. Consulate for entry requirements.

Importing Goods Into the United States
Most things brought into the United States for personal use during the visit will be considered “personal baggage” by the United States Customs office. Such items include sports equipment, clothing, musical instruments, computers, cellular phones, and cameras. Weapons are not permitted to be brought into the country.

Legal drugs, in quantities for personal use, can generally be brought into the United States with no problem. Prescription drugs should be placed in a plastic bag and clearly marked to specify what they are and that they are being used under prescription.

Driver’s Licenses, Vehicle Insurance in the United States
Vehicle insurance is compulsory throughout the United States of America. The use of seat belts in vehicles is mandatory for all drivers and passengers. International driver’s licenses are required for non-residents wishing to drive in the United States.

United States Currency, Money Exchange, Use of Credit Cards and ATMs
The currency system in the United States uses paper money and coins. To get the best exchange rates, a visitor should exchange money at a financial institution such as a bank, trust company, or currency exchange. Most international credit cards and principal bank cards are honored in the United States. There are many ATMs (Automated Teller Machines) throughout San Antonio.

Electrical Voltage and Connections
The electricity supplied to standard consumer connections in the United States is 110 volt, 60 cycle AC current. Two or three-pin plugs are accepted for connecting to the electrical outlet.

Service Charges and Tips
Tips or service charges are not generally added to a bill in San Antonio. Usually a tip of 20% of the total amount is given. This applies to waiters, waitresses, barbers and hairdressers, taxi drivers, etc. Bellhops, doormen, and porters at hotels are generally tipped $2.00 per item of luggage. Tips for maid service are usually $2.00 per day.

Holiday during the GC Session
July 4 is a major national holiday in the United States known as Independence Day. On July 4 special programs are usually seen in San Antonio. Highways may be congested during this period due to national holiday weekend travel.
Revival and Reformation Emphasis — Woven throughout this General Conference Session will be extra time given to singing, prayer, testimonies, and Scripture to encourage and support our greatest and most urgent need: "a revival of true godliness among us" — Vol. 1 Selected Messages, p. 121." Opportunities include:

- A Prayer Room (prayer, seminars, and announcements for other activities will be available here)
- Revived By His Word features
- 777 Prayer Emphasis
- Resources for Revival and Reformation in the exhibit hall

"The convocations of the church . . . are God's appointed opportunities for giving the early and the latter rains." — Testimonies to Ministers, p. 508. Please join with brothers and sisters from around the world in praying that this General Conference Session will be completely led and inspired by the Holy Spirit.

Meetings for Adventist Women—Arise and Shine!

A series of special meetings for women at the Session who are not delegates will be presented by Women's Ministries and Shepherdess International. The morning meetings will be held Monday through Thursday, July 6-9, from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Two afternoon seminars will be held Tuesday and Thursday, July 7 and 9, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Grand Ballroom C in the HBG Convention Center

All meetings will feature inspiring presenters who will explore topics of spiritual and personal growth, service, and daily living. The meetings will include good music and reports from around the world.

No registration is required.

Adventist Mission Stage Features Music and Reports from Around the World

One of the most popular features at recent GC Sessions has been the Adventist Mission stage. Like a mini-camp meeting, it features a fast-moving program of music, guest speakers, live interviews, mission stories, and videos. Take a few minutes to stop at the stage to rest your feet and re-charge your spiritual batteries!

Sponsored by the General Conference Office of Adventist Mission, the stage brings you a colorful celebration of music and mission. For more information, visit www.AdventistMission.org

AWSR Radio Sales

Adventist World Radio is making available to the attendees to the General Conference Session a small, portable, digitally tuned AM/FM and shortwave radio for $25 each or two for $40. These radios can be used to receive the simultaneous interpretation; they come with batteries, have an alarm clock, headphones, and an external SW antenna. In addition, a small, multi-powered source AM/FM/SW radio (solar, battery, crank, electrical) will also be available for purchase for $35. This radio has a flashlight, an alarm and can charge mobile phones. Both radios will be available for purchase at the AWSR booth in exhibit hall C and at the AWSR kiosk located at the Plaza level entrance of the Alamodome.

"SSPM Tool Time"—Seminars for Sabbath School and Personal Ministries

Lunch and dinner workshops will be presented for all attendees, including delegates, on enhancing Sabbath School and Personal Ministries skills. These will be of particular interest to leaders and teachers of Sabbath Schools as well as leaders of personal ministries and community services.

The short (45-minute) presentations will feature the experience and gifts of ministry leaders from around the world. They will take on practical concerns such as improving Sabbath School attendance, new methods of creative teaching, approaches in soul-winning, service to the community, and much more.

All presentations will be in English with Spanish translation available for some.
San Antonio Map — Downtown

60th Quinquennial General Conference Session

Use your smartphone to SCAN this QR code for Alamodome and HBG convention center maps.