

United Church of God *an International Association*

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Letter from the President June 30, 2004

Dear Brethren,

Summer is a busy time for youth activities in United—especially with the United Youth Camps and local preteen camps. I leave this week for a visit to our second UYC camp of the summer, Camp Hye Sierra in California. I am very much looking forward to visiting with the campers and staff there. It is certainly energizing to be around our young people at these fine events.

Of course, summer is not the only time when United offers youth activities. We have a Winter Camp in Wisconsin, and many congregations and regions offer extended events throughout the year, especially during winter vacation. One such event that has met with great popularity and success has been the annual Winter Family Weekend, sponsored in past years by the UCG-Cincinnati North and UCG-Lexington congregations. Individuals in these congregations (along with volunteers from other areas) have worked extremely hard to put on a first-rate activity for hundreds of people over three or four days. I have personally attended this occasion and enjoyed myself very much. More importantly, the feedback from families, children, teenagers and young adults has been overwhelmingly positive.

Numerous pastors, parents and young people have asked us: “Will there be a Winter Family Weekend this year sponsored by either United Church of God congregations or the home office? We wish to attend a UCG family event.” We are pleased to respond that the answer is “Yes!” The eighth annual Winter Family Weekend promises to be an exciting occasion.

After discussing the matter with the pastors of Cincinnati North and Lexington (who discussed the matter with members in those congregations), this year’s event will take place in Louisville, Kentucky. Louisville is centrally located for congregations east of the Mississippi River and is one of the most economical cities in the United States to fly to. In the next few weeks we will be sending out a flyer with more information, but here are the initial details and plans. As you can see, we have located some excellent facilities at very affordable prices for families and adults.

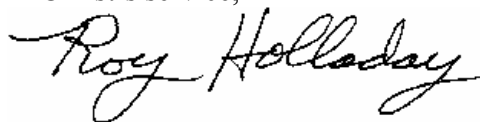
Eighth Annual Winter Family Weekend 2004 *Sponsored by the United Church of God*

- Date:** December 22, 23, 24 and 25, 2004.
- Hotel:**
 - The Clarion Hotel and Conference Center
9700 Bluegrass Parkway
Louisville, KY 40299
<http://www.choicehotels.com/ires/hotel/ky119>

- Reservations can be made immediately. All rooms in the hotel have been remodeled during the past few years. The Clarion Hotel is a AAA 3-Diamond facility.
 - The cost is \$30 per room, per night with two double beds or a king-size bed. Suites are also available for \$35 per night. There is an additional 15 percent tax not included in this price. Those desiring a particular style of room (double beds or king beds or suites) will have their requests filled on a first call, first reservation basis.
 - The toll-free reservation number is (866) 246-2021 and the local number is (502) 491-4830. Simply state that you are with the United Church of God (UCG).
 - Free airport shuttle service is also available to and from the airport.
 - The hotel has a large indoor pool, sauna, fitness center, pool tables, video game area, restaurant, room service and on-site conference center that will seat 2,400 people.
 - Both the hotel and the sports center are located within 3 miles of approximately 60 restaurants.
- The MidAmerica Sports Center (the contracted sports venue) is within 2 miles of the hotel and offers many basketball and volleyball courts. Additional facilities are being secured for the wide array of activities being planned.
 - The highlight of this weekend will once again be the Sabbath (December 25), including Sabbath services and a wide variety of classes and seminars for all ages, focusing on Christian Living and biblical subjects.
 - During the entire four-day duration, a host of activities is also being planned and organized for the following groups:
 - Families and preteens: A variety of organized games and events.
 - Teens: Volleyball and basketball tournaments, dance and other activities.
 - Young adults: Volleyball and basketball tournaments, dance and other activities.
 - Ambassador/ABC reunion.
 - Of course, there will be plenty of time for fellowship with dozens of friends and other brethren!

This event has proven to be extremely popular with our youth, young adults and families. We do hope that many of you will be able to make plans to join us for what will surely be a most memorable, inspiring weekend.

In Christ's service,



Roy Holladay