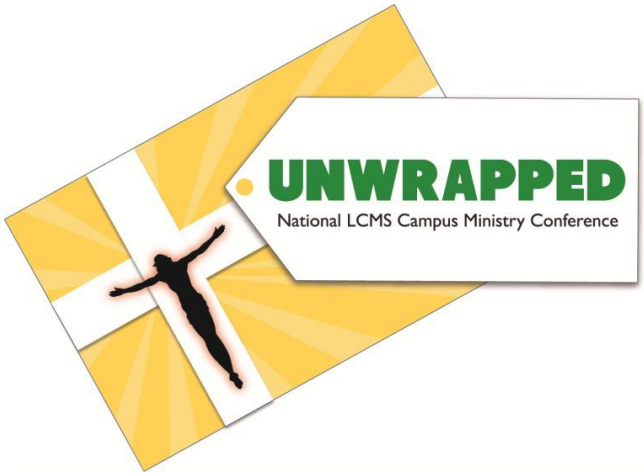

January 2-5, 2013
Saint Louis, MO
www.lcms.org/campusministry

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is this Conference for?
This conference is designed primarily for LCMS college students and those who work closely with them in various campus ministry contexts.

Will there be more speakers than those listed?
Yes. In fact, many additional sectional speakers will be drawn from among those who are in attendance. A complete listing will be made available in early to mid-December. While some sectionals may also be on apologetics topics, there will be a wide variety of sectionals for everyone on numerous topics.

Will we have a chance to have fun?
No. No fun will be allowed at this conference whatsoever. :-*)*

Can non-Lutheran, or non-Christian, students attend UNWRAPPED?
Absolutely. Any and all students who are interested in attending UNWRAPPED are welcome to attend. In fact, we encourage you to bring your friends if they would like to come.

Can non-students also attend UNWRAPPED?
Yes. In addition to various campus ministry workers that will certainly attend with their students, others are also welcome as we understand that the topic of apologetics may be of interest to others beyond their college years.

Can individuals attend if they aren't part of a group?
Absolutely. While many students may come as a part of a group, we not only want individuals to come, but will try to do our level best to help you locate potential groups to travel with to/from UNWRAPPED.

What if I'm a college student but I won't be 18 by the time of the conference? Can I still come?
Yes. However, since you are a minor, you will need to fill out the additional parental consent information that is provided.

Will there be vendors/exhibitors at UNWRAPPED?
Yes. Separate registration information for exhibitors will be announced by October 1.

What does the registration $175 include?
It includes all programming costs, three nights at the conference hotel (based on quad occupancy, and most meals during the conference.

Why is the registration cost based on quad occupancy?
We realize that not everyone wants to share a room, much less a bed. At the same time we know that college students are resourceful and usually need to do things as inexpensive as possible. One of our primary goals is to keep the costs of the conference as low as possible so that everyone can reasonably attend. In order to do that, we have provided the base rate based on quad occupancy, while still providing the opportunity for those who wish to have their own room (or bed) at a higher rate.

I live in St. Louis or might have another place to stay. Do we have to stay at the hotel? If not, what's my registration fee?
No, you do not have to stay at the hotel. However, your registration will still be $175 (based on quad occupancy) whether you choose to stay at the hotel or not. We want to encourage everyone who comes to UNWRAPPED to stay at the hotel regardless of how far they have traveled in order to maximize the opportunity to get to know other students and build a sense of community for the gathering and beyond.

When does registration close?
Registration is open and will not close until November 15, 2013 in order to allow it to remain open as long as possible, while yet providing plenty of time for final preparations.

What's the earliest time we should we arrive in St. Louis?
The Conference doesn't officially begin until the morning of Thursday, January 3, however we encourage everyone to arrive by Wednesday evening, January 2 and join us for the Welcome Bash at the Conference Hotel.

If we fly is there transportation to the hotel?
We will not be providing transportation to and from the conference hotel. Participants who fly are encouraged to take the Metrolink [http://www.metrostlouis.org] which goes both to the Downtown/Arch area as well as Saint Louis University near the conference location. Shuttles will be provided both in the morning and evening to aid everyone in getting to and from the Busch Student Center and main conference areas. Parking passes will also be provided for those who can drive.

Will I get to pick my roommates or will they be chosen for me?
Following registration our committee will be in close contact with those who are coming to UNWRAPPED to solicit this information and/or help line up roommates as needed. Yes, if you select quad occupancy you need to realize that there could be a chance you might room with others that you might not know at the beginning of the conference. However, we promise that we will do everything we can in the time leading up to the conference to help find suitable roommates from other groups.

Airplane costs are really expensive: Are any travel scholarships available?
We realize that the costs for some students and groups might necessitate traveling long distances, and perhaps flying to St. Louis. We don't want those extra costs to keep people from coming. We are pleased to offer an application process to receive travel scholarships in order to help those in need. This information will be made available by October 1 and scholarships will be awarded by November 1, giving those who apply the opportunity to consider such information before having to register.

Is registration due all at once?
Yes.

How do I register?
Each individual is responsible for their own registration. Registration will primarily be handled online at (provide link). There is an opportunity to register/pay for multiple people at once and to print off a copy of a registration form and mail it and payment in the old fashioned way.

What if I am a vegetarian or I have 25 food allergies? Will I starve to death at UNWRAPPED?
No, you will not starve. We will do everything we can to help accommodate your dietary needs. Please make sure you let us know though when you fill out the form.

How much spending money do I need to bring?
Everyone spends differently, but here are most of the things you should expect to pay for yourself attending UNWRAPPED: Travel meals getting to and from the event (Breakfast, lunch and dinner on Wednesday; Lunch and Dinner on Saturday), Gas money, about $10 for Metrolink public transportation, money for meals out on Thursday and Friday night, money for souveniers, around $20-$25 for a fun evening event during your free time Friday, and money if you want to buy any resources/books/etc from the vendors at UNWRAPPED. *If you are coming with a group, please check with your group leader about how much he/she thinks you should bring.

I'm bringing a group, are there any other expenses I should consider?
Consider that you will need to figure out how your group is paying for gas, travel meals, baggage fees, and parking.

What is MetroLink?
MetroLink is an above-ground railway system that serves as part of the public transportation in St. Louis. You will be using MetroLink to get from the hotel to St. Louis University and back at least. The MetroLink website is http://metrostlouis.org