

Dear Friends of London Conference,

January 2018

Thank you for being a part of the 94th Annual Meeting of London Conference, being held from dinner Friday, May 25 to noon Sunday, May 27. We welcome you and pray this time will be a blessing to you as you reconnect with colleagues and friends and as you make new connections that will carry into the future. These sessions will be held at the Greek Canadian Community Centre located at 965 Sarnia Road, London (off of Hyde Park Road.) Parking is limited so whenever possible please carpool.

Middlesex Presbytery will provide as your host this year. This Presbytery serves the geographic area of Middlesex County which is in the heart of Southwestern Ontario. In one word, Middlesex Presbytery is DIVERSE. Within our presbytery there are 37 pastoral charges crossing the gamut of rural and urban. We also have one of the few remaining United Church Resource Centers located in London at the Dundas Street Center United Church. We are proud supporters of Camp Kee-Mo-Kee which is owned and operated by The United Church of Canada. It is located just minutes outside of London near Komoka.

The mission of Middlesex Presbytery is, *"to awaken its people and congregations to the message of the Scriptures, and to encourage them through support and compassionate oversight, to fulfil their Christian ministry in the world, as revealed in the words and life of Jesus."* It will be our goal to fulfil this mission with you over this weekend. We wish to provide you with an enjoyable and meaningful experience as you support the work of The United Church of Canada.

We hope that you have received enough information in this package to make your time pleasant and purposeful. Should you have a question or a need, please approach one of our friendly and helpful local arrangement people. They will be introduced to you at the beginning of the Annual Meeting. We will do whatever we can to make your time with us as pleasant and enjoyable as possible.

Many blessings to you and your congregations,

Pam Wilcox

Chair of Local Arrangements
Middlesex Presbytery



There is so much to see, do and discover in Middlesex Presbytery. There's a place for everyone in this vibrant and diverse collection of communities scattered throughout the heart of southwestern Ontario.

MEALS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

In addition to the Regular Meal option, the Greek Canadian Community is pleased to offer the choice of a Vegetarian Meal. The Local Arrangements team will work with the venue to achieve gluten-free meals with the exception of buns, cakes and pies. Coffee, tea and water will be provided as beverages - please bring your own refillable mug or tumbler.

Regretfully, we are unable to easily accommodate special diets or food preferences. To that end, we have ensured there will be a wide variety of healthy food choices available throughout the meeting, including snacks.

DEADLINE: May 1, 2018. Any registrations received after this date will not be guaranteed meals as part of your delegate package, due to the notice required by the Greek Canadian Community for food preparation.

Be sure to register by MAY 1, 2018!

Friday Dinner

Sandwich Board Buffet

Fresh Kaiser Rolls, Butter, Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings, Potato Salad, Cold Cuts of Beef, Ham, Turkey, Salami, Veggies and Dip, Assorted Pickle Trays, Fruit Trays

Saturday Lunch

Roasted Chicken / Pasta Pomodoro

Fresh Rolls with Creamery Butter, Fresh Garden Salad with Spring Mix, Coleslaw, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Rice Pilaf, Baby Carrots and Green Beans, Cake and Fruit

Saturday Dinner

Sandwich Board Buffet

Fresh Kaiser Rolls, Butter, Garden Salad with Assorted Dressings, Potato Salad, Cold Cuts of Beef, Ham, Turkey, Salami, Veggies and Dip, Assorted Pickle Trays, Fruit Trays

Sunday Breakfast

Buffet

Assorted Danish, Assorted Muffins, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Bacon, Hash Browns, Fruit Trays



Accommodations

London Conference has sourced several accommodation options to suit a variety of preferences and budgets. There may be several events occurring in London this weekend and rooms/prices may be at a premium! Book early as the drop-date for our block of rooms is April 15 - this means if they are not reserved by this date we lose access to our preferred rates.

Arrangements have been made to host our London Conference guests at the nearby Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre - and a number of rooms for London Conference delegates have also been reserved on a first come, first served basis. A block of rooms at the TownePlace Suites by Marriott has also been set aside for booking by delegates.

**** The location for the Annual Meeting is the same as last year. ****
**** The Greek Canadian Community hall on the north-west side of London. ****

IVEY SPENCER LEADERSHIP CENTRE (includes hot breakfast)

551 Windermere Road, London N5X 2T1
www.iveyspencerleadershipcentre.com

**see map on next page for location of
Greek Canadian Community hall**

These accommodations are in an old redbrick mansion on 30 acres in the city with several indoor and outdoor common spaces perfect for relaxing with friends and delegates. Many amenities to choose from. \$118 plus HST. 30 rooms have been reserved - these rooms have one queen bed! Book online at <https://aws.passkey.com/go/UnitedChurchCanada2018>

TOWNEPLACE SUITES LONDON BY MARRIOTT (includes hot breakfast)

800 Exeter Road, London N6E 1L5 Front Desk: 519-681-1200

http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkId=United%20Church%20of%20Canada%5EYXUTS%60UCLUCLA%7CUCLUCLB%60109%60CAD%60false%604%605/25/18%605/27/18%604/25/18&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes

Fully equipped kitchens, high-speed Internet and a Fitness Centre. Enjoy our complimentary hot breakfast each morning. On line grocery shopping service available at grocerycheckout.com - delivered directly to your room with just a click of a button. \$109 plus HST. London Conference has reserved a block of 30 rooms under the group booking London Conference (20 Studios and 10 Suites). State the group name at time of booking.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY - WESTERN B & B

Western University, London ON

Ontario Hall & London Hall

230 Sarnia Road, London N6G 1M9

Phone: 519-661-3545 or 1-888-661-3545

<http://www.stayatwestern.ca>

Rates available on website, \$72-\$144/night

For those delegates looking for a billet-style or group shared accommodation. A convenient and affordable suite-style accommodation at the corner of Western and Sarnia Roads for easy access to the Annual Meeting location. Reserve

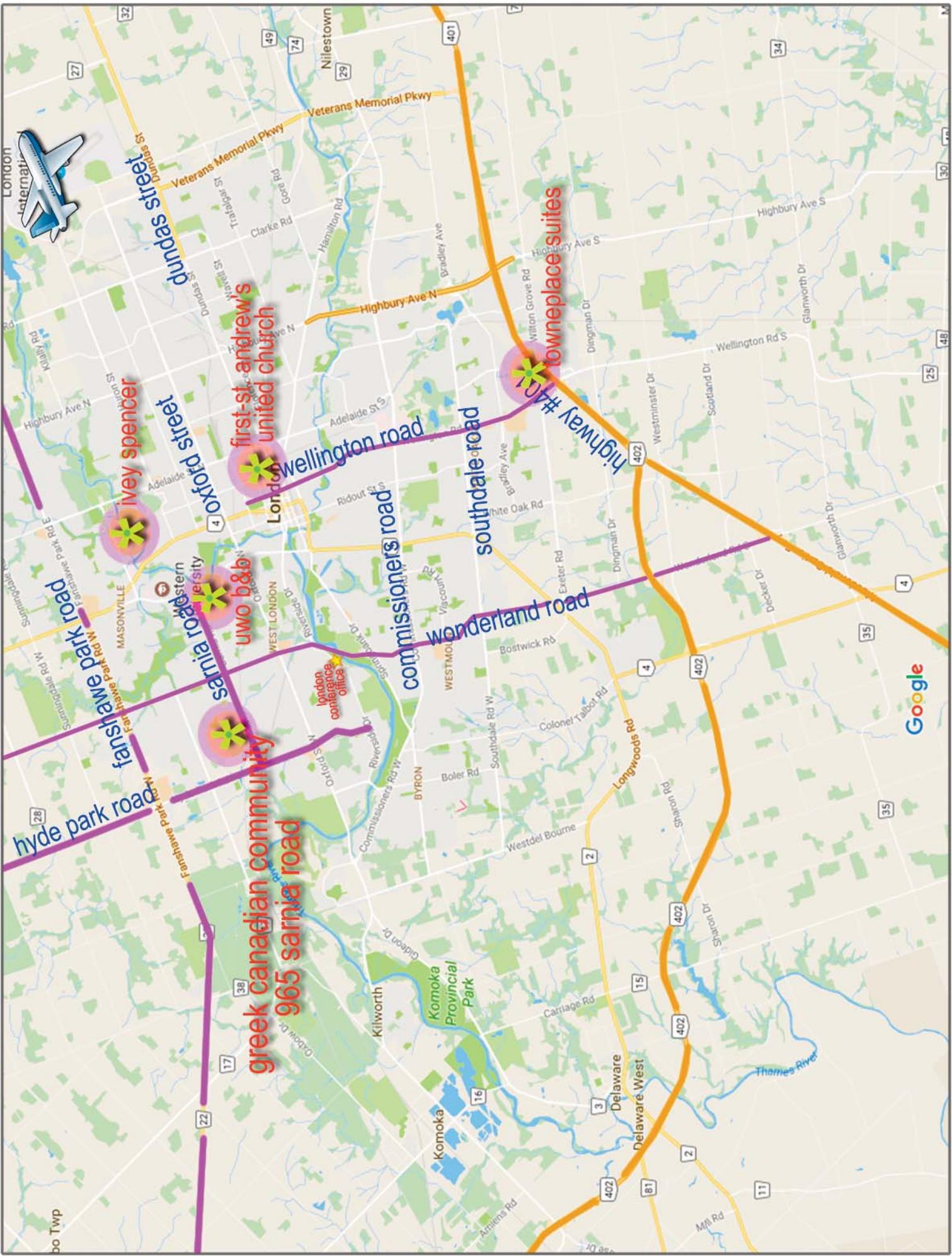
<https://conference.has.uwo.ca/Register/default.aspx?code=C000296>.



**Greek Canadian Community
965 Sarnia Road
(east of Hyde Park Road)**

BED & BREAKFASTS IN LONDON

To find a suitable bed & breakfast within easy distance of the Greek Canadian Community, search 'London Ontario' at <http://www.tripadvisor.ca> for a selection of Bed & Breakfasts and inns.



ivey spencer

**first-st. andrew's
united church**

uwo b&b

sarnia road

fanshawe park road

hyde park road

**greek canadian community
965 sarnia road**

townplacesuites

wonderland road

southdale road

highway #401

commissioners road

wellington road

oxford street

dundas street

sarnia road

fanshawe park road

hyde park road

**london
conference
office**

**Komoka
Provincial
Park**

**Delaware
West**

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Nous sommes ici pour célébrer, éduquer, encourager et servir. We are here to celebrate, educate, encourage and serve.

Celebration of Ministry Service

You are invited to the Celebration of Ministry Service on Saturday, May 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. This event is not limited to just delegates - all those interested may join us.

For your comfort and convenience, London Conference has arranged **bus transportation** to and from the Greek Canadian Community centre for this service. Tickets are **\$5 round-trip** and will be available for **purchase on Friday, May 25 only!** Please bring exact change to the Registrar's table between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Friday.

FIRST-ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

LONDON CONFERENCE CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY

7:00 p.m.

350 Queen's Avenue, London N6B 1X6

(plan ahead for limited, street parking)

www.fsaunited.com

