

NACSW Convention 2016: Frequently Asked Questions

When?

NACSW Convention 2016 will be held November 17-20, 2016

Where?

NACSW Convention 2016 will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza, located at 35 West Fifth Street (<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/ohio/hilton-cincinnati-netherland-plaza-CVGNPHF/index.html>).

What?

The theme of NACSW Convention 2016 is “Building Bridges: Fostering Healing & Connections in Our Communities,” with a special track on Forgiveness.

REGISTRATION

Who can attend NACSW Convention 2016? The NACSW Convention is a good fit for social work practitioners, social work educators, social work students, human services workers, church ministry staff, and anyone interested in social services and social change.

What does my registration fee include? The full convention registration includes attendance at all plenary sessions, coffee breaks, workshops, the opening reception on Thursday evening, and the Saturday evening banquet. One day registrations for Friday or Saturday include all plenary sessions, coffee breaks, and workshops for the day you’ve registered (but does not include the Saturday evening banquet).

How do I register for the event? You can [register online](#) or by downloading the registration form (www.nacsw.org/Convention/2016Registration.pdf) and mailing it in with your payment.

What are the registration rates? The Convention 2016 early-bird registration rates are listed in the chart below. After October 28, 2016, rates go up by \$25.

Registration Rates:	NACSW Member	Non-Member
Full registration (Does not include Preconvention Training Institutes)	\$240	\$315 (Non-member rate includes ½ year NACSW membership)
One day only (Does not include banquet)	\$120	\$160 (Non-member rate includes ½ year NACSW membership)
Student volunteer (Does not include Preconvention Training Institutes)	\$90	\$110
Banquet Only (Note: Full registration already includes banquet)	\$50	\$50

Preconvention Training Institutes (Thursday, November 17, 2016)	Full-day: \$80 Half-day: \$45	Full-day: \$80 Half-day: \$45
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Will I receive a refund if I have to cancel my registration fee? *If your reservation is canceled prior to the Early Bird Registration Date of October 28, 2016, you will be refunded all but a \$25 processing fee. If you cancel your registration after October 28, 2016, NACSW is unable to refund your registration.*

Will I receive a confirmation of my registration and payment? *If you [register online](#), you will immediately receive an onscreen confirmation as well as an email confirming your registration. If you register by mail, a confirmation and receipt will be emailed to you within a few days.*

I am not a member of NACSW but my co-worker is and cannot attend. Can I use his/her membership to register at the member rate? *Membership rates apply only to the individuals who hold the membership. You can register at the non-member rate and take advantage of the six month free membership included in the price, or join NACSW for one year and register at the discounted member rate.*

My agency is an organizational member of NACSW. Can I register at the member rate? *Organizational members can register up to four agency staff members at the discounted membership rate. Please check with your agency about informing NACSW which organizational staff members will be receiving organizational membership registration discounts.*

My agency is paying for my attendance at the convention and I need an invoice from NACSW. How do I get an invoice? *If you require an invoice to have payment processed by your agency, please contact NACSW directly at 888-426-4712 or info@nacsw.org. An invoice will be e-mailed or mailed to you depending on your preference.*

Are reduced conference registration rates available? *If you are retired or experiencing a financial hardship that makes it difficult for you to attend the convention, you may be eligible for a reduced conference registration rate. Contact the NACSW office at info@nacsw.org to request a reduced registration rate. Please do not complete your online registration until you have received confirmation from the NACSW office that you have been approved for a reduced registration rate.*

TRANSPORTATION

I will be driving to the convention. What is the street address of the hotel? *Please use 418 Race Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202 for your GPS destination (please note: this is not the hotel's mailing address).*

I will have a car at the convention. Where can I park and is there a charge? *The Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza is located in the heart of downtown Cincinnati at the corner of Fifth and Race Streets. It is easily accessible from Interstates I-71 and I-75. The hotel's luggage, valet and self-parking options are on the left side of Race Street between Fifth and Fourth Streets.*

Self parking: \$20.00 in the Mabley Garage (rate as of fall 2015, subject to change). NACSW convention participants will receive 15% off the prevailing daily rates for Valet parking (underneath the hotel).

I am flying to the convention, how can I get to the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Hotel? *If you are renting a car, from Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Int'l, take I-275 East to I-75 North. Take 5th Street Exit and go 3 blocks east to Race. To park, turn right on Race. Luggage drop-off on left. Valet & self-parking just past doorman on left. Valet under green arrow & self-parking in Mabley Garage.*

The airport is 12 miles from the hotel. Drive time is approximately 15 min.

Type Typical Minimum Charge: Super Shuttle 20.00 USD, Rental Car Varies, Taxi 30.00 USD

HOUSING

What hotel has been reserved? What are the rates? *Rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza (35 West Fifth Street, Cincinnati, OH) for \$125 per night (plus taxes and fees). The cost of the room remains \$125 per night whether there is one person registered, or whether you choose to share the \$125/night cost between up to three additional persons. All convention sessions will be held at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza.*

Can I make my hotel reservation now? *Hotel reservations can be made by using this custom link: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/NACSW1116> or through the Hilton toll-free number 1-800-445-8667. You **must** mention that you are affiliated with the North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW) to receive the discounted rate. Room reservations must be made by October 26, 2016 to guarantee the convention room rate of \$125 per night. Rooms are subject to availability.*

Will I be refunded if I have to cancel my hotel room reservation? *If notice of cancellation is received by the Hotel Reservations Department at least 48 hours prior to the date of expected arrival, no deposit will be charged.*

I would like to share a room with someone at the convention, but I do not know anyone who needs a roommate. *NACSW keeps a list of people who contact the office indicating that they are looking for a roommate and will (with permission) share these email addresses with others also looking for a roommate. It is up to individual registrants to contact others on this list to make arrangements for sharing a room together.*

Is there internet access at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza? *The hotel will provide complimentary guest room internet access.*

MAIN PROGRAM

What will be on the convention program?

Thursday Preconvention Institutes: *These presentations provide an opportunity for more in-depth learning and additional CEUs. Dr. Virginia Todd Holeman will lead a full-day (9am-4pm) focused on healing through forgiveness. NACSW's Racial Justice Member Interest Group will present a full-day workshop (9am-4pm) addressing racism from a Christian Social Work perspective. Dr. Carla MacDonald will lead a half-day afternoon workshop (1pm-4pm) on building intercultural competence in social work practice.*

Thursday Night Opening Session and Networking Reception: *Following the convention opening session featuring keynote speaker [Dr. Joy Fagan](#) and singer Alexis Gomez, and enjoy refreshments and snacks while browsing poster presentations and checking out convention exhibits. Convention attendees will have the opportunity to meet and network with another throughout the evening.*

Friday and Saturday Workshop Program: *Attend a rich selection of workshops and earn CEUs. Workshops range from 60 to 90 minutes in length. There are 13 workshop tracks, including two new tracks this year: "Forgiveness" and "Faith and Justice."*

Friday Morning Alan Keith-Lucas Lecture: *[Dr. Trina Shanks](#), will focus on envisioning a role for churches in asset building initiatives.*

Saturday Night Banquet: *The Banquet is a favorite event of convention attendees. In addition to enjoying a delicious meal, attendees will be entertained by the Princess Ballet and hear from [Major Kendall Mathews](#).*

Sunday Morning Worship: *Sunday morning worship will feature a sermon by Lucreta Bowman of City Gospel Mission, and musical praise.*

SPOUSE/GUEST AND YOUTH

Can I buy additional individual tickets to the Banquet? What is the cost? *Additional tickets can be purchased for the Saturday Evening Banquet at the cost of \$50 each.*

I am bringing my family with me. Will there be activities for them to enjoy in Cincinnati? *The hotel is minutes from Great American Ball Park, Paul Brown Stadium, US Bank Arena, Aronoff Center for the Performing Arts, The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Contemporary Arts Center and Taft Museum.*

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

What should I expect as a student volunteer? *In exchange for a 65% discount on your registration rate, as a student volunteer, you will spend 4-6 spend hours at the convention providing assistance with tasks essential in helping the convention run smoothly. You will be assigned tasks such as monitoring workshops, helping with set-up and take-down, or assisting with registration. The success of the conference relies on volunteers, so NACSW depends on student volunteers being responsible in fulfilling their volunteer assignments.*

How do I register as a student volunteer? *You may [register online](#) (link to come) or download a form (www.nacsw.org/Convention/2016StudentApplication.pdf) and mail the form to NACSW, with payment, to register as a student volunteer. You will be able to complete your registration as well as indicate your preferred day for volunteering.*

How do I find out more about being a student volunteer? *To find out more about being a being a student volunteer, go to our student volunteer webpage.*

MISCELLANEOUS

Can I receive Continuing Education Contact hours (CEUs) at NACSW Convention 2016? *CEUs are available to convention participants for workshops and plenary sessions. Payment for CEUs (\$40) can be made with your registration payment. Attendees can earn 19.5 hours for attending a preconvention institute, all workshops, and all plenary sessions. CEUs are approved by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB), which is widely recognized in the US and Canada. It is important to note, however, that final authority for approving any continuing education activity rests with the state or province in which the participant is licensed.*

What is the dress code? *Dress for the NACSW convention varies. Most attendees wear business casual clothing. Some attendees choose to wear more formal attire to the Saturday Evening Banquet.*

Where can I find a convention schedule? *An event schedule for the convention can be found at <http://www.nacsw.org/Convention/2016Schedule.htm>.*

Where can I find a list of the workshops being presented at the 2016 Convention? *A workshop list will be available in June 2016. At that time you will be able to access the list from the NACSW website.*

Where can I eat at while at NACSW Convention 2016? *The Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza offers several onsite eateries (<http://www3.hilton.com/en/hotels/ohio/hilton-cincinnati-netherland-plaza-CVGNPHF/dining/index.html>). There are also a number of eateries within walking distance of the hotel.*

My question is not here. Who should I contact? *Please contact info@nacsw.org with additional questions.*