

“So that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” 1 Peter 1:7 (NRSVue)

*“Faith Under Fire:
The Church in the Public Square”*

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

CHRISTIAN UNITY GATHERING

REGISTRATION/AGENDA 2023



OCTOBER 9–12, 2023 • NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Greetings Friends of NCC!

The NCC staff is busily engaged in preparing for the much anticipated 2023 Christian Unity Gathering in Nashville, Tennessee, October 9–12. I appeal to you to get involved! There are three ways you can help.

First, please click the registration link and make plans to join us for engaging dialogue, relevant presentations, and purposeful conversations!

Second, we are seeking sponsorships to cover the many costs associated with hosting this annual event. Sponsorships are available at four levels: Silver (\$500), Gold (\$1000), Frankincense (\$2000), and Myrrh (\$3000). Click the Sponsor Now! link to obtain more information about how to become a CUG sponsor.

Finally, I ask that you please share this registration and sponsorship information with others in your network. If you have questions that are unanswered in this brochure, please reach out to us at info@nationalcouncilofchurches.us.

I and the NCC team remain grateful for your prayers and support as we journey together toward our annual gathering in October. Let's continue to work together for a cause greater than ourselves!

By the Grace of God,

Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie

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President/General Secretary

1. Registration

Please join us at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville Airport for engaging dialogue, impactful and relevant speeches, and conversations from leading scholars, preachers, educators, and thought leaders! The registration fee for 2023 is \$199.

Seminary students are eligible for a \$100 discount by using the code **SEMINARY**.

**CLICK
HERE TO
REGISTER!**

2. Financial Sponsorship

Sponsorships are available at four levels, with each of the tiered levels offering commensurate perks.

**SPONSOR
NOW!**

- **Silver (\$500)** — This sponsorship level includes mention (with name and/or logo) in all CUG promotional materials.
- **Gold (\$1,000)** — Includes sponsorship mention (with name and/or logo) in promotional materials, on the CUG landing page on NCC's website, and on all NCC social media outlets.
- **Frankincense (\$2,000)** — Sponsorship includes mention (with name and/or logo) in promotional materials, CUG landing page on NCC website, social media accounts, plus a two-minute video greeting played at CUG.
- **Myrrh (\$3,000)** — Sponsorship includes mention (with name and/or logo) in promotional materials, CUG landing page on NCC website, social media, and in-person or video greeting during a CUG session.

CHRISTIAN UNITY GATHERING 2023*

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Hotel Rooms Available for Early Arrivals

Monday, October 9, 2023

6:30–9:30AM	Complimentary Breakfast Served <i>(Hotel Guests Only)</i>
1:00–4:30PM	Registration Open
4:45PM	Depart Hotel for Sunday School Union <i>(Transportation Provided)</i>
5:30–6:45PM	Welcome Reception <i>(Sunday School Union HQ)</i>
7:00–9:00PM	Opening Worship
9:15PM	Return to Hotel

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

6:30–9:30AM	Complimentary Breakfast Served <i>(Hotel Guests Only)</i>
7:00AM–5:00PM	Registration (Hotel)
8:30AM	Opening Devotion
9:00–9:40AM	Bible Study
9:40–9:50AM	Reflection/Discussion
10:00–10:40AM	Presentation
10:40–10:50AM	Q&A
10:50–11:00AM	Break
11:00–11:40AM	Presentation

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11:55AM–12:30PM	Presentation
12:35–2:30PM	Luncheon/Awards Presentation
3:00–4:00PM	Panel Discussion
4:00–4:15PM	Q&A
4:15–4:25PM	Break
4:25–5:00PM	Friendship Press Presentation
5:00PM	Seminarian/College Student Meet-Up
6:00–7:00PM	Dinner on Your Own (<i>All Attendees</i>)
6:00PM	Leave Hotel
7:00PM	Worship
9:00 PM	Return to Hotel

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

6:30–9:30AM	Complimentary Breakfast Served (<i>Hotel Guests Only</i>)
7:00AM–5:00PM	Registration
8:30AM	Morning Devotion
9:00–9:40AM	Bible Study
9:45–10:30AM	Presentation
10:35–10:55AM	Q&A/Discussion
11:00–11:35 AM	Presentation
11:35–11:55AM	Q&A/Discussion
12:00–12:20PM	Closing Prayers/Meditation

*Events/times subject to change.

Hotel Information

Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville Airport

10 Century Blvd

Nashville, TN 37214

CUG Rate: \$189.00 per night
(taxes/fees)

(excl.

Parking: \$14 per night



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Hotel Amenities

- Complimentary made-to-order breakfast served daily
- Complimentary evening reception
- On-site restaurant
- Room service
- Indoor pool
- Fitness center
- Business center
- Meeting rooms
- Airport shuttle
- Connecting rooms available

Room Amenities

- Mini refrigerator
- High Speed Internet Access
- Seating area with sofa/sofa sleeper
- Microwave
- Coffeemaker
- LCD TV
- Hairdryer
- Room Safe
- Iron/ironing board
- Radio alarm clock



This is the first year since 2019 that NCC is hosting an in-person Christian Unity Gathering. We are excited to meet face-to-face again. Nevertheless, whether in person or virtual, our goal is always to bear witness to the work that the National Council of Churches is doing with regard to advocacy and action, shining light upon critical issues and working in the public square toward solutions.



The National Council of Churches is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1950, bringing together 37 Christian denominations to advocate on critical issues facing our country. The membership and scope of the NCC has evolved over the nearly 75 years and today 30 million Christians are united under our umbrella in a common expression of God's love and promise of unity.

The mission of the NCC is to live as a community of communions called by Christ to visible unity and sent forth in the Spirit to promote God's justice, peace and the healing of the world.