



Dear District Executives and Staff,

As you work on your 2027 district budget, we want to provide this information from the recent Annual Conference Program and Arrangements Committee meeting.

As we continue to navigate the intersection of a desire to increase attendance, the need to balance our budget, and the reality of higher hotel costs, Program and Arrangements Committee made the decision to keep most registration fees the same for 2027.

Annual Conference will be held Wednesday, July 28–Sunday, Aug 1 at the Ocean Center in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Registration Fees

Note: A software fee of \$2.50 applies to all registrations

Advanced Registration (March 10 – June 23):

Delegate	\$350.00
Non-Delegates Adult – Full Conference	\$175.00
Non-Delegates Adult – Daily (Thurs, Fri, Sat)	\$60.00
Post-High School to Age 21 – Full	\$50.00
Post-High School to Age 21 – Daily	\$20.00
Current high school and younger	Free*

On-Site Registration (July 27 – July 31):

Delegate	\$425.00
Non-Delegates Adult – Full Conference	\$210.00
Non-Delegates Adult – Daily (Thurs, Fri, Sat)	\$75.00
Post-High School to Age 21 – Full	\$50.00
Post-High School to Age 21 – Daily	\$20.00
Current high school and younger	Free*

**age group activity registration fee is additional*

Virtual Registration Non-Delegate Only (opens March 10):

Full Conference (tentative)	\$220.00
Group/Institutional – Full Conference	\$500.00

Hotel Information

The conference hotel is the **Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort**, 100 N Atlantic Ave, and directly across from the Ocean Center Convention Complex. Located on the beach and connected to the Ocean Walk Shoppes, the resort offers a full-service experience for families, business travelers, and vacationers alike and is a pet friendly hotel. With two outdoor pools, a hot tub, a modern fitness center, and seven on-site dining options, the resort is built for convenience, flexibility, and coastal relaxation. Guests can grab a casual lunch at Don Rico's or dine oceanfront at Doc Bales' Grill. Hyde Park Prime Steakhouse, located off the main lobby, delivers upscale dining with panoramic views of the Atlantic. Quick options like Atlantic Marketplace and Starbucks provide grab-and-go convenience all day long. The resort features a 24-hour front desk, a gift shop, direct access to local shops, and the Boardwalk. Recreational amenities include bike rentals, oceanfront terraces,

and proximity to nearby attractions such as Daytona Lagoon Water Park and the historic Daytona Beach Bandshell. Each room includes a flat-screen cable TV, an MP3-compatible alarm clock, and a private bathroom with free toiletries and a hairdryer. Select rooms feature patios or balconies with views of the Atlantic Ocean, the city skyline, or the pool deck. Daytona Beach International Airport is a short 4.3 mi drive. An airport shuttle is not provided. In-room Wi-Fi is complimentary for all hotel guests.

The conference reduced rate is \$169 plus taxes and fees (12.5%) totaling \$190 per night. The normal \$25/person resort fee will be waived for all attendees. Parking rates will be posted on our website once they are confirmed.

The reduced room rate is only accessible through the Annual Conference registration process, not by contacting the hotel directly.

More information about the hotel will soon be posted on www.brethren.org/ac2027

Annual Conference registration and housing reservations open on Wednesday, March 10.

District Assessment

Because of changing dynamics across the denomination, these continue to be challenging times for Annual Conference. We value your partnership and know that districts are also facing challenges for many of the same reasons. Therefore, in spite of facing a budget shortfall for five consecutive years, after raising district assessments last year, Program and Arrangements Committee resisted the idea of increasing district assessments for 2027. **The district assessment amount for 2027 will again be \$.70 per congregation member.** Each district will receive an invoice from our office in January. This must be paid prior to Annual Conference for your Standing Committee delegate to be seated.

A few newer district executives may not be aware of the history of the district assessment which began over a hundred years ago. The “every member” assessment was initiated because Annual Conference belongs to the whole church—not simply the people who attend Annual Conference and pay a registration fee. Several years ago, the Historical Library and Archives researched Annual Conference Minutes and other documents to find the amount of the district assessment for each year since it was instituted in 1907. There were years when they couldn’t find the exact number, but they filled in as much as they could. That document is attached if you are interested in that history.

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Attachment: History of District Assessments



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