2014 ECC International Synod to be Hosted by Holy Family, Aurora, Colorado



Many have asked about what to expect for the 2014 ECC International Synod. Here are the highlights:

The Church of the Holy Family in Aurora, Colorado will host the 2014 ECC International Synod beginning Tuesday October 7, 2014 through Friday October 10, 2014 at the <u>Red Lion Hotel</u>, Aurora, Colorado.

Note: the Red Lion Hotel is currently undergoing a complete renovation (to be completed summer 2014) and will become a Radisson Hotel. There is free high-speed wireless Internet access in all guest rooms and throughout the hotel.

Key highlights for this event include:

- **\Phi** Basic room rate per night: **\$89** (with tax \$100)
- † Full Synod Registration Fee: \$325*; Per Day Observer Registration Fee: \$35 (no meals)
 - * Attendees **MUST** be registered **WITH** payment 30 days prior to the start of the Synod (**that is, registration and full payment no later than September 6, 2014).** After this date, the Registration Fee will increase to \$385 (due to hotel and misc. expense adjustments [printing, badges, food, etc.] associated with the overall conference cost).
- Courtesy Shuttle to / from Denver International Airport (DIA)
- Central continental U.S. venue allowing affordable / balanced airline fares from East and West coasts, as well as international cities

Additional bonus features include:

- † The basic \$89 room rate is being extended for three days both before and after the Synod (based on availability) to afford an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of the Denver area as well as the Rocky Mountains in the fall before the snow starts to fly.
- Discount hotel rates can be arranged through the hotel partners for Rocky Mountain overnight excursions before / after Synod, including:
 - ➤ <u>Hotel Colorado</u> Glenwood Springs, Colorado
 - ➤ The Lodge & Spa at Breckenridge Breckenridge, Colorado
 - ➤ The Quality Inn Steamboat Springs, Colorado

- ➤ <u>Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham</u> Eagle, Colorado
- On-site hotel car rental office (Enterprise).
- Ample *free* on-site hotel parking.
- **†** For Amtrak travelers, Light-Rail service is available from Denver's downtown Amtrak station to the hotel (1 transfer); this same Light-Rail service is available for hotel guests wishing to explore downtown Denver.

Located in the center of the continental United States, Aurora is a suburb of Denver and a hub for several airlines—with daily flights from major US, Europe, Asia, and Central and South America. Attendees may also opt to take the scenic route to Denver on Amtrak arriving at Denver's historic Union Station.

The Red Lion Hotel is located 40 minutes from Denver International Airport, across the way from <u>Cherry Creek State Park</u>, which includes a reservoir, hiking and biking trails, horseback riding, and water activities. The area's Rapid Transit District (RTD) Light-Rail has a station across the street from the hotel providing easy access to downtown Denver.

The Red Lion Hotel offers a *free* airport bus shuttle service to and from the hotel. For those taking Amtrak into Denver's downtown Union Station, they can board the Light-Rail and with one transfer arrive at the station across from the Red Lion (for only \$4 one-way).

If the attendees drive to the conference, there is *free* multi-level on-site parking.

The Red Lion also offers complimentary neighborhood shuttle service which is provided within a five mile radius of the hotel (arrangements can be made at the front desk). This service would be handy for those wishing to take advantage of the many fine restaurants in the immediate area of the hotel.