



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SYNOD 2020

October 22-23, 2020 @ First Presbyterian Columbia SC

ARE YOU REGISTERED?



We will be expecting everyone who is registered by **Oct 15** to be present at the meeting in order to ensure a quorum. See "Virtual Participation" on last page of this document. To find out where you stand as a registered delegate, **click here:**

<https://tinyurl.com/SynodReg2020>

If you need to register: arpchurch.org

To make **any changes** in your registration, please contact cscott@arpsynod.org

COVID-19 SCREENING

First Presbyterian Columbia Safety Protocol

Masks are required for medical screening and strongly recommended to be worn at all times.

Physical distancing is encouraged.

Designated One way to enter and exit buildings.

Medical Screening: Be prepared for temperature check and a couple of questions such as:

Have you had direct contact with individuals with known Covid-19 infection in last 14 days?

Have you had fever or chills during the last 14 days?

Do you have a new cough or difficulty breathing?

Have you lost the sense of smell or taste?

SCHEDULE

A compressed schedule will be posted on arpchurch.org no later than Oct 15. Synod 2020 will begin with Opening Worship at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, Oct 22, 2020.

Medical screening and meeting check-in will begin Thursday, Oct 22 at 8:30 am.

MEALS

Thursday Lunch and Dinner on campus

Friday Lunch on campus

As a safety precaution, we encourage all delegates/guests to stay on campus for the duration of the day.

LODGING

**EVERYONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR BOOKING
THEIR OWN LODGING!**



Room blocks secured until Oct 7 

Marriott Columbia (.29 mi)

1200 Hampton St, Columbia, SC 29201

800-228-9290 (or) 803-771-7000

Name of room block: **ARP Synod Block**

\$99/night

Tru by Hilton (2.61 mi)

185 Stoneridge Dr, Columbia, SC 29210

803-756-4140

Name of room block: **Synod Group**

\$84/night

Staybridge (1.17 mi)

1913 Huger St, Columbia, SC 29201

803-451-5900

Name of room block: **Synod 2020**

\$129/night

PARKING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN COLUMBIA SC

A couple of hotels are in short walking distance of the church.

In addition, the following parking is available:

Family Life Center parking lot

Ministry Building parking lot

The Bridge parking lot and additional parking extending to Gervais Street.

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Check-In:

Thursday, Oct 22 (8:30-9:45 am)

Located in **The Atrium** (between Jackson Hall and the Education Building). The Atrium entrance to be used for **screening and check-in** is located at 1324 Marion Street (when facing the front of the Sanctuary, that location is to the left of the Sanctuary along Marion Street where you will see 4 doors). There you will be screened and can then check in. A campus map will be provided for you to locate meeting rooms, restrooms and meal service.

Wear your mask!

No on-site registration - only check-in

Four (4) tables with social distanced lines

Each delegate will receive:

2 pre-printed disposable nametags
meeting materials
campus map

Each delegate will be marked present on the Official Roll.

Meeting (beginning with **Opening Worship** at **10 am on Oct 22**) will be held in **Sanctuary** and **Family Life Center** with live-streaming between the two spaces. Delegates from the same church will be allowed to sit together where space allows. Single delegates from a church should sit socially distanced from others.

Guests/Observers:

Unless you are on the program or have a specific duty at the meeting, we are **discouraging guests** in order to allow more spacing for delegates. Those guests/observers (non-delegates) who attend will need to go through the same screening and check-in posted above.

Moderator Committee Meetings

The **Moderator Committee meeting** you are assigned to (**Index C** in your Synod packet) will take place **Thursday** from **12:30-3:00 pm**. Meeting locations will be listed in meeting materials you receive at check-in. When the meeting breaks for lunch at approx 12:30, you will pick up a boxed lunch and proceed to your meeting location for a **working lunch**. The Synod meeting will re-convene at 3:00 pm.

Miscellaneous

Displays - There will be no displays during Synod 2020

Presbytery Meetings - No presbyteries will meet during Synod 2020

Wireless Internet: Due to the live-streaming going on between Sanctuary and Family Life Center coupled with Zoom meetings for Canada and Northeast, WE ASK EVERYONE TO **PLEASE LIMIT WI-FI USE DURING THE MEETING.**

Virtual Participation

We will be allowing offsite virtual participation in the Synod meeting. In order to preserve the best possible connection, though, we will be limiting this access to members of our Canadian and Northeast Presbyteries, who must connect out of necessity because of the strict travel restrictions that they are facing.

NOTE: DELEGATES PARTICIPATING VIRTUALLY WILL NEED TO BE OFFICIALLY REGISTERED DELEGATES BY OCT. 15