

Learn and Enjoy at the Northeast Regional

Come to the Northeast Regional Conference July 12-14 at Caesars Resort and Convention Center in Windsor, Ontario. The Northeast Regional Conference will be **one day shorter** than the other regionals as International is responding to evaluations that suggested shortening the regionals.

The registration fee is \$113 (U.S. dollars) for the three days and \$50 for one day. But the registration form will be listed in Canadian dollars, and, therefore, those living in the U.S. will need to use a credit card to register. The credit card bill will then list the cost in U.S. dollars, which because of the exchange rate is less than Canadian dollars.



Caesars Resort, the conference site located across the river from Detroit, is a lovely facility. Rooms are in the Augustus Tower, and the meetings are on a lower level in the same tower. Reserving a room in late spring, may require you to select lodging in the Forum Tower which requires a short walk through the Casino to the conference. Lodging is \$165 in Canadian dollars per night. Multiply \$165 by .75 to get the approximate cost of the room in U.S. dollars: \$123.75.

Why do we have regional conferences? We can get the latest information about the Society, and we can experience professional and personal development through speakers, breakout sessions, and other activities. Plus we see another geographical area. Earlier in the week (Mon., Tues., and Wed.) pre-conference training will be provided for state organization presidents and other specific state leaders. International meetings are wonderful places to enjoy "genuine spiritual fellowship" with women from other countries and states in the U.S.

So think very seriously about attending the Northeast Regional. Some members from the Northeast have already volunteered to help Ontario's 150 members. When a list of those volunteer jobs becomes available, the Northeast state organization presidents will be notified.

If you wish to do a breakout session or a ten-minute takeaway, a proposal form is online. Breakouts are 45 minutes. A "ten-minute takeaway" is an opportunity to make a presentation on one topic in a ten-minute time slot in an open area.

Two pre-conference sessions—The Underground Railway which ended at Windsor and *Indigenous Peoples in the 21st Century*--will be offered on Wednesday, July 12. Professional development hours will be available.

Members who are musical and enjoy singing and playing instruments are invited to participate. Susan Young from Illinois will be directing the chorus along with seeking individuals to perform at various sessions.

Porter Airlines offers a discount from major cities and Canada to Toronto where going through customs is required, and then it's only a 20-minutes flight to Windsor. On other airlines through Detroit, it is only about 30 minutes by shuttle to arrive at Windsor after going through customs. You do need a passport! No one gets in to Canada with a gun--not even one that a husband or friend may have left in the trunk of your car. When passing through customs, if you are asked why you are entering Canada, say you are attending a teachers' conference.

Come to Windsor in July and we will share a variety of experiences and have a good time!!

See you there!