Austin is the Host City for CALLED Pastors Convention
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Although the convention schedule is packed with general sessions and seminars, the schedule does allow several hours everyday to unwind with friends. Austin is a perfect place to sit down and catch up and talk ministry with friends new and old.

At the convention center there will be dozens of retreat tables, couches and chairs to sit down for a few moments.
There are several times during the convention where time is reserved to take a friend or two out to a meal at one of hundreds of restaurants or food trucks in Austin. Click here for a Vegetarian Downtown Restaurant Guide.

Here's a few factoids about Austin:

- Austin is the capital of the state of Texas.
- Austin residents are known as Austinites.
- Austin is hot in the summer time.
- Austin is known as a "clean air city" for the city's stringent no-smoking ordinances that apply to all public places and buildings, including restaurants and bars.
- The FBI ranked Austin as the second safest major city in the U.S. for the year 2012.
- Austin is the Live Music Capital of the World, a reference to the many musicians and live music venues within the area, and the long-running PBS TV concert series Austin City Limits.
- The unofficial slogan is Keep Austin Weird.