

United Church of God *an International Association*

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Letter from the President *Winter Family Weekend - 2005*

Dear Brethren,

How often do we have the chance to see over 1,500 members in our spiritual family all together at one location enjoying one another's company? Not often enough, you say? Then you should try to attend the 2005 Winter Family Weekend in Louisville, Kentucky, December 23-27.

We are anticipating a possible record year of attendance with no less than four days full of fun and fellowship. And although the "great snow of 2004" created legendary stories to share for years to come, we expect weather much more typical of the area at that time—milder and without snow. Either way, you're going to have a great time from the moment you arrive until the time you leave for home.

Some of this year's activities for the sports enthusiasts include basketball, volleyball, flag football, soccer, speedaway, wall climbing and batting cages. For those looking for a good time apart from athletics, look no further—we'll have swimming pool parties, preteen organized games, card parties, jam sessions, novelty Olympics, a family dance, a teen dance and the always-popular young adult dinner dance.

And don't forget the Family Fun Fair for all ages, with activities such as the mechanical bull, zing swing, fire truck slide, hi-striker, moon bounce, obstacle course, putt-putt golf, twin spin, Velcro wall, sumo wrestling suits, grab bag fishing and even more!

For those who want to tour, Louisville offers numerous sites of local interest, including Fourth Street Live (the downtown entertainment district), Kentucky Derby Museum, Frazier Historical Arms Museum and several other options.

This year more food options at both the hotel and sports facility will please all tastes and budgets. And, of course, the 75 restaurants within a two-mile radius assure everyone the food of his or her choice.

The Sabbath always highlights the weekend, and we will have a stimulating day of spiritual food and fellowship. Everything begins with a Sabbath evening Bible study, followed by a welcoming reception on Friday evening, December 23, at 7:30 p.m. A variety of morning seminars and the afternoon services will cap the entire day.

Sabbath services and the evening events throughout the four days will be held at the Clarion Hotel. The Clarion now features all new sleeper sofas, 35 additional rooms completely remodeled, new carpet and chairs in the convention center, a new Jacuzzi and a new snack bar area. We have contracted a three-year room rate (meaning this is the price for the next three years should we decide to stay at this property) of \$40 per night for regular sleeping rooms and \$45 per night for an executive suite. Please call (502) 491-4830 or toll free (866) 246-2021 to make your reservations. The Clarion will fill quickly, so don't delay!

When you call, if the Clarion is sold out, you may make a reservation at the Holiday Inn Hurstbourne (same exit as the Clarion) for \$43 per night by calling (502) 426-2600. Both hotels have free airport shuttles.

Stay tuned for upcoming details of the specific activities as well as how and where to register for this event, but make your plans now to come and join with more of your family at this year's Winter Family Weekend in Louisville. Check www.ucg.org/familyweekend/ for more information.

See you there!

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clyde Kilough". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'C'.

Clyde Kilough