

God IS ON THE MOVE

THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE 2017

OCTOBER 7 -14

PENTICTON, BC

Today's news is full of tragedy, suffering, and pain. Maybe your life is heavy with challenges, suffering and pain too. It's easy to lose sight of God in the mess. Some might doubt that there is a God at all. How is God working in this world? How is God working in your life when problems overwhelm and He seems so distant and quiet? Let's consider together how God is definitely on the move in many mighty ways—right here, right now—in the world and in your life.

GUEST SPEAKERS

DR. JOSEPH & TAMMY TKACH

Joseph Tkach is the president of Grace Communion International. He has served in the denomination as an ordained minister since 1976, and has served as president of GCI since 1995. Tammy Tkach is a Women's Ministry Support Coordinator for Grace Communion International Women's Ministry. She is the editor of *Connections*, a journal for GCI women in ministry.

EARLY REGISTRATION RATES UNTIL AUGUST 1



GRACE COMMUNION
INTERNATIONAL

Living and Sharing the Gospel



In addition to many great opportunities for inspiring worship, speaking and socializing, we have some special events planned for our Thanksgiving Conference:

Old Time Fiddle Show & Dance – Mike Bugyi invites you to kick up your heels or just relax and enjoy his one-man-band country fiddling show on Saturday night.

Thanksgiving Banquet – This is a highlight of our first weekend. An amazing catered buffet dinner will be served with turkey and all the fixings. Come to enjoy the great food, company, and to hear the news of GCI's congregations and worldwide work.

S.S. Sicamous – On Tuesday we'll board this historic ship for an evening of food and fun. Tour the interesting vessel and enjoy a potluck (optional), dessert buffet, bingo, games and a sing-along.

Okanagan Gleaners – We have a wonderful opportunity to make a difference by volunteering on Wednesday morning at the Okanagan Gleaners in Oliver. We will chop, slice and dice locally-donated produce which will be dehydrated and then combined into soup mixes that will feed thousands of needy people around the world. www.okanagangleaners.com

Black Iron Grill Luncheon – Enjoy a delicious buffet lunch conveniently located at the Black Iron Grill (attached to the Days Inn) on Thursday.



The annual GCI Thanksgiving Conference is thrilled to offer its 3rd weekend conference for our teens & young adults--Engage 2017. Information and registration details are available at www.gcicanada.ca

We think it's vitally important to connect with our young adults and encourage them to engage with God and the people God puts in their lives. **These are the leaders of tomorrow. We need to equip this generation of young disciples of Jesus to live and share the gospel in their families, churches and communities!** Please pray for a successful conference and encourage any young people you know to attend. Perhaps you could sponsor a young person yourself, or suggest that your congregation does so.

Contact us if you need more information: Craig & Debbie Minke 604-532-3750 or dminke@telus.net



COMBINED SCHEDULE

| | SATURDAY OCTOBER 7 | SUNDAY OCTOBER 8 | MONDAY OCTOBER 9 | TUESDAY OCTOBER 10 | WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11 | THURSDAY OCTOBER 12 | FRIDAY OCTOBER 13 | SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 |
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| A M | 11:45 - 1:00 Combined Conference Check- In & Registration | 10:30 -12:00 Combined Worship Sermon – Tammy Tkach Kids Church | 10:30 -12:00 Combined Worship Sermon – Gary Moore 11:00 -12:00 Engage Session | 10:30 -12:00 Worship Service Sermon – Roy Page | 7:45 -12:00 Community Service Project - Okanagan Gleaners | 10:30 -12:00 Worship Service Sermon – Debbie Minke Kids Church | 10:30 -12:00 Worship Service Sermon – Keith Roberts | 10:30 -12:00 Worship Service Sermon – Craig Minke |
| P M | 1:00 - 1:45 Combined Worship 1:45 - 2:30 Sermon/Commun- ion – Dr. J. Tkach 1 :45 - 3:00 Engage Session | 12:15 - 6:00 Engage Pizza Party & Session, Bike Rentals 2:00 Cidery Tour & Tasting | 2:00 - 3:00 GCI Canada Missions Update – Wendy Moore | 2:00 - 3:30 KVR Trail Hike along Okanagan Lake | 12:45 - 2:00 Lunch at Penticton Buffet Restaurant | 12:15 - 1:30 Black Iron Grill Buffet Lunch | 12:00 - 5:00 Free afternoon | 12:00 noon Thanksgiving Conference Ends |
| E V E | 6:00 -11:00 Engage Dinner, Movie with Discussion, Games & Snacks 7:30 - 9:00 Old Time Fiddle Show & Dance | 6:15 - 8:45 Combined Thanksgiving Banquet & GCI Update – Dr. J. Tkach Engage Beach Stroll, Bonfire? | 7:30 - 10:00 Thanksgiving Open House & Drop-In | 5:00 - 9:00 SS Sicamous – 5:30 Potluck 6:00 Dessert Buffet 7:00 Sing Along, Bingo | 7:30 - 9:00 Movie Night – Feature to be announced | 7:00 -10:00 Games Evening | 7:30 -10:00 “It’s a Wrap” Evening Drop-In | |

GCI CANADA THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE 2017

PENTICTON, BC
October 7-14, 2017

REGISTRATION FORM

Please use one form per Single, Couple or Family

(Couple = husband & wife; Family = parents with their dependent children)

Date submitted _____

NOTE: **Engage 2017** participants may attend the rest of this conference free

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| NAME(S): | | PARTICIPANTS | |
| STREET ADDRESS | | CITY, PROV/STATE | |
| POSTAL(ZIP) CODE | TELEPHONE NO: | EMAIL | |
| Adults _____ Youth (13-18) _____ Children (0-12) _____ | | | |

| TICKETED ACTIVITIES (Covers individual activity expenses) SEE CONFERENCE AGENDA FOR FREE ACTIVITIES | Early Bird Tickets (before Aug 1) Single /Couple/ Family* | Regular Tickets (after Aug 1) Single /Couple/ Family* | # of Tickets | Totals |
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| Oct 8 - Thanksgiving Banquet | \$25 / \$50 / \$75 | \$28 / \$56 / \$84 | | \$ |
| Oct 10 - S.S. Sicamous Event | \$15 / \$30 / \$45 | \$17 / \$34 / \$51 | | \$ |
| Oct 11 - Penticton Buffet Restaurant Lunch | \$12 / \$24 / \$36 | \$13 / \$26 / \$39 | | \$ |
| Oct 12 - Black Iron Grill Luncheon -Days Inn | \$17 / \$34 / -- | \$18 / \$36 / -- | | \$ |
| TOTAL ACTIVITY FEES | | | | \$ |

*Couple = Husband & wife; Family = Parents with their dependent children

| REGISTRATION FEES (Covers facility rental, speaker costs, sound equipment rental, brochures and other expenses) | Early Registration Fee (before Aug 1) Single /Couple/Family* | Regular Registration Fee (after Aug 1) Single/Couple/Family* | Totals |
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| Long Weekend Registration Fee (3 days) OR | \$100 / \$170 / \$190 | \$120 / \$210 / \$230 | \$ |
| Full Conference Registration Fee (8 days) | \$150 / \$230 / \$270 | \$170 / \$270 / \$310 | \$ |
| TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES | | | \$ |

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| TOTAL ACTIVITY FEES | \$ |
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| I plan to attend but can only afford to contribute this much | \$ |
| Here's a donation to help cover costs OR sponsor an Engage youth (please circle) | \$ |
| TOTAL ENCLOSED | \$ |

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| <p>→→ Make All Cheques Payable To: <u>"Thanksgiving Celebration"</u></p> <p>Mail registration & volunteer forms and fees to →→</p> | <p>THANKSGIVING CONFERENCE 2017 c/o Craig & Debbie Minke 22899 14th Avenue Langley, BC V2Z 2W8 CANADA</p> |
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2017 Volunteer Form

| DATE | EVENT | DESCRIPTION | VOLUNTEER NAME, COMMENTS |
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| Sat. Oct 7 11:45 am - 1:00 pm | Check-In | Checking in registrants, handing out information packets | |
| Sun. Oct 8 6:00 - 6:30 pm | Thanksgiving Banquet | Greeting, ticket collection, seating | |
| Sun. Oct 8, Thurs. Oct 12 11:00 am -12:00 pm | Kids Church | Coordinating, teaching, or assisting with children's church AS NEEDED | |
| Tues. Oct 10 4:30 - 9:00 pm | Potluck, Dessert Buffet, Sing Along on SS Sicamous | Food & drink preparation, decorations, set-up, clean-up on SS Sicamous, accompaniment for sing-along | |
| Thurs. Oct 12 12:15 - 2:30 pm | Black Iron Grill Luncheon | Greeting, ticket collection, entertainment | |
| Thurs. Oct 12 6:45 -10:00 pm | Games Evening | Set up, snacks & drinks, coordinate tournaments - cribbage, hearts, clean up | |
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| Various Times Throughout Week | Ticket Sales | Assist in selling of tickets before & after Worship Services | |
| Various Times Throughout Week | Worship Services | Special music, drama, poetry | |
| Various Times Throughout Week | Worship Services/ Seminars | Ushering, sound crew & various other tasks | |

Thanks in advance! Your participation will be confirmed upon arrival.

GCI Thanksgiving Conference 2017 - Accommodation Listing

Following are the special rates we have negotiated at hotels. There is no obligation to use these properties.

Note: Rates do not include taxes

Days Inn Penticton

152 Riverside Drive
Penticton, BC V2A 5Y4

Phone: (250) 493-6616
Website: www.daysinnpenticton.ca

Children under the age of 17 stay free with parents

Daily Rates:

Deluxe Room: (2 queen beds) \$89
1 or 2 guests \$89 / 3 guests \$99 / 4 guests \$109

GROUP CODE: Grace Communion

DO NOT BOOK ONLINE – CALL THE HOTEL DIRECTLY

Our room block will be held until October 6, 2017. At the time of booking a credit card number is required to guarantee the room. 30 days prior to arrival one night room and tax deposit will be applied towards the reservation. **For every 10 room nights booked we receive one free night for our guest speakers.**

Rates include a complimentary continental breakfast, featuring hot and cold cereals, hard boiled eggs, fruit salad, assorted muffins, bagels, toast and pastries along with fruit juices, coffee, and tea.

The Days Inn is located a block off the beach at Okanagan Lake. All rooms have 25" television, mini refrigerators, individual irons and ironing boards, plus in-room hair dryers. Other amenities include complimentary wireless Internet, an indoor heated pool with hot tub, and access to the Body-Solid fitness room

Meetings will be held at the Riverside Conference Centre, located at the Days Inn.

Riverside Motel

110 Riverside Drive
Penticton, BC V2A 5Y4

Phone: (250) 492-2615
Email: info@riversidemotel.ca
Website: www.riversidemotel.ca

Daily Rates:

Studios – 1 or 2 beds with kitchens:\$69

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Situated within easy walking distance of the Riverside Convention Centre, all rooms have air conditioning, telephones, flat screen TVs with full digital cable, free wireless internet access, and are equipped with full kitchenettes. All rooms are non-smoking, and sorry, no pets.

Bowmont Motel

80 Riverside Drive
Penticton, BC
V2A 5Y3

Phone: 1-800-811-1377

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8-night rate (or portion thereof): \$375

Kitchen Units—some studio, some 1 bedroom
Rate based on double occupancy
Extra person \$100

Earliest check-in: Friday, October 6
Latest check-out: Saturday, October 14

Limited housekeeping service

AVAILABILITY UNTIL MID-JULY

The Bowmont Motel is located within walking distance of the Riverside Convention Centre, Lake Okanagan, the S.S. Sicamous and various restaurants, golf, and shops. All suites feature fully equipped kitchens. Most have queen beds in the living room as well as either a queen bed or twin beds in a separate bedroom. No smoking, no pets allowed. This motel is offering excellent value! First come, first served.