

# Proposal

## 2019 Biennial Mission Summit

*An American Baptist Gathering*  
*For a closer walk with God*

### June 28-30



Presented By

**AMERICAN BAPTIST ASSEMBLY/  
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# Green Lake Conference Center celebrates 75 years of American Baptist ministry in 2019



## *An American Baptist minister, a dream and a place*



Dr. Luther Wesley Smith had the dream that led to the purchase of Green Lake Conference Center as a denominational training conference grounds. God has used these grounds ever since to engage everyone who comes in a closer walk with Him.

### **A warm home for American Baptists for 75 years**

Green Lake is a warm home for American Baptists and has been a key meeting place for great Baptist leaders. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke at Green Lake in 1956 and 1957. The ABCUSA Board of General Ministries and the National Leadership Council has a history of convening here. For the sixth time in 2017, global consultant Lauran Bethell brought together leaders of faith-based organizations from 25 countries to address the exploitation and abuse of women and children.

### **A fabulous historic American Baptist venue that refreshes the soul**

Thanks to American Baptists, Christians of all stripes can come for dialogue and their own Closer Walk with God. It's a sacred place and space for people from all across the Christian family, nonprofits and family reunions to gather, equip, debate, pray, rest and play on our wonderful grounds.

### **Growing and improving**

Green Lake has invested in improvements to provide great facilities for guests over the last three decades.





# For a Closer Walk With God

The purpose of the American Baptist Assembly is concisely stated in the Charter as follows:

"To provide, under the auspices of the American Baptist Convention, a comprehensive program of Christian education, training, and inspiration by means of conferences, institutes, classes, schools, college extension courses, camps, assemblies, and all other appropriate means for the nurture and training of leadership for the Cause of Evangelical Christianity and of the World Mission of the Churches."





# ACCOMMODATIONS



Plenty of sleeping rooms! Including a variety to offer the best price point to different groups. The dorms and bunk cabins specifically could be a great space for cost-conscious groups.

The main conference area hotels and Lone Tree Lodge provide **220 hotel rooms** (522 beds, 774 pillows).

Adding dormitories provides for an additional **55 rooms** (172 beds, 172 pillows)

Adding 15 houses provides an additional **70 bedrooms** (148 beds, 187 pillows)

Adding 21 cabins provides an additional **32 bedrooms** (119 beds, 119 pillows)

Adding 4 bunk cabins provides an additional **11 rooms** (100 beds, 101 pillows)

**Total: 388 rooms**  
**1,061 beds and 1,353 pillows at**  
**Green Lake Conference Center**

Within 15 minutes of GLCC there are 500 hotel rooms. Adding B&Bs could increase that by an additional 100 rooms.





## MEETING SPACES (no charge)

**Plenary would be in Pillsbury Hall with a live stream to Staughton Hall or Morehouse Hall.**

Pillsbury (7,597 sq ft) with stream to Staughton Hall (7,597 sq ft) could seat up to 1,350 people. Pillsbury (7,597 sq ft) with stream to Morehouse Hall (3,744 sq ft) could seat up to 1,200 people. Make it a unique and special experience by having two worship teams: host a more traditional service in Pillsbury and a contemporary service in Staughton. For all large general sessions live stream from Pillsbury to Staughton.



## LUNCHEONS & BUFFET MEALS

**We can accommodate large luncheons (500-700) and feed the rest of the guests onsite by staggering meals in Bauer Dining Room.**

Bauer Dining Room	540
Mitchell Dining Room	96
Tower Dining Room	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 720</b>

**By extending meal times and scheduling different meal periods, we've served nearly 1,500 for meals** for groups like World Mission Conference and Wisconsin Mathematics Council. Additionally, using the exhibit space as we've proposed provides lots of opportunities for sponsored breaks other than lunch where exhibitors can create social functions with appetizers or sweet treats at other times.





# EXHIBIT SPACES (no charge)

We will help you create unique exhibit destinations in special spaces spread across the main campus area that will encourage foot traffic to vendor locations.

## Premier Exhibit Spaces

Kraft Centre Lobby (1,618 sq ft), newly renovated Roger Williams Inn lobby including the rebirth of the Veranda (RWI lobby + Veranda = 4,169 sq ft), Staughton Hall (7,957 sq ft, the back or the sides behind columns where theatre style plenary session seats would not be placed), Bauer Lodge Lobby (2,664 sq ft). We envision large sponsors such as National Ministries and MMBB to be in these types of spaces.

## Unique Exhibit Space

Rysdon Recreation Center (5,130 sq ft) or a tent on the Greensward (8,000 sq ft), possibly for mission agencies.

## Standard Exhibit Space

Morehouse Hall (3,744 sq ft) and the hallway in Bauer Lodge where more standard one table booths could be located.

Worldwide Gifts and GLCC would not need exhibit space because they're here.



## PARKING (no charge)

Parking at Green Lake is **FREE** and can easily expand beyond designated parking spots. Our staff can direct and park guests on the greensward and other locations near the main conference area.



## LARGE GROUPS HOSTED INCLUDE . . .

- **Wisconsin Mathematics Council**  
Record numbers of approx. 1,900 total over three days in 2017
- **World Mission Conference 200th Anniversary**  
Approx. 1,400 people on grounds over the course of a week in 2014





# THINGS TO DO AT GREEN LAKE

Immerse yourself in our rich history from the Chapel Car to Judson tower. Enjoy our 900 acres of nature and recreation including our 54-acre Dawson Prairie and volleyball courts on the Greensward.

## Hopevale Memorial Cathedral in the Glen

This replica of a chapel built by 11 American Baptist missionaries in the Philippines during WWII is a peaceful spot in the woods.

## Lone Tree Point

Venture out to this quiet spot behind Roger Williams Inn. It's where Jessie Lawson took refuge from a storm in 1888. She returned later to buy that land and 1,100 acres more to start Lone Tree Farm.

## Padelford Country Store

Our quaint Country Store, famous for its penny candy, also provides ice cream treats, camp supplies, firewood, and an inviting front porch where you can sit and relax while enjoying a sweet treat.

## Quiet Places

Our abundance of inspirational places are ideal for meeting in small groups, contemplating retreat topics, and being alone and quiet within our 900 acres. Renew and energize yourself by walking the grounds, sitting by the lake and climbing our towers.

## Spurgeon Chapel

This historic chapel, built in 1904 as a root cellar by the Lawsons, is perfect for quiet meditation and prayer.

## Troster Art Studios

At Troster Art Studios, you can work on your own or get personal instruction in ceramics, china decorating, jewelry making and stained glass.



## Chapel Car Grace

Beautifully restored Chapel Car Grace was used for missionary work in the west from 1914-46. Includes a church which seats 50 in oak pews, a pastor's bedroom, living room, kitchen and bathroom.

## Judson Tower and Prayer Towers

Climb 121 steps up Judson Tower for a breathtaking view of the lake and conference center. There are also five smaller towers throughout the grounds to explore.

## Log House

The oldest building on grounds, built in the mid 1800s, the Log House is preserved as a museum and welcomes visitors for touring, candle making, quilting, rug looming and stories.

## Memory Lane

Enjoy beautiful views of Green Lake as you walk on Memory Lane from Roger Williams Inn to the Vesper Circle. Read the plaques of those connected with Green Lake who are honored and celebrated there.

## No Hurry Boat

A battery powered boat built for Victor and Jessie Lawson in 1909. Only two others like it were built.

## Biking

Rent a bike from our Boat House and ride along Shore Drive for beautiful views and historic lakefront houses...or ride on our tree-lined roads.

## Disc Golf

In disc golf players throw a flying disc (similar to a Frisbee®) into a metal basket. Scored like a traditional golf game, it is fun for all ages and requires no tee times! It's a great walk with great scenery and the only equipment needed is a disc.



# THINGS TO DO AT GREEN LAKE

## Playgrounds

Endless fun for kids on an ark, swings and slides, playgrounds are located near C. Oscar Johnson, Anderson Campground and Friendship Beach.

## Rose Garden

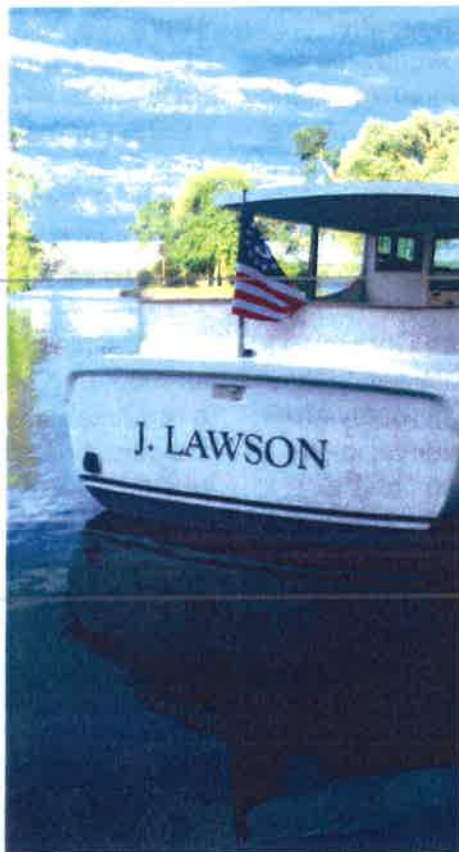
Treat your nose to a journey through the beautiful Rose Garden behind Kraft Centre!

## Walks

- Dawson Prairie is 54 acres of restored land. Mowed trails wind through over 100 species of native grasses and wildflowers, blooming late spring through September. Enjoy abundant wildlife including deer, birds and butterflies.
- A walk on Shore Drive takes you along the lake and past stately houses.
- Hammer's Trail is a wooded hike that begins in the Tea House area.
- Winnebago Trail, originally used by the Winnebago Indians, follows the shoreline and begins near the Teen water tower.

## Baseball, Football, Soccer and Horseshoes, Human Foosball, Pickleball

A sports field, including a baseball diamond, is located near the tennis courts. Horseshoe pits are located near Tower View camping circle.



## Boat House

Enjoy the lake on a pontoon, canoe, kayak or paddleboat.

## Friendship Beach

Swim in the lake and build a sand castle at Friendship Beach.

## Outdoor Tennis and Basketball

Three tennis courts and one basketball court are available.

## Outdoor Volleyball

On the greensward and at C. Oscar Johnson.

## Recreation Equipment

Softballs, basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, discs for disc golf, volleyballs, horseshoes and tennis racquets are available at Guest Services.

## Rysdon Recreation Center

Offers a combination volleyball and basketball court, fitness room, ping pong and carpetball. Includes showers and changing rooms.

## J. Lawson Tour Boat

Built for the Navy in 1987, she's a 50-foot down-east style boat from Virginia. It was originally used to transport sailors to and from larger Naval ships and eventually became a sightseeing boat. In 2017, the boat was trucked to Wisconsin and craned into Green Lake. The J. Lawson is available for daily tours of Green Lake, private charters, corporate events and weddings.

Accommodates over 30 passengers.



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Worldwide Gifts exists to provide financial support for people involved in cottage industries within developing countries. The profits from sales at Worldwide Gifts benefit mission work worldwide, and whenever possible, items are purchased

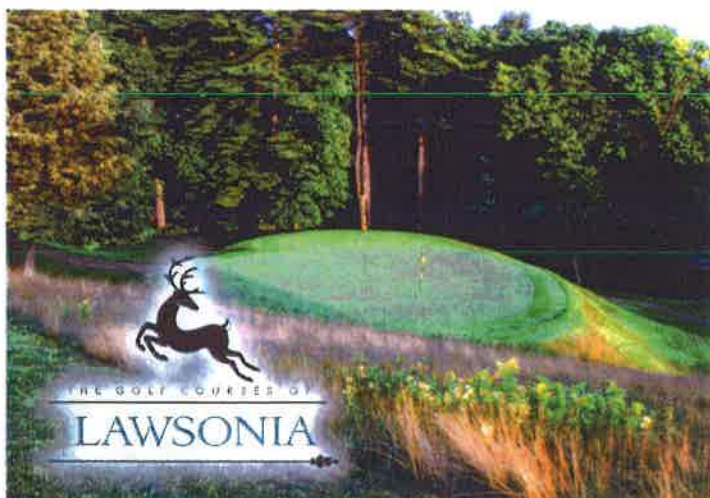
directly from American Baptist missions or other Christian organizations. For example, Worldwide Gifts will give \$12,000 to the International Christian Alliance on Prostitution Global Conference, which will meet at Green Lake in May of 2017.



Volunteers donate time and talent to the operation of the store. Some of the items for sale include Christmas ornaments, international music, clothing (many great scarves!), jewelry, picture frames, greeting cards, nativity sets, home decor, instruments, wood crafts, puzzles and toys.



Worldwide Gifts brings hope and self-sufficiency to people around the world. Gifts purchased for yourself or a friend bring the opportunity to experience a better life to many international crafters.



The Golf Courses of Lawsonia are rich with history. The Links course was built by the H. O. Stone Company in 1930. Designers William Langford and Theodore Moreau traveled to Scotland to sketch and photograph famous golf holes at links-style courses before laying out Lawsonia with multi-tiered greens, some 90 bunkers and deep rough. A true links golf experience in Wisconsin!

There is a railroad boxcar buried under the seventh green on the Links to create the elevation. This was installed by Al Gelhar, whose local A. F. Gelhar sand mining company is run by his grandson Jim today.

In the 1930s the course hosted the Little Lawsonia Open which drew Ben Hogan, Sam Snead and Byron Nelson.

The first nine of the Woodlands Course was added in 1983, and the second nine opened in 1991. Set in a remarkable Wisconsin landscape, the Woodlands includes beautiful tree-lined fairways, stunning views of Green Lake, and a famous par 3 with a 65' drop!

Today the Links is ranked #59 on Golf Digest's list of America's 100 Greatest Public Courses as well as #13 of their Top 50 Most Fun Golf Courses To Play In America. Golfweek ranks the Links #3 on their Top 10 Golf Courses In Wisconsin.

Langford's Pub features a bar crafted of oak from the grounds. The pub offers great food including a popular Friday night fish fry.



# THINGS TO DO IN THE GREEN LAKE AREA

## Evensong Spa

Just a seven miles from GLCC, Evensong is a luxurious full-service spa offering treatments to re-energize mind, body and spirit.

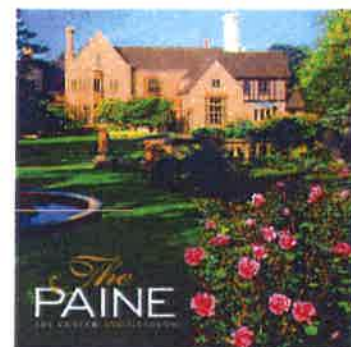
## Hot Air Balloon Ride

Take in some of Wisconsin's most beautiful countryside while gliding above the treetops inside the basket of Wisconsin's Majestic Balloon. The ultimate adventure opportunity! Based in Ripon.



## Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

Located in Oshkosh (30 miles from Green Lake), the EAA AirVenture Museum is one of the most extensive aviation attractions in the world - a year-round destination.



## The Paine Art Center and Gardens

Also in Oshkosh, the Paine is an historic mansion with beautiful gardens and art exhibitions. Selections from the museum's art collection are featured in the many rooms and settings of the estate.

## Lambeau Field

Touch down year round at Lambeau Field in Green Bay! Home to the Green Bay Packers on gameday, and touted as the most legendary stadium in the National Football League, Lambeau Field is also open (almost) every other day of the year as well. Visit the 15,000 sq ft Packers Hall of Fame and the Packers Pro Shop. Take the Lambeau Field Stadium Tour and walk down the same tunnel the Packers players do on gameday. Lambeau is 90 minutes from GLCC.



## Shopping

Unique treasures are waiting in the area's specialty shops and antique stores. Discover them in downtown Green Lake, Princeton, Berlin and Ripon. Wisconsin's largest weekly outdoor flea market is held on Saturdays in Princeton.





