



United Church of God

AIA, Pilipinas

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Greetings Brethren!

Our Feast of Tabernacles and the Eighth Day in 2024 for Mindanao, Philippines, will once again be held at Hotel De Susana and Resort in Purok 2, Patag Bagontaas, Valencia City, Bukidnon. Labeled as the highland paradise in the heart of Mindanao, Bukidnon derives its name from the Visayan term "bukid" for "mountain." It is predominantly a rolling grassland plateau with an average elevation of 915 meters. The rolling uplands, deep canyons, and valleys alternating with low plains create a refreshing vista for dwellers and travelers alike. One of the most striking and impressive features of Bukidnon is its breathtaking mountain landscape, with some areas still covered with forest. However, significant portions are grasslands planted with corn, pineapple, and sugarcane, making the area highly suited to agriculture. Bukidnon is the primary source of agricultural products and raw materials that feed the processing plants in the province and the primary processing centers of Northern Mindanao. Hence, Bukidnon is tagged as the region's "Food Basket."

As the Fall Festival season approaches, we need to prepare viable plans to faithfully observe these God-ordained feasts. Of course, we still have two (2) important God's Holy Day Festivals to observe before these: the Feast of Trumpets (October 3, Thursday) and the Day of Atonement (October 12, Saturday, observed with fasting starting Friday sunset, October 11th), but these festivals will be held right in your respective congregation.

The Feast of Tabernacles will commence on October 17th, Thursday, and The Eighth Day on October 24th, Thursday. It is best to plan to arrive at the feast site early on Wednesday, October 16, to allow enough time for registration and preparation for the Opening Night, orientation & welcome dinner at 7:00 that evening. Please arrange your travel plans accordingly and let us know your schedules so we can coordinate your arrivals.

For guests outside Mindanao who wish to reach the venue themselves, Hotel De Susana and Resort are accessible by plane from Laguindingan Airport via Cagayan de Oro City (150 km) or from Francisco Bangoy International Airport, Davao City (176 km). Find your way to the bus station from these airports and ride a bus bound for Bukidnon. Drop off at Valencia City Bus Terminal. From the bus terminal, ride a motorcycle cab to the resort. Our brethren from Mindanao can also take the following routes to the site: From the South, by Kidapawan City, North Cotabato (160 km via Kabacan-Carmen) and Davao City (176 km), From the Northeast by Butuan City, Agusan del Norte (260 km via CDO) and Tagum, Davao del Norte (154 km via San Fernando), and from the West by Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur.

God has commanded the keeping of the Feast of Tabernacles and The Eighth Day to ancient Israel (Leviticus 23:34-36, 41-43). The same feasts were taught and observed by Jesus Christ and His disciples (John 7:1-38). And the keeping of the Feast will be required of all families at the return of Jesus Christ (Zechariah 14:16-19). You and I are privileged to keep these festivals now. This privilege allows us to glimpse what the world will be like when Christ rules the earth. Also, it's a rehearsal, a practice, for the parts or roles we will play in His Kingdom. Considering the importance of keeping these festivals, let us do our best to prepare ourselves physically, financially, and spiritually. Any challenge we will encounter in planning, preparation, and keeping these festivals should be viewed as part of our training and an opportunity to develop godly character.

For our brethren who, due to health problems and other valid reasons, cannot make it to the feast, please spend the feast days in your location by reading and reviewing our booklet: "God's Holy Day Plan: The Promise of Hope for All Mankind" and other feast-related articles and/or view DVD sermons, which will be sent to you in advance upon your request.

MINDANAO FESTIVAL SITE

TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION: Various accommodations are available at Hotel De Susana and Resort (depending on individual/family needs).

• **SUPERIOR ROOM: (2 Units)**

- Php 2,250.00/day - Good for (2) Two persons with 2 Single-size beds. Air-Conditioned Room, Hot & Cold Shower. FREE breakfast for 2.

• **DELUXE ROOM: (16 Units)**

- Php 2,250.00/day - Good for (2) Two persons with 1 Queen-size bed. Air-Conditioned Room, Hot & Cold Shower. FREE breakfast for 2.

• **JUNIOR SUITE: (4 Units)**

- Php 2,700.00/day - Good for (3) Three persons with 1 Queen-size bed and 1 Single-size bed. Air-Conditioned Room, Hot & Cold Shower. FREE breakfast for 2.

• **EXECUTIVE SUITE: (4 Units)**

- Php 3,780.00/day - Good for (4) Four persons with 2 Queen-size beds. Air-Conditioned Room, Hot & Cold Shower. FREE breakfast for 2. These rooms can also be converted into dormitory accommodation for up to 10 beds. Add-on rates will apply.

• **PRESIDENTIAL SUITE: (5 Units)**

- Php 4,050.00/day - Good for (2) Two persons with 1 King-size bed. Air-Conditioned Room, Hot & Cold Shower. FREE breakfast for 2. These rooms can also be converted into dormitory accommodation for up to 10 beds. Add-on rates will apply.

(Please note that the above rates are already discounted by 10%. Additional P500 for every Extra bed without breakfast.)

AMENITIES: Hot & Cold Shower, Cable TV, Air-conditioned room, Mini-bar, and Swimming pool

MEALS & RATES: Please note that outside food is not allowed in the resort. All rooms are inclusive of a complimentary breakfast good for two.

Breakfast -- P 150.00 /meal/person (2 viands, Rice, Coffee/Choco Drink)

Lunch -- P 400.00 /meal/person (3 viands, Rice, 1 Fresh Fruits)

Dinner -- P 250.00 /meal/person (2 viands & Rice – Light Meals Only)

(All children ages 5 years old and below will be charged with a 50% discount, except for infants and/or toddlers who are still being fed by their parents; they are free of charge.)

Note: Mineral water dispensers are available in the dining area. Also, each family/or individual has the option as to where they want to have their dinner. Several restaurants are available around the area. However, we will provide dinner to a limited number of members who need assistance. Kindly indicate.

FESTIVAL RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

Please contact the Festival Coordinator and coordinate with your local elders. You may also settle your accounts through our assigned and designated Festival Registration and Finance coordinators at the Festival Business Office during the Feast.

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP BEFORE GOD

With about a few months to go, we need to assess now our festival preparations and resources. I know how difficult life has been considering the continuing increase in prices, some slump in some businesses, and employment problems, but hopefully, despite these, may we be found by God still faithful in our responsibilities to Him, first and foremost. If we put God first, including giving our tithes & offerings, saving our festival tithe, and helping the needy among us; God will find ways to help us also, according to His love, grace, and great power! Please also remember to bring your “gifts” to God in the form of Holy Day Offerings (HDO), which He commands when we come before Him—Deut. 16:16. If you have any problems attending the Feast, please get in touch with me as soon as possible.

LIMITED FESTIVAL ASSISTANCE

As in the past, limited financial assistance may again be made available to those who are qualified because of the generosity of some faithful members; anyone requesting financial aid, however, must have shown their faithfulness in keeping their financial obligations to God. If you are qualified, please inform me of your needs in the attached Festival Registration Form. Please understand that while we try to help all qualified for assistance, there is a limit to how much we can do. It is best to talk to me about this concern.

FESTIVAL ADVISORS

To help administratively, there is a need for Festival Advisors because of our growing number of members/attendees. The Local Church Leaders in your respective areas will help look after your needs in connection with the Feast, filling out your Festival Registration Forms, and arranging your travel, housing, and other festival necessities/activities.

REGISTRATION FOR THE FEAST

As part of our personal and administrative preparations, we ask all concerned to fill out the attached Festival Registration Form. This is required of you if you are: 1) baptized, 2) coming alone, or 3) head of household. Please fill out and return the attached form as soon as possible. Those requesting financial assistance must indicate and specify their individual needs. The earlier you submit these completed forms through your Church Leader or by mail, email, or fax, the better and the earlier we can take care of your preferences and needs.

Let us all work and pray together that God will grant us again a blessed, spiritually rewarding, and successful Feast of Tabernacles and Eighth Day this year!

Sincerely in Christ's service,



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MINDANAO FESTIVAL REGISTRATION FORM

(TO BE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT AND SUBMITTED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 29, 2024)

Name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____ Status: _____

Address: _____ Contact #: _____

Please list down the names of those coming with you, with their AGE, GENDER, and CIVIL STATUS:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION:

(Please check one of the boxes below and indicate how many beds/mattresses are to be occupied and the total estimated cost of your accommodation for eight days. **Note: children 12 years old & below are not counted unless they avail of the additional bed.**)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Superior Room | | | Total Estimated Cost: P _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> De Luxe Room | No. of beds: _____ | *Sharing w/ others? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Total Estimated Cost: P _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior Suite | No. of beds: _____ | *Sharing w/ others? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Total Estimated Cost: P _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Executive Suite | No. of beds: _____ | *Sharing w/ others? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Total Estimated Cost: P _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presidential Suite | No. of beds: _____ | *Sharing w/ others? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Total Estimated Cost: P _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Others (If staying outside the resort) | | | |
- Please specify where: _____

*Name of person/s or family/ies you prefer to share accommodations with:

MEALS:

(Please indicate how many adult/s and child/ren will be eating and the estimated cost of your meals for eight days)

Adult/s: _____ Child/ren: _____ Total Estimated Cost: P _____

(Note: Please indicate below the actual 2nd Tithe/Festival Fund on hand upon arriving at the feast site.)

Additional comments: _____

FOR THOSE REQUESTING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, please approach your Elder and Festival coordinator for personal counseling and subject to approval. And by signing this form, you also CERTIFY that you have been faithfully tithing on whatever tithable income you have and that you are also saving your Festival Tithe. Unless this form is completed, we cannot process your request. If you have any questions on this, please feel free to contact the festival coordinator and the designated local leaders in your area.

Date: _____

Your Signature: _____