



# Registration Materials

All Things NEW

**Higher Things Conferences 2025** 

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#### **Conference Theme**

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" (Revelation 21:5)

The one who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Jesus promises that just as He is risen, we will rise. The last great enemy has been destroyed. Everlasting life belongs to all who believe...one day.

But for us, some days, that day feels far away. Like it'll never come... like it's been made for someone other than you.

Dear one, hear the promise for you today, too. "Behold, I am making all things new."...right now. It doesn't just mean that one day, everything will be fixed. It means that things are allowed to be broken today. Nothing can be so damaged that it can't be made new. Nothing broken will say that way. There is a resurrection of all flesh.

We can look forward with hope, even when everything falls apart around us. The promise isn't held at arm's length. When today is still broke, He who sits on the throne wants you to cling to the promise now. You are already a child of God, and so you are already a child of the resurrection. Call the sin that destroys what it is. Call death the last great enemy. It has already been defeated.

Live a steadfast faith today no matter what things look like because you rest on a yesterday that was made whole on the cross. Realize that God hates the same things you war against too, but he has already won the victory... the victory that makes All Things New.

## **Pre-registration Instructions**

#### Regarding Deposits & Balances

Non-refundable deposits of \$150.00 per person may be made at any point during the registration period to ensure your group's admission to a conference should it reach capacity. In other words, if the maximum number of people begin the registration process for a given conference, those who have paid deposits will be given priority over those who have not, regardless of the date they started the

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process. Deposits will only be refunded for a cancellation if there is a waiting list for that conference at the time of the cancellation.

Please remember that per-person rates are determined by the date your group's registration fees are **paid in full**. Checks mailed to Higher Things will be processed according to the postmark date. Unpaid balances and new registrations on or after May 1 will be charged an additional late fee of \$50.00/person (\$640/per person total for Amherst, Seward, and Grand Rapids, \$535/person total for Seward Off Campus Housing). An additional fee of \$50.00 will apply for substitutions made on or after May 1. All payments must be made in U.S. funds.

#### **Pre-registration Steps**

- Distribute individual registration forms to all youth and adults attending the conference with your group.
- Set a date when completed individual registration forms and deposits must be returned to the
  group leader. Each registrant must complete a registration form and have it signed by a parent
  (if applicable), the group leader, and your church's pastor. Please use the information in the
  completed forms to register your group online and keep the completed form for your records.
  This form will also permit minors to travel with the group out of state to attend a Higher Things
  conference. The completed forms do NOT get turned into Higher Things.
- DO NOT mail forms to Higher Things. You must register all members of your group online.

## **Registration Timeline**

Date	Registration Event
November 1	<ul> <li>Early-bird discounted registration opens.         (\$565 UMass Amherst, Concordia, &amp; Calvin; \$460 Concordia Off-Campus)</li> <li>CCV application process opens.</li> </ul>
February 1	<ul> <li>Registration rate increases to regular registration rate.</li> <li>(\$590 UMass Amherst, Concordia, &amp; Calvin; \$485 Concordia Off-Campus)</li> </ul>
March 1	<ul> <li>CCV application process closes.</li> <li>Scholarship applications are due.</li> </ul>
March 15	CCVs notified regarding acceptance.
April 30	<ul> <li>Final balances due (including day before/after and private rooms).</li> <li>All cancellations must be made by this date or groups will be responsible for the full registration fee.</li> <li>Last day to receive a refund for a canceled registration.</li> </ul>
May 1	<ul> <li>Registrations made or paid on or after this date are considered late and will be charged an additional late fee. (\$50.00/person)</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>All substitutions made on or after this date will incur a change fee (\$50.00)</li> <li>No refunds given on or after this date.</li> <li>Deadline to request roommates.</li> </ul>
May 15	<ul> <li>All t-shirt sizes must be up to date.</li> <li>Deadline to register to stay the night before or the night after the conference.</li> <li>Deadline to request a private room.</li> </ul>
June 1	Waitlist procedure changes (if applicable).

## **Group Leader Checklist**

#### Registration

- ☐ I understand the registration deadlines and fees below:
  - Non-refundable deposits of \$150 per person may be made at any point during
    registration to ensure your group admission to a conference should it reach capacity.
    However, the per-person registration fees above are based on the date your group's
    registration fees are paid in full. Partial payments (including non-refundable deposits)
    do not "lock in" your registration rates. All payments must be made in U.S. funds.
  - Refunds are not given for cancellations (including no-shows at conference check-in), and a \$50 change fee will apply to substitutions made on or after May 1, 2025. As of May 1, 2025, new and unpaid registrations will be considered late and will incur an additional late fee of \$50/person (\$640/per person total for Amherst, Seward, and Grand Rapids, \$535/person total for Seward Off Campus Housing).
  - The online registration system will state that the final payment is due in the fall after the conference season is completed. This is a product of the system's retention of your credit card information and is not the case. You must be paid in full by April 30, 2025, or you will incur a late fee of \$50/person. All payments are due absolutely no later than the start of the conference.
- ☐ I have received individual registration forms for each person in my group with all the appropriate signatures. Each individual also has a unique email address.
- ☐ I have noted any registrants' special needs, medical conditions, and/or disabilities, particularly those that will affect housing assignments or dietary requirements (not dietary preferences), while at the conference.
- ☐ I understand that I, as the group leader, will serve as the primary contact between Higher Things conference staff and my group, and I am responsible for sharing information with the individual registrants of my group and their parents/guardians.



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#### Housing

I have read and understand the Higher Things Registration and Housing Policies.
I have registered everyone according to the age they will be at the time of the conference.
I understand that requested private rooms will incur a charge of \$50/night per room and that a private room does not guarantee the use of a private bathroom.
I understand that my group may stay on campus for an additional day before and/or after the conference for an additional charge of \$50/person/night (housing only).
I understand and have explained to all youth and adult registrants in my group that if our group does not fill a room or suite to capacity, a registrant from another group (of the same see and age category) may be assigned to share that room and/or suite.

## Chaperones

- ☐ I have recruited the appropriate number of chaperones for my group.
  - One (1) male chaperone for every seven (7) boys and one (1) female chaperone for every seven (7) girls in your group. They are (or will be) at least 21 years of age at the time of the conference.
  - If you cannot recruit the necessary number of chaperones for your youth to attend a conference, we will assist you in finding other groups from your area who might be willing to share their chaperones with your group.
- ☐ I understand that Higher Things does not provide chaperones during the conference and that I, with the other chaperones in my group, am responsible for my group's conduct and supervision during the conference. My group's chaperones are aware of their responsibilities to the youth of our group.
- ☐ I have made plans and budgeted funds to complete necessary background checks and any other requirements for chaperones in my group to attend the conference.