



*Feast of*  
**Tabernacles**

— 2026

Festival Planning Guide

September 26<sup>th</sup> - October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2026

*Opening Night Sept. 25th. Eighth Day Oct. 3rd.*

# 2026 Feast of Tabernacles Sites

## Australia

### Albury, New South Wales

Director: Tony Edge (tonyedge@ucg.org.au)

### Rockingham, Western Australia

Director: Matthew Sieff (mattsieff@ucg.org.au)

### Sunshine Coast, Queensland

Director: Joe Rivers (joerivers@ucg.org.au)

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## Porto Seguro, Brazil

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Director: Jason Godfrey (jason.godfrey@ucg.org.uk)

## Burundi

Director: Monte Knudson (monte\_knudson@ucg.org)

## Douala and Yagoua, Cameroon

Director: Moïse Mabout (moise\_mabout@ucg.org)

## Canada

### Calgary, Alberta

Director: Michael Erickson  
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### Midland, Ontario

Director: Anthony Wasilkoff  
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### St. John's, Newfoundland

## Licán Ray, Chile

Director: Marcelo Saavedra  
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## Colombia

Director: Jaime Salek (jaime\_salek@ucg.org)

## Blolé, Côte d'Ivoire

Director: Maadou Tokpa  
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## Lubumbashi, DR Congo

Director: Moïse Mabout (moise\_mabout@ucg.org)  
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Director: Clint Porter (clint\_porter@ucg.org)

## Titisee, Germany

Director: Wim Dekker (wim@dekker-net.nl)

## Grenada

Director: Chuck Smith (chuck\_smith@ucg.org)

## Panajachel, Guatemala

Director: Jose Israel Robledo  
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## Hévíz, Hungary

Director: James Ginn (james\_ginn@ucg.org)

## New Delhi, India

Director: David Schreiber (david\_schreiber@ucg.org)

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Director: Daniel Hines (danhines1970@gmail.com)

## Nakuru, Kenya

Director: Monte Knudson (monte\_knudson@ucg.org)

## Madagascar

Director: Tim Pebworth (tim\_pebworth@ucg.org)

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Director: Gracious Mpilangwe  
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Director: Cephas Chapamba  
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Director: Michael Fike (michael\_fike@ucg.org)

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Director: Paul Moody (paul\_moody@ucg.org)

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Director: Marcelo Saavedra  
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### Baguio City

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### Bukidnon

Director: Noel Roy Gilos (nrgilos@gmail.com)

### Visayas

Director: Jose Campos (campos\_jt@yahoo.com)

## Rwanda

Director: Monte Knudson  
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## Mossel Bay, South Africa

Director: Vivien Botha (vivien\_botha@ucg.org)

## Habarana, Sri Lanka

Director: David Schreiber  
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## Chiang Mai, Thailand

Director: Terry Franke (franke\_terry@ucg.org)

## Momé, Hagou Togo

Director: Kossi Fiaboe (fiaboekossi@yahoo.fr)

## Turkey

Director: Charles Melear (charles\_melear@ucg.org)

## United States

### Aransas Pass, Texas

### Branson, Missouri

### Cincinnati, Ohio

### Daytona Beach, Florida (contract not finalized)

### Glacier Country, Montana

### Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

### Lancaster, Pennsylvania

### Morehead City, North Carolina

### Panama City Beach, Florida

### Redmond, Oregon

### Temecula, California

### Walnut Creek, Ohio

### Wisconsin area site (contract not finalized)

## Zambia

Director: Victor Kubik (victor\_kubik@ucg.org)

## Zimbabwe

Director: Lewis VanAusdle  
(lewis\_vanausdle@ucg.org)

Registration for **U.S./Canadian sites** opens at 12 p.m. EDT on April 19, 2026.  
Check [feast.ucg.org](http://feast.ucg.org) to determine if a site is open for registration.  
**IMPORTANT:** More sites are being finalized and will be posted on [feast.ucg.org](http://feast.ucg.org) when more information is available.

Visit [feast.ucg.org](http://feast.ucg.org) or scan the QR code for more information about each site



## How to Register for the Feast

(including those not able to attend)

All United States, Canadian and Caribbean head-of-household members should register either directly online or through your congregation festival advisor. Even members who are not able to attend are requested to register so the Church can serve your needs better. Register under the Feast site “Not Able to Attend.”

### Applying to a Feast Site Outside the United States, Canada, Caribbean or Australia

If you are registering for a Feast site outside of the United States, Canada, Caribbean or Australia, please go to that site first for registration instructions. After that, go back to the registration page, [feast.ucg.org](http://feast.ucg.org), with the listing of all the sites, scroll to the bottom and click on “International Sites.” This will provide the international coordinator the needed details of all attendees.

### Applying to a United States, Canadian, Caribbean or Australian Feast Site From Other Areas

Members outside of the United States, Canada, or Caribbean can apply online or contact their pastor to register.

### Online Registration (Two Options)

- Registering online takes about 10 minutes.
- Heads of household can register their entire family.

#### Option One Early Registration

- For those who must attend their closest site (guaranteed approval if registration is on time)
- Begins on April 19 (Sunday) at 12 p.m. EDT.

#### Option Two General Registration

- Registration is open for all United States, Canadian and Caribbean Feast sites (except if a site has reached capacity).
- Begins on April 26 (Sunday) at 12 p.m. EDT.

To register, go to [feast.ucg.org](http://feast.ucg.org) and click on the site you would like to register for. Then click on “Register.” You’ll be directed to a site called RegFox to register for the Feast.

If you registered for the Feast in 2022, 2023, 2024 or 2025 or if you registered for the Winter Family Weekend, your account is already active. Therefore, you do not need to create a new account with RegFox to register for the Feast. If you need to make changes later or purchase tickets for an activity, you will need to create a RegFox account after you’ve registered. Therefore, it is highly recommended that you create an account when you register for the Feast.

Please email [festival@ucg.org](mailto:festival@ucg.org) if you have any questions about registering or call (970) 484-5878.

### Registration Assistance

Members who do not have computers or access to the Internet or who need help can register at services. Please contact your local festival advisor or pastor by April 17, who will provide you with a form to fill out. They will register online for you starting April 19.

## Registration for Satellite Sites

Satellite sites (local congregational sites) are established and designed for a local congregation where a number of members cannot travel to a regular site. Satellite sites will primarily connect via the Internet to another Feast site for daily church services. Two Feast sites (each one in a different time zone) will webcast daily services.

If you will attend your congregational satellite site, please register online. Register for the site listed as “Satellite Site” and fill out the information. Your congregation or city will not be listed so look for “Satellite Site.”

## Reserving Housing from Feast Website or Finding Your Own

Some have asked if they are required to use the housing options the Church provides. For some sites it is mandatory while for others it is not. It is important for you to know the needs of the site you will be attending. Some of our meeting halls are mandatorily linked to housing in order to receive free or discounted meeting space. These festival sites require members to use the housing options listed on [feast.ucg.org](http://feast.ucg.org). To do otherwise can jeopardize the use and cost of the meeting hall with the possibility of not being able to keep the Feast there.

Some Feast sites are not mandatorily linked to the housing so using alternate housing does not affect negotiations with the meeting facility. Nevertheless, those approved motels and hotels listed on [feast.ucg.org](http://feast.ucg.org) are providing group discount rates unless otherwise noted. There are always special needs and exceptions, but member cooperation results in better future negotiations and can save thousands of dollars. For Feast sites listed with an asterisk (\*), those attending the sites should not book outside of the approved housing without permission. For other sites you can make your own housing arrangements, but the listed properties provide discounts unless otherwise noted.

If you are not able to use the approved housing at a site where it is required, please consider an alternate site or contact us by phone at (970) 484-5878 or email [Festival@ucg.org](mailto:Festival@ucg.org).

## Key Dates for United States and Canadian Feast Attendees

### April 19:

Preliminary registration begins at 12 p.m. EDT at some designated sites.

### April 26:

Main registration begins at 12 p.m. EDT for all sites.

## Holy Day Offering Procedure for U.S. Members Traveling to International Sites

For members who will be traveling to international Feast sites this year (including those in Canada and the Caribbean) questions have arisen regarding where to submit their Holy Day offerings: to the home office or directly at the Feast site they are attending.

Under United States law, contributions made to the Church within the United States are tax-deductible. However, contributions made to foreign church organizations are not tax-deductible for U.S. tax purposes, and donation receipts cannot be issued for offerings given outside the United States.

U.S. members who would like their Holy Day offerings to be reflected on their year-end contribution statement are encouraged to donate online at [ucg.org/give](http://ucg.org/give) or to mail their offerings directly to the home office. Doing so ensures that contributions are properly receipted and eligible for applicable tax deductions.

As a courtesy to the host nation, members should consider contributing a portion of their offering at the site they attend, preferably in the local currency.



## Registration vs. Reservations

Sometimes there is confusion over these two terms. Here is the difference:

**Registration**—Registering online or through your festival advisor informs the Church of your intentions for planning purposes. It is separate from housing reservations. A person can be registered and not have any housing reservations yet.

**Reservations**—This refers to housing arrangements. A person might make housing reservations before registration, although this is not advised since sometimes sites can close due to capacity.

## U.S. Citizens Planning to Travel Internationally Need a Passport

All persons, including U.S. citizens, traveling to another country are required to present a valid passport to reenter the United States. A driver’s license is no longer sufficient for reentry documentation.

U.S. citizens planning to travel out of the country should apply for a new passport or ensure their current passport is still valid. It can take six weeks or longer to process a new one, so plan ahead.

For more information, visit the U.S. State Department website at: [bit.ly/travelstate](http://bit.ly/travelstate).

## Avis Rent-a-Car Discount

**(800) 331-1600 | AWD # Z594487**

Avis is offering special meeting rates at all United States festival sites and rates for roundtrip travel anywhere in the United States. This number can also be used year round for discounts and earn points for you and the Church.

Or you can book online at [avis.com](http://avis.com) and enter the AWD listed above. Look for the box that reads “Discount Codes” then click on the box that reads AWD #. Enter the AWD (Avis Worldwide Discount)—Z594487. If you are already a member of Avis you will earn your points, plus the Church will earn points. If you have questions, you can call (800) 577-6883 Ext. 2564.

## Delta Airlines

**US954529758**

The United Church of God can accumulate frequent flyer points through Delta that do not take away from your personal Skymiles.

If you book online with Delta, enter the code **US954529758** along with your Skymiles number. Look for the box to check that reads “My company is a Delta SkyBonus program member.” This option is available year round for any Delta flight.

## 2026 Family Education Festival Resources

The United Church of God education team has again developed resources for families to help in discussions about God and how His Holy Days detail His plan for mankind.

*My Festival Activity Booklets* are divided into three categories: K-1 (kindergarten and first grade), 2-3 (second and third

grade) and 4-6 (fourth through sixth grades). These booklets are designed to help children learn about God's plan of salvation. They contain activities and articles as well as family discussion points, which provide questions with scriptural references. We hope this will encourage family discussions at the Feast.

These booklets will be handed out during the Feast. To ensure that your children will receive copies, please register online for the Feast site you will be attending. Find your site at [feast.ucg.org](http://feast.ucg.org) and click "Register" to begin the registration process. The number of booklets printed will be based on the number

of children registered on the website with their families. The booklets will also be posted online as PDFs so parents can print extra copies.

Two festival youth classes for preteens will also be offered at many sites. Each lesson will have a specific topic and activity relating to the Feast. These

classes are separate from the *My Festival Activity Booklet*.

We hope that the booklet and festival youth instruction classes, along with family Bible studies at the Feast sites, will provide an opportunity for God's Word to grow even deeper into the hearts and minds of our children.

*The Education Team*

## 2026 FESTIVAL BUDGET PLANNER

	Estimate	Actual
<b>Total funds available</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Pre-Feast	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Festival fund	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other Holy Days	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Housing deposit	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Personal car prep	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Supplies and clothing	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Travel to and from the Feast</b>		
Air/train/bus fare	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Car rental	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Gasoline/oil/other	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Lodging	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Meals	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Activities	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Emergency fund	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Festival expenses</b>		
Lodging (subtract deposit)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Meals/food/drinks	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Entertainment	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Other (gifts, etc.)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Balance</b>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

## Fragrance Free/ Allergy Free Room

The United Church of God is aware of the increasing sensitivities to allergens and fragrances affecting our members and society in general. For the Feast of Tabernacles it is nearly impossible to offer a completely allergy-free room or even a room that eliminates all fragrances. However, most of our United States Feast sites attempt to provide some relief by either reserving a room prohibiting anyone to enter that is wearing perfumes, etc., or designating a section of the meeting hall as a fragrance-free area.

While these are not full solutions, they do aid somewhat those who experience allergic reactions.

Festival registration has a category for those with allergy sensitivities to alert the Feast coordinator of the situation. As much of a cultural shift as it might be, we ask members not to attend church services and activities with perfumes and colognes so that we all can fellowship and worship together.

If you need more details as to what the specific site that you want to attend offers, please contact the Feast coordinator or email [USFestival@ucg.org](mailto:USFestival@ucg.org) or call (970) 484-5878.

## Guidelines for Tipping



One expense that is easy to forget about when making a Feast budget is tipping. It is sometimes difficult for us to know how much should be tipped and to whom. Below are some guidelines in North America—note they may not be the norm in other parts of the world. Research tipping practices in the area you are planning to visit before you leave.

**Hotel maid service:** about \$2-10 per night. It is important to tip daily since there will be turnover in those cleaning the room.

**Restaurant servers:** 15-20 percent of the total bill before taxes.

**Bartenders:** about \$1-2 per drink.

**Food delivered to your room:** 15-20 percent. A "service charge" does not go to the server, while a "gratuity" charge does. If you request food delivery, the delivery person should receive \$2-4 or about 15 percent of the food cost.

**Valet parking attendant:** \$2-10.

**Airport personnel:** \$1-3 per bag, \$3-5 for drivers.

**Drivers:** 15-20 percent of the fare.

**Hairdressers and nail stylists:** 15-20 percent.

Many websites provide guidelines for tipping. In the end, it is about being respectful to those who are serving us in these capacities, knowing that for some, it is expected that they will receive tips to offset low wages.

*Linda Wasilkoff*

## 2026 Festival Fund

To help meet festival expenses throughout the world, United States members are asked to send in a 10 percent donation from their expected second tithe total (a tithe of the tithe). Canadian members may make a similar donation to the Canadian office. You may use this form, or make your donation online at [ucg.org/give](http://ucg.org/give) using the provided QR code.



- Please indicate the amount you are sending in the space below.
- Make your check payable to United Church of God and label it "Festival Fund."
- Clip out and enclose the completed form, along with your check, in a labeled envelope from the home office.
- Affix postage and mail.

Your PIN number from your *United News* or *Beyond Today*: U \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

For Feast of Tabernacles updates, check [feast.ucg.org](http://feast.ucg.org) and stay tuned for announcements in *United News Weekly*.

Most housing details can be found on each Feast site's page under the "Housing" tab. For other questions, please call (970) 484-5878 or send an email to [Festival@ucg.org](mailto:Festival@ucg.org).