
 Celebrating the 64th National Ushers Convention

 Florida (the Sunshine State or Land of Flowers) Welcomes You!

It is the southernmost contiguous state in the United States, bordered by the Gulf of Mexico, Alabama, Georgia, the Atlantic Ocean, and the Straits of Florida. Jacksonville is the most populous municipality and the largest city by area in the contiguous United States. Miami is Florida's most populous urban area and Tallahassee is the state's capital. Enjoy!!

Convention Theme: Building an Intentional Disciple-Making Culture: Bearing a Splendid Torch of Legacy Colossians 1: 15-29



A warm welcome and a rich blessing will be yours as you attend the 64th Annual Convention of the National Ushers. You will be refreshed and energized by the Early Morning Prayer and Praise, the Work Shops, the Worship Services, the Fellowship Banquet and finally the Sunday Morning Closing Service which includes the Ushers Grand March. The 2019 Convention promises to be a real blessing. You won't want to miss such a high time of glorious praise!

- Convention forms will be available on the website: www.nationalushers.org Online Registration can be done there, as well. Please review the Uniform Guidelines and remember to bring white for the Friday evening Candlelight Communion Service. Also, please indicate your meal choice on the Registration Form. Uncollected Funds for the West Middlesex Water Upgrade can still be accepted.
- Remember to place your orders for product purchases of T-shirts, Tote Bags, Caps, etc. An order of \$1300.00 can be shipped to a single address, when requested. We appreciate your orders which support the Scholarship Fund and we thank you. Calling all Youth to usher at NIYC-Dec. 27-31, 2018 in Virginia Beach, VA.

Product sales tend to be fun as they generate excitement and a spirit of friendly competitiveness.

2017 Product sale results were as follows:

T-Shirt, Tote Bag, Cap Sales: First Prize winner – Washington State

Second Place winner – Pennsylvania State

Third Place winner – New York State

Souvenir Journal Ad winners: First Place certificate to Washington State

Second place – New Jersey

Third Place – State of Ohio

Other 2017 Awards:

Highest number of registered Ushers in attendance – Ohio State

2nd Place Runner Up – New York State

Highest percentage of Registered delegates – Washington State

Highest number of first time Ushers – Pennsylvania State

It has been suggested that the National Ushers compile a Pictorial History Archive. If you would like to help, please let us know. **EVERYONE**, please send in **labeled** (tell us who we are looking at in the picture) photos, ancient and current, Thanks much!

Psalm 84:10

*Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper
in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.*

*A day spent in your house, this beautiful place of worship, beats thousands spent on Greek Island beaches,
I'd rather scrub floors in the House of my God than to be honored as a guest in the palace of sin.*

Psalm 84:10 - Message Bible.

In His Service,
Esther R. Deans

CONVENTION SPEAKERS

Bishop Dr. Thomas W. Scott- Tampa, FL
Rev. Baron Mashack – Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Rev. Robert Tolliver-Summerville, SC
Rev. Ragen B. Mitchell- Fishers, IN
Rev. Bob Washington – Baltimore, MD
Rev. Dr. Cheryl J. Sanders–Washington, D C
Min. Sheila Granger – Lathrup Village, MI

CONFERENCES / WORKSHOPS

Presiding Elder Clifton McDowell – The Importance of Guest Connections
Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Frymire – Discipline (the Spiritual Self)
Rev. Tony Samuels – Leadership/Servanthood/Legacy

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DATES TO REMEMBER

2018 Church of God Women's Convention
BIRMINGHAM SHERATON
Birmingham, Alabama
September 27-30, 2018
National Inspiration Youth Convention
(NIYC)
Virginia Beach
Virginia Beach, Virginia
December 27-31, 2018

2019

NATIONAL USHERS CONVENTION



Westshore Grand
A Tribute Portfolio Hotel
Tampa, Florida
May 16 – 19, 2019

➤ USHERS CONVENTION LOOKING FORWARD May 2020 – Possibly St. Louis/St. Charles, MO

- **West Middlesex Camp Meeting**
 - August 4-11, 2019
- **Mid-Year Meeting March 5-7, 2019**
 - Possibly Houston, Texas
- **NMM (Men) May 31-June 1, 2019**
 - Raleigh, NC
- **CWC (Women) Oct. 10-13, 2019**
 - Myrtle Beach, SC

Included in this issue:

----2018 Women's Convention Information
----2018 NIYC Information
----2019 West Middlesex Information
----2019 Mid-Year Meeting
----2019 National Men's Ministry
----2019 National Women's Ministry
Convention Speakers / Workshop Facilitators

Registration Form
PRE-CONVENTION Tour Form
T-shirt / Tote Bags/Caps/Vendor Form
College Scholarship Application
Souvenir Journal Ad Application
Pioneer Scholarship Fund Application
Uniform Guidelines



64th National Ushers Convention of the Church of God

THE WESTSHORE GRAND HOTEL 4860 West Kennedy Blvd Tampa, FL 33609-2524

Tours: May 13-15, 2019 Services: May 16-19, 2019

1st Night Hotel Deposit and Registration Fee Must Be Mailed With This Form!

Registration Fee INCLUDES Banquet

Complete Below For Each Person. Please Keep a Copy Of This Form For Your Record

ROOM RATE: \$125.00 PER NIGHT - PLUS TAX (CURRENT RATE 12 %).

Name:	Senior: Yes/No Youth: Yes / No	Usher: Yes /No	1 st Convention: Yes/No
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:	Email address:		
Home Church:	City:	State:	Zip:

Name:	Senior: Yes / No Youth: Yes / No	Usher: Yes/No	1 st Convention: Yes/No
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Telephone:	Email address:		
Home Church:	City:	State:	Zip:

Banquet Selection: Chicken / or Grilled Vegetables (*PLEASE CIRCLE ONE*)

Complimentary airport shuttle Tampa International Airport. Complimentary self- parking in attached garage

Registration Fee \$125.00 (Postmarked By Feb 28 th)	Registration Fee Postmarked AFTER Feb 28 th - \$150.00
Senior Registration \$110.00 (Age 65 and older)	Registration Fee Postmarked AFTER Feb 28 th - \$135.00
Youth Registration \$90.00 (under age 12)	Registration Fee Postmarked AFTER Feb 28 th - \$115.00

Online Registration Available @ www.nationalushers.org

To receive room deposit refund, 72 hour cancellation notice is needed!

Registration Fee is NON-REFUNDABLE AND NON-TRANSFERABLE

"No More Than TWO (2) Persons per Room"

HOTEL ROOM TYPE: (CIRCLE ONE)	KING ROOM (one bed)	DOUBLE ROOM (two beds)
Contact Person:	Telephone:	

Arrival Date: _____ Time _____ Departure Date: _____ Time _____

Check In @ 3PM / Check out @ 12Noon

Mail Completed Form with Registration Fee and One Night's Deposit to :

Dr. Christina Stringfellow, Registrar
National Ushers Convention
P O Box 946
Downers Grove, IL 60515
stringfellow851@comcast.net

Amount Enclosed \$

64th NATIONAL USHERS CONVENTION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD TAMPA, FLORIDA

2019 PRE-CONVENTION TOUR RESERVATION FORM

May 13-15, 2019

First Name:	Last Name:
Street Address:	City and State:
Zip Code:	Email Address:
Phone Number:	Special Needs: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

****Please include any additional names on the back of this form****

TOUR DATE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	NUMBER	TOTAL
Monday, May 13 10:00am - 3:00pm	Pirate Water Taxi Relax on a narrated boat tour of Tampa's Hillsborough River and Tampa Riverwalk. Stops are near several parks, museums and restaurants	\$35		
Tuesday, May 14 10:00am - 6:00pm	Holy Land Experience This parkland brings the bible to life through live shows, interactive storytelling and exhibits of biblical artifacts -* Price includes park fee and transportation.	\$65		
Wednesday, May 15 10:00am - 2:00pm	International Plaza and Bay Street Come visit the most distinctive shopping and dining destination of Florida's West Coast, It features 16 restaurants and 200 specialty stores such as Louis Vuitton , Neiman Marcus, Nordstrom and Dillard's.	\$20		
Wednesday, May 15 5:00pm	Church of God Florida Welcome Dinner & Worship Service The Ushers of Florida will welcome you with a dinner in your honor followed by an evening of praise and worship at 34 th Street Church of God 3000 N. 34th St. Tampa, FL 33605 Please Indicate the Number of Passengers for Bus Transportation 5:00pm Departure - 5:30pm Dinner	No Charge		

The tour registration form and non-refundable payment are **due by 3/17/19.**

Payments to: Sanrel Jackson-Short, 8704 Jasmine Pond Dr., Tampa, FL 33614

Contact Number: Sanrel Jackson-Short @ 813-892-4492

Alternate Contact: Sheila Granger @ 248-302-5126

Return checks subject to fee.

Pirate Water Taxi Tour
Monday, May 13, 2019
10:00am - 3:00pm
\$35.00 Per Person

	Name	Mobile #	Special Needs		Notes
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Holy Land Experience
Tuesday, May 14, 2019
10:00am - 6:00pm
\$65.00 Per Person

	Name	Mobile #	Special Needs				Notes
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International Plaza and Bay Street

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

11:00am - 3:00pm

\$20.00 Per Person

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Church of God Florida Dinner & Worship Service
 Wednesday, May 15, 2019
 5:00pm

	Name	Mobile #	Special Needs		Transportation Needed	
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**National Association of the Church of God Ushers
West Middlesex, PA
PIONEERS SCHOLARSHIP
ESSAY CONTEST---DEADLINE FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Tele: Home # _____ Cell # _____ E-Mail _____

Name of Pastor _____ Church _____

Church Address _____ City _____ State _____

Have you ever attended an Ushers Convention? _____ If yes, when? _____

This Scholarship will make participation to the Ushers Convention affordable for ushers 13-20 yrs. of age by providing registration and a three- night stay (shared lodging).

REQUIREMENTS

1. Submit an Essay consisting of at least 500 words explaining why you deserve This Pioneers Scholarship.
2. Provide a letter of recommendation from your local President.
3. Applicant's **state** must submit a minimum of \$350.00 in T-Shirt etc. sales to be Eligible for consideration of this Scholarship.

SUBMIT ALL INFORMATION TO:


**Sis. Laura Pharr, Pioneers Fund Administrator
1032-32nd Ave. East
Seattle, WA 98112-3704**

Tele: 206-325-5610 Fax: 206-325-0155 E-Mail Lpharr@comcast.net

National Ushers Convention

THE WESTSHORE GRAND

A Tribute Portfolio Hotel, Tampa
4860 West Kennedy Blvd
Tampa, FL 33609-2524

 **Tours:** Mon. May 13-Wed. May 15, 2019 / **Convention:** May 16-19, 2019

SOUVENIR JOURNAL AD

Full Page	\$100.00 without Picture	Full Page	\$115.00 with B/W Picture
½ Page	\$ 60.00 without Picture	½ Page	\$ 75.00 with B/W Picture
¼ Page	\$ 40.00 without Picture	¼ Page	\$ 55.00 with B/W Picture

PATRONS & MEMORIALS \$5.00 (PER NAME)

Logos are the same as a picture

Please Circle your Choice

All photos must be black & white pictures and photo ready

Advertiser's Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone number		Fax number

Please print or type ad exactly as it is to appear and attach to this form.

All ads should be Print ready. (**Please submit digital file if ad is created on computer**)

DEADLINE FOR ADS: FEBRUARY 28, 2019

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: NATIONAL USHERS CONVENTION

MAIL TO:

CONTACT PERSON: GLORIA DILLARD

E-Mail

GJDillard@yahoo.com

Address

27650 Arlington Dr.

City State Zip

Southfield, MI 48076-3112

Telephone Number

(248) 354-0947

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD USHERS

2019 VENDOR APPLICATION - VENDOR FEE: \$200.00

NAME

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Home Phone

Business Phone

Cell Phone

Email Address

Date of Arrival

Time of Arrival

Please indicate the type of items you will be selling:

Please send completed Vendor Application and Payment To:

National Ushers Convention

Attn: Louvenia Effinger-Evans, Asst. Treasurer

3140 Jeffrey Road - Windsor Mill, MD 21244 (410) 265-6307

Vendor Fee: \$200.00

Payment must be made by money order or cashier's check

Vendors who plan to stay at the Convention Hotel must register and send in first night room deposit.

Please mail room deposit and registration form to:

Dr. Christina Stringfellow, Registrar

National Ushers Convention of the Church of God

P.O. Box 946

Downers Grove, IL 60515

(630) 335-6550

VENDOR APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 31, 2018

GUIDELINES FOR VENDORS

National Ushers Convention
The Westshore Grand – A Tribute Portfolio Hotel
4860 West Kennedy Blvd – Tampa, FL 33609-2524

May 16– 19, 2019

VENDOR COST: \$200.00 per six-foot length or equivalent space

- All merchandise sold must be religious in nature
- Days for vendor operation: **Wednesday May 15 thru Saturday May 18, 2019**
- Vendors will not operate during Worship Service
- Vendor area must be kept neat at all times
- Aisles and walkways must be clear of merchandise and debris
- Tables will be issued on a **FIRST COME** basis

All vendors must display proper identification badges provided by the
National Association of the Church of God Ushers

Vendors will be responsible to the hotel for additional charges
(lighting or phone lines etc.)

ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE BY MONEY ORDER OR CASHIERS CHECK

Payable to: National Association of the Church of God Ushers
Mail to: National Association of the Church of God Ushers

c/o Louvenia Effinger-Evans, Asst. Treasurer
3140 Jeffrey Road
Windsor Mill, MD 21244
(410) 265-6307

Application Deadline: March 31, 2019

ORDER FORM 2019

POLO SHIRTS · JACKETS · CAPS · TOTE BAGS
(PRE-CONVENTION SHIPPING FOR SALES OVER \$1300*)

Name:			
Address:			
City:	State:	Zip:	Telephone:
Email:		Church Name:	

Polo Shirts – short sleeve

	<u>Small</u>	<u>Med</u>	<u>Large</u>	<u>1 XL</u>	<u>2 XL</u>	<u>3 XL</u>	<u>4 XL</u>
Size / Price	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$17.00	\$17.00	\$19.00	\$19.00
Quantity							
Total short-sleeve Polo shirts							

Polo Shirts – long sleeve

	<u>Small</u>	<u>Med</u>	<u>Large</u>	<u>1 XL</u>	<u>2 XL</u>	<u>3 XL</u>	<u>4 XL</u>
Size / Price	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00
Quantity							
Total Long-sleeve shirts							

Rain Jacket w/ Usher's Logo (hidden hood with light weight lining)

	<u>Small</u>	<u>Med</u>	<u>Large</u>	<u>1 XL</u>	<u>2 XL</u>	<u>3 XL</u>	<u>4 XL</u>
Size / Price	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Quantity							
Total Jackets							

Caps & Tote Bags

	<u>Caps</u>	<u>Tote Bags</u>
	\$10.00	\$20.00
Quantity		
Total		

Total enclosed for all selections: \$ _____

MAIL CHECK TO: National Ushers Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 3352
New York, NY 10008

ATTENTION: Juanita H. Johnson Phone: 917-353-7455

DEADLINE: February 28, 2019

NACOGU USE ONLY

DATE RECEIVED

Send completed application to:

National Association of the Church of God Ushers
Juanita H. Johnson, Scholarship Chairperson
P.O. Box 3352
New York, NY 10008
917-353-7455

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD USHERS

West Middlesex, PA

2019 College Scholarship Application

Name		Date of Birth
Address		City / State / Zip
Home Phone		Cell Phone

CHURCH INFORMATION

Church Name		Pastor
Church Address		
Local Usher President		State Usher President
How long have you been an usher?		How many Ushers' Conventions have you attended?

Please list the NACOG conventions in which you ushered. (Ex. National Ushers Convention, National Men's Convention, West Middlesex, WCG Convention, NIYC)

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Please indicate your involvement in your local church.

List two references (teacher or church member). Please include their address and phone number.

- 1.
- 2.

EDUCATION INFORMATION

Name of High School	Date of Graduation
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Have you been accepted at an accredited secondary institution? If so, please indicate school name.

If you are a continuing student, please indicate the name of the institution, and your year of study.

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What is your Major?	What is your current G.P.A.?
Expected date of college graduation:	Degree Objective:

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

Please provide a statement of purpose that incorporates the following: A Brief intellectual autobiography describing your present academic interests; b) Your vocational interests as they relate to the church.

(The statement should be approximately 1 typed, double spaced page).

REFERENCES:

Provide TWO letters of reference. (1) letter of reference is REQUIRED from your Pastor and (1) letter from your Local Usher President

Feel free to include any information you would like to be considered as it pertains to your scholarship application.

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Deadline: April 1st (no exceptions)

1. Student must submit a new application each academic year.
2. The applicant must usher **at least two services at an annual convention of the NACOG (Ushers Convention, Men's Convention, West Middlesex, WCG Convention, Joint Convention or NIYC).**
3. Letter of recommendation/reference is REQUIRED from Pastor and Local Usher President.
4. Each applicant's state must submit a minimum of \$350.00 in T-Shirt sales to be eligible for consideration of a scholarship. If more than one applicant applies, the total sales for that state must be incremented by \$350.00 per applicant.
5. The applicant must submit an essay indicating why he/she is worthy to receive the scholarship award.
6. Proof of acceptance and registration (incoming college freshman); or proof of attendance (continuing student) is required.
7. Two (2) \$500.00 Scholarship awards will be issued annually. Awards will be issued to the first two applicants that meet **ALL** required criteria.
8. Applications will be accepted January 1st of each calendar year for the upcoming Fall Semester
9. Application Deadline is April 1st (no exceptions).

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD USHER'S UNIFORM

FEMALE

SUMMER

May 1st thru Sept. 30th

White nurses style mid or long –sleeved uniforms in below-knee lengths; white underwear; white gloves; white closed in shoes; red floral corsage on left bodice; leg-colored stockings

JUNIOR

Navy or black skirt; white blouse; white gloves; white socks or leg colored stockings; black shoes; floral corsage on left bodice

WINTER

Oct. 1st thru April 30th

Black or Navy Blue suits; white blouses; leg colored stockings; black closed in shoes; white gloves

JUNIOR

Navy or black skirt; white blouse; white gloves; white socks or leg colored stockings; black shoes

MALE

SUMMER

May 1st thru Sept. 30th

White coat; white shirt; black or navy pants; black bowtie; white gloves; black socks with black pants; navy socks with navy pants; black shoes and white boutonniere on left lapel

JUNIOR

Navy or black pants; white shirt; white gloves; navy or black socks depending on color of pants; black shoes; white boutonniere on left lapel

WINTER

Oct. 1st thru April 30th

Black or navy blue suit; white shirt; black or navy tie depending on color of suit. White gloves; black or navy socks depending on color of suit.

Navy or black pants; white shirt; white gloves; navy or black socks depending on color of pants; black shoes

- All female ushers should remember to bend from the knees and not from the waist!
- No jewelry accept ring and watch
- Local congregation can wear badges instead of corsages and boutonnieres