

# FAQs

**Thanks for registering for PHD New Jersey 2021. We are excited about meeting you there!**

**Below are some "Frequently Asked Questions" you may find helpful for your experience with us this year.**

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## **What should I bring?**

- A handful of assorted coins (you'll see why when you get there)
- Toothpaste, Lotion, Shampoo/Conditioner, (Keswick provides soap, towels, wash cloths, and pool towels)
- **For aerobics:** Comfortable clothes to exercise in, sneakers, an exercise mat OR a towel from your room or pool area. Small hand weights are welcome if you have them.
- Your offerings and a positive attitude

## **What should I wear?**

- Be modest and presentable in whatever you choose (jeans, sweats, skirts, tees, leggings, etc.)

## **Is there a dress code?**

- Keswick's dress code is modest apparel with no "short shorts", miniskirts, spaghetti straps (in public areas), or midriffs showing. Swimsuits should not show midriffs at the pool (If you wear a bikini, please bring a cover-up).
- PHD dress code is casual and presentable throughout, however, Sunday service warrants more appropriate attire than the leggings and exercise clothes we've worn over the weekend.

## **Is there Wi-Fi / Internet?**

- Yes. The Wi-Fi code will be given to you when room keys are distributed.

## **I am a virtual attendee. How does that work?**

- Retreat materials will be sent via Priority Mail to your address.
- Virtual attendees will be given online access to attend the general ministry sessions via zoom.
- Supplementary activities will be shared via Facebook Live on PHD Women's Retreat page.
- Giving for Virtual Attendees can be done electronically via CashApp or PayPal.
- Virtual attendees should complete the activity sign-up sheet for whatever is possible to do virtually, particularly "art therapy" so they can receive supplies in the mail. Sign up link is on our website and PHD Facebook page.

## **I ordered a T shirt, when do I receive it?**

- If you ordered a T shirt to be delivered to your home, you will receive it before July 31.
- If you ordered a T shirt to be shipped to PHD/LaTonya McRae, you will receive it at the retreat.

## **I forgot to order a T shirt. Can I get one at the retreat?**

- T shirts are sold out except for a FEW extras in assorted sizes.
- Purchase of the "extras" are available on a first come first serve basis.
- Feel free to wear a PHD shirt, polo or jersey from a prior year – we love "throwbacks"!

## **Do I have to attend every activity?**

- No. You do not have to attend every activity; however, we expect you to at a very minimum be at the ministry sessions (and on time).

## **Do I need to wear a mask?**

- Mask are recommended for those who are not fully vaccinated. Keswick does not police or enforce a mask mandate. Please use your own sensible discretion.

## **How is seating arranged?**

- Seating is arranged at current social distance guidance of 3 feet apart.
- You will choose a seat upon arrival and use one of your name tags to place on your seat.
- The seat you choose will be your seat in the meeting room for the entire time you are there.

**What if I miss the scheduled mealtime?**

- If you know ahead of time that you will miss a scheduled mealtime you may have a friend request a takeout plate in your absence.
- If you miss the scheduled mealtime, you can order from a local restaurant (at your own expense) or purchase a microwave meal from the nearby Walgreens.

**Why does the retreat have different prices?**

- Keswick has different rates depending on what building you plan to stay in (Saints Memorial, Raws Memorial, or Victory Hall) and the age of the attendee.

**My room is in a different building than I expected. Why?**

- We fill up the Saints Memorial Lodge first, then we begin to fill the Raws Memorial building.
- Unless you specifically requested a certain building, we use our discretion with room assignment based on registration time and physical needs.
- Earliest registrants are placed in Saints Memorial, unless they cannot do "stairs"; then the Raws building, which has an elevator, is the best option.

**What's the difference between the Saints Memorial Lodge and Raws Memorial Buildings?**

- Saints Memorial Lodge: A 2-floor bldg. (walk up) overlooking the lake and canoes, 2 double beds, private bath
- Raws Memorial Bldg: A 3-floor bldg., Elevator, Dining Hall, Lounge, Snack Room, twin//double beds, private bath

**What if I owe a balance on my retreat funds?**

- Retreat funds should be paid two weeks before arrival unless other arrangements are made with PHD officers.
- Any balances due will be reconciled upon arrival and before room key distribution.
- Balances paid at the retreat should be made in CASH and in exact change.
- Balances paid before the retreat should be via CashApp \$TREEOFLIFE4U or paypal.me/treeoflifemission.

**Do I need to bring extra money?**

- The volunteer dining room servers have a tip basket on the tables for support of their ministries.
- Vendors will be on site. You may want to purchase something.
- CVS, Walgreens and Pizzeria are nearby in case you need to purchase from them.
- ATMs are within a mile's drive if you need to get cash.

**What kind of people are at Keswick?**

- Christians from all walks of life go to Keswick for their group events.
- All ages, all nationalities, all denominations.
- Drinking of alcohol, smoking, or use of profanity is prohibited on Keswick grounds.

**Are their children's activities?**

- There is a lovely playground for children of all ages to enjoy (small children must not be left unattended).
- Swimming pool for small children is located inside the activity center near the large pool.
- Small children's goody bags will have age-appropriate items inside.
- Children can participate in aerobics, hula hoop, and basketball too.

**Is there onsite parking?**

- Parking is available onsite at no charge.
- Spaces near building are on a first come first serve basis.

**Is Keswick ADA Compliant?**

- Everything on the grounds is handicap accessible.
- Electric scooters are limited and available on a first come first serve basis.

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**If you have any additional questions, please reach out to us via phone or email:**

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