

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS REGARDING SYNOD SCHOOL

### What if people need to contact me during the week?

There are phones in the lounges of all the dorms, but not in your dorm room. We encourage you to bring your cell phone if you need to have a phone in your room. When you cannot be reached at your dorm, the following numbers will be helpful:

**SYNOD SCHOOL OFFICE: 712-749-1447**

(Staffed from approximately 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. daily.)

**BV INFORMATION DESK: 712-749-2400** (staffed 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.)

**BV CAMPUS SECURITY: 712-749-2500** (answered 24 hours a day)

### What should I bring to wear?

Dress is casual: play clothes for children, shorts or casual wear for adults. While the air outside is often hot and humid, all our meeting rooms and dorms are air conditioned. A sweater or jacket is useful for some air conditioned rooms or if the weather turns cool. All dorm bathrooms are “down the hall” and dorms are intergenerational and co-ed, so make sure you have a robe or something else which will make the trip comfortable for you and others.

### Are there opportunities for recreation?

There is an indoor swimming pool which is available during designated hours. The college charges a \$3 fee for each use of the pool. Please plan accordingly and bring your own pool towels. Tennis and volleyball courts are available and two golf courses are nearby, but you must bring your own equipment. The campus is on the lakeshore and there is a walking trail along the lake, but there is no beach for swimming near campus. **Please leave at home skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates and any other recreational equipment that would compete with pedestrians or wheelchairs for sidewalk space.**

### What is provided and what else should I bring?

An institutional linen packet is provided which includes a pillow, pillow slip, two flat sheets, two bath and hand towels, and a wash cloth. A blanket, small cup, and a small bar of soap are also provided. If you are fussy about any of those things, bring your own, plus anything else that will help you feel at home in a spartan room. Bring an extra blanket as the air conditioning is not always easy to adjust. If you don't like to re-use towels, bring your own extras. If you will need hangers, bring your own. If you have a child for whom you are bringing a sleeping bag and/or air mattress, no linen pack is provided. Please plan to bring linens and towels for your child.

Also you may want to bring your Bible, a notebook and writing implement, and swim suit plus any other athletic equipment you will need. If you have children, games and books to use during the rest hour each afternoon will be useful. If you plan to read in bed, you may want to bring a desk lamp as most rooms only have overhead or desk lighting. An extension cord is helpful if you bring personal appliances.

### Is smoking permitted on campus?

Consistent with Iowa law, the whole campus (including dorms, classroom buildings, lawns, etc.) are non-smoking areas. If you must smoke, you'll need to do it “in the street;” please dispose of cigarette butts appropriately.

### How much money do I need to bring?

Meals are included in the registration fees for those staying on-campus. Commuters may purchase meals they wish to eat. Coffee and ice water will be available for everyone in Dixon-Eilers Hall during breaks. Vending machines are available to purchase soft drinks and snacks. If you plan to purchase books or gifts, credit cards are accepted only by the Cokesbury (Synod School) and campus bookstores. For other purchases bring either cash or checks. We will receive an offering for scholarships on Thursday and we hope you will give generously to help others attend next year.

### Will I be able to do laundry during the School?

There are laundromats on campus which take change, but you should bring your own detergent.

### What about accessing my email?

Computers are available in the campus library in Siebens Forum. Wireless internet access is also available.

### Can I bring videos or DVDs for me or my kids to watch during free time?

The Synod School Committee discourages anyone from bringing their own videos. If someone does bring a video tape or DVD to share, we ask that it be previewed by the committee or staff before it is used on campus. (This is policy.)