



**194th Session of the General Convention of the New Jerusalem**

**The Swedenborgian Church 2018 Convention**

**2018: The Year of The New Jerusalem**

**Theme: “Do You Know the Way?”**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

Please check back again! This FAQ will be updated as more information becomes available.

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## Registering (Costs and Important Dates)

**Q. Where is Convention being held this year?** San Jose State University in San Jose, CA. You can view the university's website at [www.sjsu.edu/](http://www.sjsu.edu/) (This is not a San Jose State University-affiliated event.)

**Q. What dates does Convention run?** The Council of Ministers meetings will begin on the evening of Thursday, June 28, with ministers arriving that afternoon. Council of Minister's meetings will be June 29 and 30. General Council will arrive on Saturday, June 30. Other attendees will arrive on Sunday, July 1 and convention officially opens that Sunday evening with worship, and key note speaker. Convention closes after the outing, picnic and fireworks on July 4th, with July 5th a travel day. General Council will have an early morning meeting on July 5th. Please coordinate other arrival times with the Central Office.

**Q. What are check-in and check-out times?** For COM check-in will be between 10AM-5PM on June 28th. Regular check-in will be between 10AM-5PM on your arrival day. Regular check-out will be before 11AM on Thursday, July 5. Check-ins outside of these windows must be coordinated with the Central Office in advance. Check-outs outside of these windows can be done by returning all keys and key cards to the dorm's front-desk staff, which will be available 24/7.

**Q. How can I register?** Registration may be done by filling out an online registration form at [www.swedenborg.org](http://www.swedenborg.org), downloading a printable registration form at [www.swedenborg.org](http://www.swedenborg.org), or using the form in *the Messenger*. These forms can be mailed to 50 Quincy St., Cambridge, MA 02138, faxed to 617-969-4240, or emailed to [manager@swedenborg.org](mailto:manager@swedenborg.org). (If you do not receive an email acknowledging the receipt of your form within a few days of sending it, please contact the Swedenborgian Church Central Office.) Phone calls to register can also be placed to the Swedenborgian Church Central Office, Monday through Friday, from 9AM to 5PM ET. If you are emailing the form, **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR CREDIT CARD INFORMATION.**

**Q. When must I register by?** In order to stay on campus, eat in the campus dining commons, take part in the outing day on July 4, you must register by **MAY 24 AT 5PM ET, NO EXCEPTIONS.** All room and board reservations must also be paid in full at this time, or they will be subject to a \$50 late fee.

**Q. When must my balance be paid by?** FRIDAY, MAY 24 at 5PM EST for all room and board. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY REGISTRATIONS CONTAINING ANY OF THESE RESERVATIONS WHICH ARE NOT PAID IN FULL BY THIS TIME WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$50 LATE FEE.** Event-only registrations, for those staying off campus and not purchasing meals, will be accepted for as long as space permits.

**Q. Can I pay in Canadian funds?** Yes, but you will be assessed a US\$5 handling fee to cover bank charges. You can find currency converters online at sites like [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com) and [www.finance.yahoo.com/currency-converter](http://www.finance.yahoo.com/currency-converter) to figure out the correct exchange rate. Using a credit card and/or PayPal is preferred, because your account will be charged in US dollars.

**Q. What happens if I sign up for Convention but am unable to come?** Reservations cancelled prior to MAY 24 are fully refundable. Cancellations must be done by calling the Central Office directly during normal business hours (9AM-5PM ET, M-F).

**Q. What are the registration costs?** *Please note: EVERYONE PAYS REGISTRATION FEE including General Council and Council of Ministers, except children. These fees cover meeting rooms, breaks, and the Outing.*

• Adult	\$120	• One Day Registration	\$50
• Youth League (13-18)	\$60	• Local Volunteer	\$60
• Child (0-12)	Free		
• *Family maximum	\$240		

\* immediate family members (i.e., parents/guardians and minor children) only

**Q. What are the room and board rates?** Rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and may fill up before the end of the registration period. If you do not sign up for room and board before the end of the registration period, **unfortunately you will not be able to stay on campus or eat in the dining commons.** Room and Board Packages: *Note: All rooms will be double occupancy.* There are only 110 beds available in suites (4 bedrooms, 2 baths, kitchenette and lounge area). Rooms will include pillow and blanket and towel pack per person. Your first meal will be dinner, and your last meal will be breakfast. If you arrive later than your scheduled check-in date and time, or depart before your scheduled check-out date and time, you will not receive a refund for any unused room nights or meals. For overnight stays or meals that don't fit the listed packages or for children's rates (or to apply for child or youth scholarships), contact the Central Office. Dinner on July 4 will not be in the dining commons. Details to follow.

- **REGULAR CONVENTION Package A:**  
**Sun. July 1 - Thurs. July 5 (four nights):**  
 \$354 per person/double room. Includes 4 nights of lodging, 4 dinners, 3 lunches, 4 breakfasts, 1 linen pkg. and July 4 outing.
- **GENERAL COUNCIL LAY MEMBERS Package B:**  
**Sat. June 30 - Thurs. July 5 (five nights):**  
 \$444 per person/double room. 5 nights of lodging, 5 dinners, 4 lunches, 5 breakfasts, 1 linen pkg. and July 4 outing.
- **COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND LICENSED PASTORS Package C:**  
**Thurs. June 28 - Thurs. July 5 (seven nights):**  
 \$627 per person/double room. 7 nights of lodging, 7 dinners, 6 lunches, 7 breakfasts, 1 linen pkg. and July 4 outing.

**Q. Can I request a single?** If not all rooms are reserved, we will try to honor those requesting singles, which would be a double room with one person paying the single rate, on a first requested and reserved single basis. We cannot guarantee singles. If singles become available it will include all the same amount of meals as packages above: **Package A:** \$421, **Package B:** \$530, **Package C:** \$746.

**Meal Plus Outing Packages:** For those **staying off-campus** who want to buy meals. If you are staying off-campus and do not pre-pay for meals before the end of the registration period, **you will not be able to eat in the dining commons.** Your first meal will be dinner, and your last meal will be breakfast. **For meal choices outside of these packages, contact the Swedenborgian Church Central Office.** For those staying off campus and not eating in the Dining Commons, the Student Union Food Court will be open on the weekdays during lunch hours only. If you arrive later than your first scheduled meal, or depart before your last scheduled meal, you will not receive a refund for any unused meals.

- **Package X (Sun. July 1 - Thurs. July 5, meals/July 4 outing):** \$125 per person  
 4 dinners, 3 lunches, 4 breakfasts, July 4 outing
- **Package Y (Sat. June 30 - Thurs. July 5, meals/July 4 outing):** \$160 per person  
 5 dinners, 4 lunches, and 5 breakfasts
- **Package Z (Thurs. June 28 - Thurs. July 5, meals/July 4 outing):** \$228 per person  
 7 dinners, 6 lunches, and 7 breakfasts
- **Package R:** July 4th Outing to Redwoods, includes train ride through Redwoods, \$50 per person. For those not staying or eating on campus.

## Food and Lodging Information

We will be staying on the South part of the campus in Campus Village C suites. Accommodations are double occupancy rooms, with four rooms per suite. There are two bathrooms per suite as well. Linen packs will contain a pillow, blankets, sheets, and towels. There will not be extra linen pack items available, so please plan accordingly and bring your own if you often find you need additional towels or blankets.

Rooms will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and may fill up before the end of the registration period. If you do not sign up for a room and board or meal package (or make other arrangements with the Central Office) before the end of the registration period, **you will unfortunately not be able to stay on campus or eat in the dining commons.**

**Q. What are some items I may want to bring?** The college has pre-made linen packets which include a pillow, blankets, sheets, and towels, and **WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE OUT EXTRAS, INCLUDING BLANKETS.** Toilet paper and soap are provided, and the dorm room desk will have a small selection of toiletry items, but that does not include shampoo and conditioner.

**Q. How can I mail items ahead?** Please contact the Central Office for mailing instructions.

**Q. How can I contact the school's conference staff?** Information to follow.

**Q. Will internet access be available?** Wifi access is available. The sign-in information will be included in your registration materials when you arrive on campus. You must agree to comply with the university's internet usage policies to use their network.

**Q. Are there washers and dryers on campus?** Washers and dryers are available for use on the 1st floor of the dorm. You will need to purchase a \$5 laundry card, which is good for one wash and dry. You will need to supply your own detergent.

**Q. Are there public computers, printers, or copiers on campus?** You can access public computers and printers in the MLK Library on campus or the Student Union Print Shop during their hours of operation. Please note, that the printing/copier charges is about 10 cents per sheet. We will have limited access to printing, for denominational business. We are unable to print boarding passes or do other personal printing jobs. (There are nearby options, such as Staples, for those who may wish to run off their own print jobs while on site.)

**Q. How can I reserve a display table for Convention?** Email [manager@swedenborg.org](mailto:manager@swedenborg.org) and tell us how many chairs you will need, approximately how much table space you will need, and inform us if you will need electrical hookups. (You will **not** be able to hang anything from any of the walls or ceilings.) Not all needs will be possible to accommodate. Tables are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, and space is extremely limited. Please note that because of our event schedule and the different spaces being used, the display space will only be open on July 2 from 9AM-5PM and July 3 from 9AM-6PM, and will close at dinner time on July 3. All tables need to be broken down and cleaned off at 6PM.

**Q. Will there be a gym available for use during Convention?** No. However, it is a lovely campus to walk around with paved paths throughout.

## Special Needs

**Q. What mobility accommodations will there be?** Please be sure to indicate that you have mobility issues if you are staying on campus. The campus does not provide wheelchairs, scooters, etc. If you wish to park in the lot nearest to the dorms, you **MUST** bring your handicapped placard.

If you wish to rent a wheelchair or power scooter, you must make your own arrangements. The best delivery address for a wheelchair or scooter rental is your dorm (contact the Central Office for details). You must be prepared to accept your own delivery and arrange your own pickup; we cannot guarantee that convention or school staff will be available to assist with this. Please mention the Swedenborgian Church when making a reservation, as they may give a lower rate for delivery fees.

Three local possibilities for wheelchair and scooter rentals are:

- American Medical, 3725 Union Avenue, San Jose, CA 95124, P: (408) 559-5800 (ask for Agnes). They will deliver to the San Jose State University dorms for a fee. Please contact American Medical directly for pricing, information, and reservations.
- Bishoff's Medical, 225 N. Bascom Avenue & Naglee, San Jose, CA 95128, P: (408) 286-6651. They will deliver to San Jose State University dorms for a fee. Please contact Bishoff's Medical directly for pricing, information, and reservations.
- Re-Mobilizers, 585 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110, P: (408) 437-7510 (ask for Chandra). They will deliver to San Jose State University dorms for a fee. Please contact Bishoff's Medical directly for pricing, information, and reservations.

**Q. What special dietary accommodations are available?** Please relay all special dietary needs on your registration form. The university will do its best to accommodate you, but may not be able to meet every need. **PLEASE BE PREPARED TO SELF-IDENTIFY DIRECTLY TO THE DINING COMMONS AND CATERING STAFF;** special dietary accommodations often require individually-prepared meals that may be made to order, or special items that are provided only upon individual request.

## Children and Teens

**Q. Are children charged a different rate?** All children who eat meals in the dining commons will be charged. The room and board and meal only packages (outing included) for children are 1/2 of the adult price. Scholarship fund for children 0-12, one-half of flight cost up to \$250/child. Prices shown for children are one-half the SJSU charges and are underwritten by Convention and generous donors. All those entering the Dining Common will be charged on their key card. Please contact the Central Office for more details on pricing, restrictions, necessary forms, and to apply for scholarship funds for children. Those traveling to our off-site outing to the Redwoods who will be traveling with children in car seats need to contact the Central Office about alternate transportation arrangements.

This is the general cost breakdown (contact the Central Office for rooms or meals outside of these packages):

Room and Board Package A:

Children 0-12 \$177

Room and Board Package B:

Children 0-12 \$222

Room and Board Package C: Children 0-12	\$314
Meals Only Package X:	\$63
Meals Only Package Y:	\$80
Meals Only Package Z:	\$125

Q. What are the Youth League program details? The Youth League program is for youth ages 13 through 18. The program is supervised by Kurt Fekete. You can find more information about the program, as well as necessary forms, at <http://www.swedenborg.org/AnnualConvention.aspx>.

**Q. How do I sign my child up for the youth program if I will not be joining them at Convention?** The Convention sponsor program allows teens aged 13-17 to attend Convention without parents. An adult sponsor must be named who will attend Convention and agree to perform certain duties and take responsibility for the minor in place of the parent. Parents must arrange for and notify a sponsor prior to Convention. Children under the age of 13 cannot attend Convention without a parent or legal guardian. A release form will be required (see teen info link above). Please notify Convention of any medications, allergies or special needs when signing your teen up. Minors traveling by plane alone may be subject to certain fees or policies; please check with your airline(s).

**Q. What are the childcare arrangements for Convention?** Children ages 3-12 can be signed up for child care supervised by the planning committee. **YOU MUST FILL OUT A RELEASE AND A CHILD CARE SIGN UP SHEET BEFORE THE REGISTRATION PERIOD ENDS.** Please contact the Central Office for childcare details. Childcare hours are as follows: Monday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 3-9AM-5PM (break for lunch with parents), Wednesday, July 4-9AM-12PM. Please note that due to facilities limitations, children under three cannot be signed up for child care. The university does not provide cots, cribs, playpens, so you should be prepared to bring your own.

## Contact Information

**Q. How can I contact Central Office staff at Convention?** The denomination's Operations Manager may be reached via email anytime at [manager@swedenborg.org](mailto:manager@swedenborg.org). Phone calls and texts sent to the Central Office at (617) 969-4240 will be forwarded to Convention staff throughout the event.

## Travel Information

**Q. How can I get to San Jose State University from the Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport?** We recommend using Uber or Lyft which is estimated to be about \$15+ each way, although these prices may fluctuate based on the day, time, and number of passengers. Uber and Lyft is an app that can be downloaded to your smartphone. In addition, one local taxi service is Taxi Cab Services San Jose, which offers online booking/reservations ([www.taxisanjose.com](http://www.taxisanjose.com), (408) 459-8010). Pricing?

**Q. Are there other public transportation options?** Uber, Lyft, and taxi service are your best bet.

**Q. What is the street address of the dorm where those staying on campus will be staying?** 320 South 9th Street, San Jose, CA.

**Q. How can I drive to the campus?** Specific driving directions to the campus can be located here: <http://www.sjsu.edu/map/directions/>

**Q. How can I park on campus?** Indicate on your registration form that you will be bringing a car. Parking permits will be available at Campus Village Parking Garage at a cost of \$11/per day or \$50/per week.

## When You Get to Campus

**Q. Where should I go to get my room keys and check in when I get to campus?** Attendees who will be staying on campus should proceed directly to Campus Village C to receive their keys. (Dorm information will be given out closer to the convention date, but most attendees will likely be housed in Campus Village C.) Those who will be staying off campus should go to the designated location for the scheduled activity being held while they are on campus

**Q. Where are the business sessions and other meetings being held?** Most of our business meetings will be held in the Campus Village 2 Building located next to Joe West Hall (which is directly behind the Dining Commons. The opening and keynote address will be held in the Campus Village 2 Multi-Purpose Rooms (MPR) in Campus Village 2. The Council of Ministers daytime business meetings will be held in the Campus Village 2 MPR Room and Patio.

## When You Leave Campus

**Q. What are the scheduled check-out times?** Attendees must vacate their rooms and return all keys and keycards to the front desk of their dorm by 11AM on Thursday, July 5.

**Q. What are check-out procedures?** All keys and key cards must be returned to the dorm's front-desk staff which is available 24/7. If any furniture has been moved or if anything in the room has been damaged the school may assess a damage or cleaning fee, which you will be responsible for paying. Excessive messes may also incur cleaning fees from the school.

## Other Policies

**Children:** Residence halls are designed for adult usage and the facilities are not childproof. Parents or chaperones take full responsibility for the safety and supervision of their children at all times. The university will not be able to provide cots, cribs, playpens, etc. Please plan to bring your own.

**If you are caught violating site's alcohol or tobacco policies, the University may remove you from campus. You will not receive a refund if this happens.**

**Smoking: San Jose State University is a completely "Tobacco-Free" campus.**

**Alcohol:** Alcohol is permitted in the dorm, however, it cannot be present (at all) in any space\* that has either an assigned underage guest/participant or an underage guest/participant present. \*space is relative to the space in question, either the common area of the unit or the individual bedroom. Alcohol is never permitted in the common spaces (i.e., floor lounges) of the building.

**Lost or Broken Access Cards/Key cards:** There is a \$25 charge to replace Access Cards and \$75 charge to replace a hard key card (guests will be receiving both) and for lost or broken cards that are not returned at checkout. This is not refundable if you locate your key later on.

## Event Schedule (subject to change)

6/28/2018    Thursday

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10:00AM-5:00PM    Check-In for COM

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6:00PM-7:00PM    Dinner

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7:00PM- 9:00PM    COM Gathering

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6/29/2018    Friday

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7:30AM-8:30AM    Breakfast

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9:00AM-12:00PM    COM Meeting

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12:00PM-1:00PM    Lunch

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1:00PM-5:00PM    Childcare

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1:00PM-5:00PM    COM Meeting

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6:00PM-7:00PM    Dinner

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7:00PM-9:00PM    Childcare

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7:00PM-9:00PM    COM Meeting

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6/30/2018    Saturday

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7:30AM-8:30AM    Breakfast

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9:00AM-12:00PM    COM Meeting

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12:00PM-1:00PM    Lunch

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1:00PM-5:00PM    Childcare

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1:00PM-5:00PM    COM Meeting

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10:00AM-5:00PM    Check-In for General Council lay members

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6:00PM-7:00PM    Dinner

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7:00PM-8:00PM    Communion Open

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7/1/2018    Sunday

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7:30AM-8:30AM    Breakfast

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9:00AM-9:30AM    Informal Mediation/Worship

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9:30AM-12:00PM    General Council Pre Convention Meeting

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12:00PM-1:00PM    Lunch

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1:30PM-3:00PM    General Council Pre Convention Meeting

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10:00AM-5:00PM    ARRIVAL CONVENTION GOERS AND Check-In

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3:00PM-5:00PM    Informal Festive Gathering - First Timers and Others

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5:30PM-6:30PM    Dinner

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7:00PM-7:30PM    Opening Convention/Presidents Report

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7:30PM-9:30PM    Opening Worship/Key Note Speaker/President's Reception

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9:30PM-10:00PM    Optional Vespers

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7/2/2018	Monday		
		7:30AM-8:30AM	Breakfast
		9:00AM-5:00PM	DISPLAY ROOM OPEN
		9:00AM-9:30AM	Worship/Memorial/Communion
		9:30AM-10:30AM	Business Session I (Present Bylaw Change)
		10:30AM-11:00AM	Break/Social Time
		11:00AM-12:00PM	Children's Ministry Meeting
		12:00PM-1:00PM	Lunch
		12:30PM-1:30PM	Choir Rehearsal
		1:30PM-3:00PM	Mini Course 1
		3:00PM-3:30PM	Break/Social Time
		3:30PM-5:00PM	Mini Course 2
		5:00PM-6:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
		6:00PM-7:00PM	Dinner
		7:30PM-9:30PM	CSS Meeting/Graduation/Reception
		9:30PM-10:00PM	Optional Vespers

7/3/2018	Tuesday		
		7:30AM-8:30AM	Breakfast
		9:00AM-6:00PM	DISPLAY ROOM OPEN
		9:00AM-9:30AM	Worship
		9:30AM-10:30AM	Business Session II (Elections/Vote on Bylaw Changes)
		10:30AM-11:00AM	Break/Social Time
		11:00AM-12:00PM	Business Session III (Reports)
		12:00PM-1:00PM	Lunch
		1:00PM-2:30PM	Mini Course 3
		2:30PM-3:00PM	Break/Social Time
		3:00PM-3:45PM	Business Session IV (Presentation Bylaw Changes)
		3:45PM-4:00PM	SCYL set-up for Worship
		4:00PM-5:00PM	SCYL Worship
		5:00PM-6:00PM	Choir Rehearsal
		6:00PM-7:00PM	Dinner
		7:30PM-9:30PM	Ordination/Communion/Reception
		9:30PM-10:00PM	Optional Vespers

7/4/2018	Wednesday		
		7:30AM-8:30AM	Breakfast
		9:00AM-10:30AM	Mini Course 4
		10:30AM-11:00AM	Break/Social Time
		11:00AM-12:00PM	Closing Worship with Convention
		12:00PM-1:00PM	Lunch
		1:00PM-7:00PM	Outing to the Redwoods
		7:00PM-9:30PM	Picnic and Fireworks

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 7/5/2018 Thursday
 

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7:30AM-8:30AM Breakfast

8:30AM-11:00AM General Council Post Convention Meeting

## Mini-Courses (offerings and times subject to change)

**\*Will be held in Campus Village B: Rooms-RAC A, B, C**

### **Monday, July 2, 1:30PM-3:00PM**

**1. Swedenborg as Spiritual Duct Tape: A look into the diverse and potent ways Swedenborg's ideas affect people online**

*Curtis Child*

As a lifelong Swedenborgian, there have been times when I wondered: are Swedenborg's writings only comforting to me because I'm native to them? Well, good news! The last few exciting years of sending Swedenborg's message out online and hearing responses from people has left me fully convinced that the message is even more valuable than I'd expected or hoped, and valuable in ways I wouldn't have seen coming. In this mini-course, we'll look at real responses we've gotten from our online audience and the diverse mosaic of impact that the concepts in Swedenborg are making in all corners of the world.

**2. What's the Use of the Swedenborgian Church?**

*Rev. Thom Muller*

In a time of ever-increasing disillusionment with traditional forms of organized religion — and the Judeo-Christian tradition as a whole — what is the potential of the Swedenborgian movement for playing a uniquely relevant and useful role in today's spiritual landscape? We will look at the many ways in which a New Church approach can contribute to meeting a deep and urgent collective need for "rational spirituality" and holistic inner work.

**3. The Old and New Jerusalem**

*Dr. Rebecca Esterson*

The symbolism of the New Jerusalem has been central to Swedenborgian theology and self-identity. This mini-course will explore the history of the idea of a New Jerusalem, how the tropes of "old" and "new" have been used and misused in the history of Christianity, and how we might go forward in our understanding of the New Jerusalem given this history. We will consider the central role of the New Jerusalem traditionally in our understanding of sacred scripture, correspondences, and heavenly states of being, against the complex political and religious realities that the city Jerusalem embodies today.

### **Monday, July 2, 3:30PM-5:00PM**

**1. Maurice Nicoll's Clever Use of Swedenborg**

*Rev. Jeffrey Adams*

Dr. Maurice Nicoll (1884-1953) lists Swedenborg as one of thirteen spiritual traditions studied before meeting Gurdjieff's Fourth Way system in 1921. In light of that system, two decades later he narrows his focus to four supplementals he finds "indispensable": the Bible, the Hermetica, Plato, and "all the volumes of Swedenborg." Despite this account, the Writing's influence remains surprisingly obscure to not only Swedenborgians, but Fourth Way, Jungian, and Western Esotericism scholars alike. Stop by to learn the details about this "silent missionary" as the Convention's Gordon Jacobs called him and explore how and why Nicoll cleverly refers to Swedenborg "often" in person, but almost never in writing.

## 2. **Spirituality, Sustainability, and Food Justice: Lessons from the Garden Church**

*Rev. Jonathan Mitchell*

At the Garden Church we grow chemical-free food, make our own compost, host shared meals, and include our unhoused neighbors in all our activities. This is a way of working on issues of food justice and environmental sustainability, of course. But this program also invites people to come out of isolation and into community, thereby enhancing the spiritual lives of all who participate. In this mini-course we invite you into an open discussion of how these principles can be adapted and put into practice in all our ministries.

## 3. **Blake and Swedenborg**

*Rev. Dr. David J. Fekete*

Swedenborg's influence is everywhere in Blake's writings. At times, Blake loved Swedenborg's theology, and at times he hated it. But love or hate, Blake could not get away from Swedenborg. In this mini-course, Rev. Dr. Fekete will sketch Swedenborg's ideas in the writings of Blake, from early infatuation to later sarcastic appropriation, to a still later embrace of Swedenborg's thought.

### Tuesday, July 3, 1:00PM-2:30PM

#### 1. **Exploring Swedenborg's Life and Times in Sweden**

*Dr. Devin Zuber and Colin Amato*

Dr. Devin Zuber, professor, and Colin Amato, student, at The Center for Swedenborgian Studies will recount their January 2018 week-long immersion course in Sweden. They will present insights into Emanuel Swedenborg, his life, and his work gleaned from his time and place in history as a Swede, a scientist, a nobleman, and a theologian.

#### 2. **Proprium: The Search for Spiritual Identity**

*Rev. Robert McCluskey*

Throughout all of Swedenborg's theology, one concept, one term, emerges as truly central: Proprium. Most Swedenborgians have heard this term, and many have a general idea of its meaning. But for all of its importance in the writings, few have a confident understanding of what is at work here. In this mini-course, you are invited to explore this concept in greater detail, to learn what the proprium is, what it isn't, and perhaps uncover some hidden insights into your "own" spiritual identity along the way.

#### 3. **Planetary Solidarity**

*Rev. Dr. Grace Ji-Sun Kim*

Climate change affects everyone. yet, because women make up the majority of the world's poor and tend to be more dependent on natural resources for their livelihoods and survival, they are at higher risk. Her book *Planetary Solidarity* (Fortress Press 2017) brings together leading Latina, womanist, Asian, Asian American, South American, European, and African theologians on the issues of doctrine, women, and climate justice. A focus on women is warranted because theological and ecclesial documents too often do not spell out the ways climate change affects poor and indigenous women around the globe. This mini-course will examine the problem of climate change and how as the body of Christ we all need to engage in saving and preserving creation. Earlham valedictorian class of 2014 Rev. Anna Woofenden will introduce Dr. Kim and also respond to her remarks before moving to general discussion.

**Wednesday, July 4, 9:00AM-10:30AM**

**1. Best Practices in Our Churches and Ministries**

*Rev. Dr. Jim Lawrence*

The small church has special challenges in meeting “best practices” standards compared to larger churches. What are the common issues? What are the best ideas for empowering a small ministry, and what are the most common pitfalls? Everything we do carries risks. How do we distinguish between bad risks and good risks? This course will present snapshots of the latest research and provide time for general discussion.

**2. Swedenborg and New Discoveries in Cosmology**

*Rev. Dr. Rachel Rivers*

Swedenborg wrote that everything in the physical world portrays aspects of our inner, spiritual reality. IN the last one hundred years there have been scientific discoveries about the nature of the cosmos that radically alter our understanding of the physical universe in which we live. In this mini-course we will examine a few of these discoveries, such as the Higgs field, dark matter, and gravitational waves, and imagine together what spiritual truths they may illuminate.

**3. Five Stages of Creativity and Five Stages of Regeneration: A Comparison**

*Wendy Soneson*

Creative process mirrors transformation in regeneration. We are changed as we prepare ourselves then seek influx and finally bring into being, the new. “Behold I make all things new” refers to the continual manifestation of creation. Artists and other creative problem solvers have learned to honor each stage of the process for best results. We will do a hands-on project appropriate for all, not just so-called creative types, since we all are created in God’s image, the Grand Creator.

## Display Room

This will be located in Campus Village 2 (CV2) in the Conference Room across from the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) is. Display tables will be available to display items on:

**Monday, July 2 from 9:00AM-5:00PM**

**Tuesday, July 3 from 9AM-6:00PM\***

*\*6:00PM breakdown of all display tables*

## Special Activities

### July 1 Keynote: Curtis Childs, “Off of the Left Eye”

The longing Dionne Warwick expressed by asking “Do you know the way to San Jose?” in her 1968 hit echoes a spiritual impulse we all share. She wanted to leave the bright lights of ego and ambition to return to something innocent and sacred. This mirrors Swedenborg’s description of divine providence calling us back toward our “remains,” and the promise of the peace a heavenly mindset brings. The destination has an obvious draw, but how do we find the way? Curtis Childs will pull from his experiences interacting with thousands of seekers through his work with the Swedenborg Foundation to see how Swedenborg’s message has been a part of “the way” for so many toward the state of mind and heart described as “The New Jerusalem” — or if you’d like, the San Jose of the spirit.

### July 3 Ordination Service

The ordination service will be held on the evening of Tuesday, July 3 at 7:30PM, with a reception to follow. The ordination service will held at St. Paul’s Methodist Church, 405 South 10th Street, San Jose, CA 95112. (Please note that the church does have some off-street parking; however, it is a short walk from the Campus Village buildings). The reception will follow back at Campus Village MPR Room.

### July 4 Outing Day

There will be an outing to visit Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park on Wednesday, July 4. The cost of the outing is included in Room and Board and Meal Packages. The outing day can also be signed up for as a standalone item.

The outing includes a visit to the Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park. There is an option to enjoy an open air steam train ride through the Redwoods (included) or you may take a 1.5 mile hike in (and back) to the “Garden of Eden” swimming hole. Roundtrip bus travel is included (those traveling with children in car seats need to contact the Central Office).

### July 4 Picnic and Fireworks

Dinner on Wednesday, July 4 will be a picnic on campus when we return from outing. The cost of the cookout is included in Room and Board Meal Packages A, B, C, X, Y, Z. The picnic can also be signed up for as a standalone item. Please contact Central Office.

In addition, if you would like to view July 4th Fireworks in San Jose that evening, you are welcomed to travel on your own to Discovery Park, which is located downtown and is about a 20 minute walk from the Campus Village. Or another option would be to take an Uber/Lyft/Taxi to the location. The address is 180 Woz Way, San Jose, CA 95110. The fireworks can be viewed from the adjacent green space, just north of the Children’s Discovery Museum.

# Main Campus

BUILDING	LOCATION
A Modular A	D3
ADM Administration	B2
AOX Aquatics Center	D3
ART Art Building	C3
ASH Associated Students House	D1
ASP AS Print Shop	B3
ATM	B4
BBC Boccardo Business Complex	C4
BK Bookstore	B3
BT Business Tower	C4
CAR Career Center	B2
CC Computer Center	B2
CCB Central Classroom Building	C2
CH Concert Hall	C3
CL Clark Hall	B2
CP Cooling Plant	C4
CVA Campus Village A	D4
CVB Campus Village B	D4
CVC Campus Village C	D4
CV2 Campus Village 2	D4
CYA Corporation Yard A	B4
CYB Corporation Yard B	B4
DC Dining Commons	D3
DH Duncan Hall	D1
DMH Dudley Moorhead Hall	B2
DBH Dwight Bentel Hall	C2
EC Event Center	C3
ENG Engineering Building	B3
FOB Faculty Offices	C2
HB Health Building	C4
HGH Hugh Gillis Hall	B1
IRC Instructional Resource Center	B2
IS Industrial Studies	B4
JWH Joe West Hall	D4
KING Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library	B1
MH MacQuarrie Hall	D
MD Morris Dailey Auditorium	B2
MOD F Modular	B4
100A Modular	B4
100B Modular	B4
MUS Music Building	C3
SCI Science Building	C1
SH Sweeney Hall	D2
SPM Spartan Memorial	C1
SPXC Spartan Complex Central	C2
SPXE Spartan Complex East	C2
SRAC Student Recreation and Aquatic Center	D3
SSC Student Services Center	A4
SWC Student Wellness Center	C2
SU Diaz Compean Student Union	B3
TH Tower Hall	B2
UPD University Police Department	D2
UT University Theatre	B1
WSH Washburn Hall	D3
WSQ Washington Square Hall	C1
YUH Yoshihiro Uchida Hall	C1

  

Parking Garages	Locations
North at Tenth Street	A4
West at Fourth Street	D1
South at Seventh Street	D2
Food/Coffee	
CVB	D4
KING	B1
MH	D2
SU	B3

**LEGEND**

**Electronic Door**  
 Wheelchair accessible  
 Restricted access

**Parking**  
 Disabled parking DMV placard  
 Disabled parking University permit  
 20/30 minutes

**Other**  
 Elevator  
 Park and Ride shuttle

