Fewer than seventy days remain before the World Assembly in South Africa begins. Important information regarding this event, as well as the Delegates’ sessions and the Youth Conference, may be found at www.gc2012.info. This website is dedicated to providing vital details regarding these three events and is updated regularly. You will find reservation forms, site photos and maps, helpful travel and lodging information, and much more. Visit often to ensure that you have the most current information before you make your plans.
Four years ago, the Western Field Conference was held at the same beautiful location as is planned for this year’s conference. What happened after that time? One month later, an economic crisis ensued that is still ongoing today. Many people suffered the loss of homes, jobs, and a sizable portion of their equity and savings to a situation that was primarily brought on by arrogant over-confidence and dishonesty.

Meanwhile governments and media continue to act as if the massive bailouts of banks and corporations that occurred at that time and the government debts that continue to balloon around the world are amenable to their management. However, some economists see a huge collapse on the economic horizon. The Bible points to just such a collapse as people and societies move further and further away from God, intent on following their own ideas and greed in opposition to righteousness and holiness. How do we relate to these things?

The day of the Lord is fast approaching. Nothing—past, present, or future—should be permitted to divert our attention from the hope of the ages. Nothing should keep us from developing the deepest possible relationship with the Creator and Sustainer of all life. At this conference, there will be opportunity for all to strengthen their faith in Him in whom “we live, and move, and have our being.” Acts 17:28. Too often Christians and their children are influenced by the “Greek” thought so dominant in society today—in schools, the workplace, culture, and business. We will naturally succumb to these powerful influences unless, as the apostle Paul explained to the literal Greeks of His day, we are connected with the Source of life.

But our time and place give these issues even greater importance, because almost two thousand years have passed since Paul preached that sermon in Athens, and life on earth as we know it is nearing its end. If we are clinging to anything of this world and do not consider ourselves “strangers and pilgrims on the earth” (Hebrews 11:13), if we are not seeking “first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness” (Matthew 6:33), what is coming will sweep us away with it.

One day and one experience at a time, we are deciding whether or not we are ready physically, mentally, and spiritually to leave this world behind. Jesus said about the time of His coming, “In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot’s wife.” Luke 17:31, 32. Come to the conference. Bring your family. Come to share your experience with others and to receive support and encouragement for your walk with God.

Delegates’ meetings

The meetings of the Western Field delegates will convene at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 22. The location will be at either Small Cloud Christian School in Wilton, California, or Camp Alta. There will be an updated announcement giving the location of the meetings, and the delegates will be informed. Delegates may make their flight arrangements now, because their destination will be Sacramento, regardless of the location of the meetings.

Churches of the Western Field are requested to send their certification of delegates by June 15, 2012, to Brother Oscar Valles, 8796 Kim Lane, Riverside, CA 92509-3932. Each church is entitled to send 1 automatic delegate plus 1 for each 10 members or portion thereof. For example, a church with 21 members may send 4 delegates.

Rates for lodging and meals

The conference will encompass 4 nights and 11 meals. Fees are charged per person for either a part-time stay (2 nights and 6 meals or less) or full time (more
than 2 nights and 6 meals). The part-time adult rate is $130, and the full-time adult rate is $185. The part-time rate per child 4-12 years of age is $65, and the full-time rate is $115 per child. Children under 4 are free.

Visitors on Sabbath are asked to give a minimum donation of $20 per person to cover day use camp fees and lunch.

**Arrival and departure times**

Conference attendees may arrive at the camp any time after 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, 2012. Departure time is after breakfast and the final meeting on Sunday, August 26, 2012.

**Accommodations**

Dormitory-style lodging is available in Ponderosa Lodge, which has 4 large rooms containing 10 bunk beds each; 2 rooms are upstairs, and 2 are downstairs, each with a restroom and shower. Two rooms will provide accommodations for men; and two, for women. The meeting hall is in this building; and a refrigerator, sink, and microwave are in the adjoining room on the ground floor.

In addition, there are 3 lodges with rooms that accommodate 4 people (1 room), 5 people (6 rooms), and 7 people (2 rooms). These rooms will be assigned to families on a first-reserved, first-served basis. It is recommended that families who wish to stay together in a lodge room make their reservations for these rooms as early as possible.

**Reservations**

The reservation deadline is **Tuesday, July 31, 2012**. Please mail your payment with your Reservation Form. A $25 late fee will be added for any reservations or accommodations made after the deadline, and you will need to phone to check for availability. If you have any questions, please call Sister Barbara Watts at 916-765-3389.

**Directions**

**By plane:** Book your flight into the Sacramento, California, airport. If you are not making your own arrangements for traveling from the airport to the camp, please plan to arrive before 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 22, and notify Sister Barbara Watts to make arrangements for someone to pick you up and take you to the camp. Please book your return flight for no sooner than 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 26.

**By car from the San Francisco Bay Area or Sacramento:** Take I-80 East toward Reno. Approximately 12 miles past Colfax, take the Alta exit. Turn left under the freeway. Turn right onto Alta Bonny Nook Road and continue over the railroad tracks into town. Pass the store and PG&E building. Immediately past the PG&E building, turn left on Alta Power House Road and follow it until you see the Camp Alta sign.
By car from Reno: Take I-80 West toward Sacramento. Approximately 25 miles past Truckee, take the Alta exit. Turn right at the stop sign. Turn right onto Alta Bonny Nook Road and continue over the railroad tracks into town. Pass the store and PG&E building. Immediately past the PG&E building, turn left on Alta Power House Road and follow it until you see the Camp Alta sign.

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RESERVATION FORM
WESTERN FIELD CONFERENCE (AUGUST 22-26, 2012)
CAMP ALTA, ALTA, CALIFORNIA

Name ___________________________  □ Male □ Female □ Single □ Married □ Age ______
Address ________________________________________________ City, State, Zip ______
Phone ___________________________ Email ___________________________
Arrival Date ___________________________ Manner of Travel ___________________________
□ Please pick me up at the airport: Airline and Flight # ___________________________ Arrival Time __________

I need accommodations for ____ person(s) for the following nights: □ Wednesday □ Thursday □ Friday □ Sabbath

RATES PER PERSON:
PART TIME (2 nights and 6 meals or less)  $ 65.00
Children (ages 4-12)  $ 130.00
FULL TIME (more than 2 nights and 6 meals)  $ 115.00
Children (ages 4-12)  $ 185.00
Adults  $ 15.00
Children under 4  FREE
SABBATH DAY USE WITH LUNCH  $ 15.00

ACCOMMODATIONS:
□ Ponderosa Lodge: Dormitory room
□ Maple Lodge (5 people in a room)
□ Laurel Lodge (4 or 5 people in a room)
□ Cedar Lodge (5 to 7 people in a room)

PAYMENT:
____ Children x ___________ (rate) = $ ______
____ Adults x ___________ (rate) = $ ______
TOTAL ENCLOSED $ ____________

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS: TUESDAY, JULY 31, 2012
Mail Reservation Form with payment (payable to IMS) to:
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2012 Calendar

- June 24–July 11: World Assembly of Delegates, South Africa
- July 11–15: General Conference Public Session, South Africa
- July 15–22: World Youth Conference, South Africa
- July 26–28: Missionary Seminar Graduation and Evangelistic Event
- August 22–26: Western Field Conference, Camp Alta, California