

DUCC GATHERING 2013, Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia

Hello to DUCC Gathering delegates !

There are 50 participants coming to the Gathering 2013 . It's both exciting and challenging for the local arrangement committee, but we are prepared to do our best to make sure all goes well. This email is to give you “ a heads up” regarding some of the things you may need to consider before arriving.

WORSHIP – The worship committee asks that you bring a rock or stone with you from the place where you live or a place of significance for you.

ALLERGIES – Tatamagouche Centre has a scent free policy. There are some participants who are allergic to perfumes and scents so please be mindful of this. The Centre tries hard to provide choices for those with food allergies.

LOBSTER – The co-ordinating committee has offered to pay for lobster at one meal ! Probably it will Thursday supper, including salads and cold cuts (for those who do not like them or are allergic)... They will be cooked outside and eaten outside if it's warm enough. .

KAUFMAN FUND – This fund can provide assistance of \$200 each to attend the Gathering. Please contact Lynda Appleby at this email lynda.appleby@rogers.com.

The Fund is also adding \$1000 to the travel pool. Thanks !

WEATHER – Who knows what it will be like, but we've had a cool, damp spring . Layered clothing and waterproof footwear are recommended. The grounds between buildings and the walking trail could be quite damp.

EXTRA NIGHTS and meals– A few of you are coming early, like Sunday evening and Monday. The cost for the planning committee will be covered by DUCC. For those not on the committee, the cost is \$35 a night for a room, and meals are about \$ 11- 13 each. Plus HST 15%. Prior to the event, there will be meals available at the Centre on Monday evening, and Tuesday breakfast. So, we would ask those staying these extra times to pay Tatamagouche Centre directly at the office . They take credit cards, but DUCC does not.

There are two restaurants , a grocery store and a pharmacy in the village. If the weather is bad and you need transportation on Monday while at the Centre, a vehicle will be available for you.

THURSDAY EVENING will be filled with celebrations and good times.

COMPANION OF THE CENTRE

There will be a service to honour Jessie MacLeod DM with the Companion of the Centre award. It will be held at 7pm in the Chapel on Thursday evening. An invitation has been extended to others who wish to join us . A reception will follow the service and then blend into the Ceilidh.

A CEILIDH (Kay lee) or Kitchen Party will fill out Thursday evening with good fun, singing, maybe dancing and lots of laughter. The musicians have been hired ! We'll have a few Maritime treats for you like dulse, pickled eggs, and Solomon Gundy. (and other nibblies too).

AUCTION – During the ceilidh, we'll have an auction of many things “Duck”. It started when Lori Crocker brought some exquisitely knitted small ducks to one of our meetings and suggested we auction them , with proceeds going to DUCC , or wherever the group decides. If you have anything you'd like to offer, bring it along ! We have tiny knitted ducks, a purple duck money bank, a pink duck money bank and a yellow one, a lawn /garden sign, a floating duck, a pull toy, and on it goes ! We'll be soliciting an auctioneer from among us !

WATER – The tap water at the Centre has a high mineral content and not recommended for drinking, but is safe otherwise. Filtered water is available in the dining room at all times, so bring along a re-fillable water bottle .

WI FI – The main office building has wireless connection , but residences do not. The main building is open long hours, and there are two computers in the dining area for use by delegates.

JUST IN CASE..... here are some numbers to keep handy.
Lori Crocker's cell phone – 902-329-2227

Kay Dean's cell phone – 902-890-1338 and home 902-843-9107

Tatamagouche Centre – 902-657-2231

SUPPLIES – The local arrangements committee picked up supplies needed for program , worship, etc. Email kaydean@eastlink.ca a few days ahead if more are needed..

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PAPER – Participants are encouraged to read the World Council of Churches paper “Theological Perspectives on Diakonia in the Twenty First Century” which emerged at a conference jointly organized by Justice and Diakonia, Just and Inclusive Communities, and Mission and Evangelism programmes in Colombo, Sri Lanka, June 2-6, 2012.
DUCC member Barbara Lloyd attended the conference.

The link for the report

<http://ducc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012-WCC-statement-on-Diaconal-Ministry.pdf>

“A HUNDRED THOUSAND WELCOMES” from the Maritime members of DUCC and the Local Arrangements Committee.

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