

Dear GC2016 Volunteers,

The time is fast approaching! Please know that I have been holding you in prayer as you prepare to journey to Oregon - or at least to the Oregon Convention Center. As you pack to arrive in Portland, remember that the outdoor weather may be very changeable. The historical average high temperature for May 10th is 67 degrees with the highest temperature ever in 1993 at 85 degrees. The average low for May 10th is 47 degrees with the lowest temperature ever at 37 degrees in 1999. The historical average precipitation for that day is .08 inches. Perhaps the most important number to you need to remember though is that the temperature inside the Oregon Convention Center will be 68 degrees! **The appropriate attire for volunteers is business casual with comfortable shoes.**

Click on this link for an interactive 3D map of the Oregon Convention Center: <http://oregoncc360.circlescapes.com>.

All volunteers who will be working shifts at the Convention Center will report to room #B111. You will receive a general orientation and instruction module, and then be deployed to your specific volunteer locations within the building.

Volunteers assigned to the airport and various hotels will report directly to those locations. If you do not know where to report for your first volunteer shift, please reply to this email with a request for more information. If you arrive in Portland and are not sure where to report, come see me at room #B111 at the Oregon Convention Center and I will make sure you get to the right place.

As volunteers at General Conference our foremost goal is to *“provide extravagant and gracious hospitality whenever and wherever possible”* Please remember that our core values as volunteers are:

- Attention to safety
- Accurate information
- Helpful hospitality

Above all - be sure to welcome each delegate, participant, and visitor to General Conference 2016 warmly and enjoy your time as a volunteer. I pray that this will be a wonderful experience that you and our visitors to Portland will remember fondly for a lifetime! Every smile goes a long way toward making everyone's day better.

I look forward to seeing you in person soon.

Blessings,

Reverend Ruth