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## GFM Natl Staff Conference - get ready to attend!

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Dear colleagues and guests,

We look forward to seeing you next week! I know we've sent a lot of emails about this meeting. Please read them carefully. Flyers and airport drivers, look for emails sent late Friday with details about arrivals on 3/21 and 3/22. We appreciate your flexibility and grace as we meet in a new facility and adjust to the shifting covid-landscape.

Here's a brief summary to orient you to our meeting in a new location: [Lake Williamson Christian Center](#).

**We recommend that you take a rapid covid test before traveling to the meeting.** If you have to pay for the test you can expense it to your staff account. **If you end up not attending in person**, please call or text Lorrey (919-608-8202) asap.

**Drivers**, please refer to the attached document with directions.

**When you arrive, go to the Activities Center** to register and get your room key. Most of us will be housed in Williamson Lodge. Plenary sessions and the prayer room will be in the Brotherhood Center. All other meeting rooms are in the Activities Center. Meals will be in the Lakeside Dining Room. See the attached map for details.

### What to bring:

- Bedding and towels are provided at the conference center. Hairdryers are not.
- Bathing suit and beach towel if you want to use the indoor pool. (Please don't take towels from your sleeping room to the pool.)
- Masks and rapid tests, if you have extras at home (optional)  
We will have extra masks onsite. Let Jill know if you bring rapid tests that others can use.
- Water bottle (optional)
- IFES offering will be collected online during our meeting, by credit or debit card

**Escape Room:** if you want to participate in an Escape Room on Wednesday afternoon (2:45 – 3:45 pm) reply to this email and bring \$10 with you. We will have two rooms and can accommodate a total of 16 people between the two rooms.

**Stan Wallace**, President and CEO of Global Scholars (and formerly InterVarsity's Director of Faculty Ministry) will be with us next week. Watch [this brief greeting from Stan](#), then look for him on Wednesday or Thursday.

Last but NOT least, our Focused Ministries Leadership Team is hosting a **party on Wednesday evening**. Get your party moves ready! Here's a message from Karen Hice Guzmán:

GFM Colleagues and Guests,

We look forward to gathering together next week IN PERSON after not being able to do so since 2019. The GFM Focused Ministry Team is delighted to invite you to our annual celebration (i.e. PARTY) on Wednesday night. We'll gather together in the Brotherhood Center Auditorium at 8:45 to kick things off. Refreshments will be offered in the "coffee break room" adjacent to the auditorium. Games and puzzles will be available. Outside nearby a fire pit and ingredients for S'mores await you. And for those who need a bit more noise and movement, we'll host a DANCE PARTY in the auditorium. Tunes from the 60's onward will beckon you onto the dance floor, including some line/group dances. If you are interested in prepping for those, you'll find links below to tutorials. Come ready to shake, shake, shake - shake your booty! We look forward to seeing you next week!

Karen Hice Guzmán, for the GFM Focused Ministries Leadership Team

[Macarena](#)  
[Line Dance from Saturday Night Fever](#)  
[Cha Cha Slide](#)  
[Gangnam Style](#)

Grace and peace,