



## INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The 7th Congress of the World Union of Lasallian Former Students (UMAEL) will take place November 21-23, 2019, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with the theme “Beyond the Borders: One Heart. One Commitment. One Life.” Marking the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UMAEL, this gathering will provide the opportunity to share community and envision our priorities for UMAEL for the next four years, so that we may continue to creatively support and promote superior educational and pastoral ministry practices around the world.

### **HOTEL INFORMATION**

UMAEL is excited for the international gathering to be held for the first time in the United States at:

#### [Radisson Blu Downtown Minneapolis](#)

35 South Seventh Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55402  
Telephone: (612) 339-4900

The Radisson Blu Downtown Minneapolis is tucked within the city's lively downtown district. The hotel is connected via the [Minneapolis Skyway System](#) of enclosed climate-controlled pedestrian footbridges to buildings throughout 80 city blocks, over 11 miles of downtown Minneapolis. Don't be timid about visiting Minneapolis in November!

### **Amenities**

The contemporary hotel provides an on-site restaurant, [Fire Lake Restaurant](#), with farm-to-table cuisine and a Midwestern flair that is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, a jogging/fitness trail, a 24/7 fitness center and a business center. The hotel is 100 steps to Nicollet Mall and Eat Street and a half-block from the historic Hennepin Theatre District.

### **UMAEL Hotel Reservation Policy**

The cost of a participant's hotel room is not included in the UMAEL registration fee and is the responsibility of the participant. You will be asked on the registration form to acknowledge and agree to the conditions of this policy.

### **Reservations**

Hotel reservations for UMAEL may be made online using a dedicated booking website that has been created specifically for the event. Please [click here](#) to make, modify or cancel your hotel reservation online. You may also make your reservation by phone using the following dedicated group reservations phone numbers:

- Reservations toll-free: 1-800-333-3333
- International phone numbers can be found on Radisson Blu's [website](#).

By using the UMAEL online reservations link or one of the above dedicated phone numbers, you will receive the discounted rate of \$115.00 per person, per night, plus applicable tax and occupancy fees, currently 13.15%. The UMAEL group rate is honored three days pre and three days post the congress dates. If you have any questions regarding your reservation, please call the reservations toll-free number listed above. **All**

**reservations must be accompanied by a first night's room deposit or guaranteed by a major credit card.** The hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured by one of these methods.

### **Reservation Cut-Off Date**

The cut-off date to make a reservation in the UMAEL discounted room block is **Monday, October 29, 2019, or until the block is sold out.** Please be sure to book your room early. After October 29, or if the block is sold out, the hotel will accept reservations on a space-available basis at the prevailing rate.

### **Check-in/Checkout**

Check-in time starts at 3:00 p.m. and checkout time is 12:00 p.m.

### **Cancellation**

Reservations cancelled less than three business days prior to reservation arrival date will forfeit the first night's room and tax. No show reservations will also forfeit first night's room and tax.

### **Hotel Parking**

The cost to park at the hotel is \$23.00 per night, plus tax for self-parking and \$45.00 per night, plus tax for valet parking.

### **UMAEL FEDERATION AND ASSOCIATION DUES**

On Saturday, November 23, the UMAEL Board will host the General Assembly from 12:00 - 4:00 p.m. In order for federations and associations to vote during the General Assembly, all dues must be paid, preferably before the Congress begins. There is an option on the UMAEL registration page to pay federation or association dues for four years. If your federation or association pays dues annually, please make arrangements to complete this payment by emailing [umael.secretary@lasalle.org](mailto:umael.secretary@lasalle.org).

### **TRAVEL**

#### **UMAEL Travel Policy**

All travel arrangements and costs, including airfare, train, bus and/or other ground transportation costs are the responsibility of the participant. You will be asked on the registration form to acknowledge and agree to the conditions of this policy.

#### **Airport Information**

The Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport (MSP) is served by 16 commercial passenger airlines; 11 are located in Terminal 1 (Lindbergh) and five are located in Terminal 2 (Humphrey). The Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel is 7.5 miles from the airport (13.6 miles via Light Rail Transit).

[Taxi](#)

[Uber/Lyft/other app-based ride services](#)

[Van and shuttle services](#)

[Car rental companies](#)

[Light Rail Transit](#)

[Public bus service](#)

## Commuter Rail

The [Light Rail Transit's](#) (LRT) Blue Line offers convenient access and reliable transportation to and from the airport. It stops at both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. The LRT operates 24/7. Trains run every 10 minutes, during peak hours, and every 10 to 15 minutes at other times of the day. The airport fare is \$2.50 per ride. LRT stations are fully accessible. Please review the following information about the Blue Line:

From Terminal 1:

- LRT is located one level below baggage claim. Take the tram to the Transit Center. When you exit the tram, follow the signs to the LRT.
- Distance: 13.6 miles from MSP to Nicollet Mall Station.
- Travel time: 24 minutes (11 stops) from MSP to Nicollet Mall Station, a five-minute walk to the hotel.

From Terminal 2:

- LRT is located on the north side of the Orange Ramp. From level one, near ticketing, take the elevator or escalator up to the Orange Ramp skyway. Follow signs to the LRT station.
- Distance: 14.5 miles from MSP to Nicollet Mall Station.
- Travel time: 42 minutes (12 stops) from MSP to Nicollet Mall Station, a five-minute walk to the hotel.

[Click here](#) for additional commuter rail information.

When you exit Nicollet Mall Station, walk northwest along the sidewalk towards Nicollet Mall on South 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn left onto Nicollet Avenue/Nicollet Mall. Turn right on 7<sup>th</sup> Street. Total walk time should be five minutes (0.3 miles).

## Metro Transit Bus

You may also take the city bus (Route 54) from the airport to a stop that is a minute's walk to the hotel. The bus station can only be accessed through Terminal 1. City bus pick-up and drop-off is located on the Upper East Roadway, located two levels above Level T. There is no bus pick up at Terminal 2. Passengers arriving at Terminal 2 must take LRT (or other means of transportation) to Terminal 1 to access the city bus. There is no charge for rail service between MSP terminals. **The travel time from the city bus stop at MSP and the stop located near the hotel is one hour and 14 minutes.**

For bus fare and route information, please contact Metro Transit. To access 24-hour automated bus information, call 612-341-4287. Travelers can also find information on the [Metro Transit website](#).

## Taxi

All taxi fares are metered at a rate of up to \$2.50 per mile, a \$2.50 flag fee and include a \$4.00 airport access fee that is added to the final metered fare. Taxicab fares to downtown Minneapolis average \$39.00 - \$49.00.

## Uber/Lyft

Uber and Lyft are also available. If you choose one of these services, it is highly recommended that you download one or both of the apps onto your smart phone before heading to Minneapolis. You can download the app directly to your iPhone from the iTunes App Store or to your Android from the Google Play Store. The approximate cost of an Uber or Lyft ride from MSP to the hotel is \$24.00 - \$50.00. Please note that the day of travel, time of day and demand may affect the cost.

## Driving

For custom driving directions, [click here](#).

## **PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO POLICY**

By attending this congress and its events, participants understand and agree that their image may be captured by Christian Brothers Conference/UMAEL, and may be used without compensation, in photographs, videos, motion pictures or other recordings or record of the event that contains the image for any purpose, including for future advertising of UMAEL. You will be asked on the registration form to acknowledge and agree to the conditions of this policy.

## **ATTIRE**

The average temperature for November in Minneapolis is a high of 41° and a low of 26°. You will need a warm jacket or heavy sweater for outside/evening activities.

## **LOCAL ACTIVITIES/ATTRACTIONS**

### **Optional tour of Minneapolis-St. Paul**

If you are interested in a tour of Minneapolis-St. Paul, please contact Karin McClelland by email at [umael.secretary@lasalle.org](mailto:umael.secretary@lasalle.org) by October 15, 2019

From picturesque lakes and outdoor activities to top museums and theaters, Minneapolis offers plenty to see and to do for visitors of all ages.

### **Minneapolis Institute of Art**

Located in the neighborhood of Whittier on an eight-acre campus formerly known as Morrison Park, the Minneapolis Institute of Art is a government-funded fine art museum that is open to the public free of charge.

### **Walker Art Center**

Considered one of the nation's "Big Five" modern art museums and one of the top Minneapolis attractions, the Walker Art Center is a multi-disciplinary contemporary art center in the heart of Minneapolis.

### **Frederick R. Weisman Art Museum**

Resembling "a crumpled aluminum can," as described by visitors, the inspiring stainless steel and brick façade of the Weisman Art Museum echoes an impressive collection of art within its walls.

### **Stone Arch Bridge**

Located at the intersection of West River Road and Portland Avenue in downtown Minneapolis, Stone Arch Bridge is an important piece of Minnesota history. Built in 1883 by railroad baron James J. Hill, the bridge served as a working railroad bridge, allowing for the movement of people and goods across the river until 1965, and is still seen as a symbol of the railroad age today.

### **Chain of Lakes**

The Chain of Lakes consists of several scenic lakes in the Minneapolis metropolitan area, each with their own attractions and things to do. With over 13 miles of paved paths that run along the shoreline, walking, hiking and biking is easy and fun to do.

### **Target Field Tours**

Take a tour of the home of the Minnesota Twins and explore the famous Target Field. This 90-minute guided tour will take you to parts of the ballpark that are rarely seen by regular visitors. Depending on availability, the tour will enable you to explore a variety of different spaces within the ballpark, such as the press box, the clubhouse, and the dugout. Head up to the suite level to get a bird's eye view and visit the Metropolitan Club, Legends Club and Champions Club.

### **CSI: The Experience**

CSI fans and lovers of forensic crime will delight in “CSI: The Experience” at Mall of America. This interactive exhibit aims to teach visitors about forensic processes, procedures and technologies through hands-on learning, where they can investigate a “real” crime scene with the help of popular characters from the hit television show and real-life forensic experts.

### **Paradise Charter Cruises**

Experience the largest river system in North America from the deck of a beautiful old water cruiser on an exclusive Mississippi River or Lake Minnetonka cruise.

### **Mill City Museum**

Resting on the banks of the historic Mississippi Riverfront and built into the ruins of what was once the world's largest flour mill, known as the Washburn “A” Mill, Mill City Museum is a small, intimate museum that presents birth and growth of Minneapolis and the subsequent history of the growing city with the flour industry and the river.

[Click here](#) for more information on local activities and attractions.

### **CANCELLATION POLICY**

Christian Brother Conference/UMAEL will grant refunds for registration cancellations received on or before November 15, 2019, less a US\$25.00 administrative fee and a credit card processing fee. No refunds will be granted after November 15, 2019. Cancellation notices must be in writing and sent to Karin McClelland at [umael.secretary@lasalle.org](mailto:umael.secretary@lasalle.org). Refunds for incorrect or duplicate registrations will be granted, less a US\$25.00 administrative fee and a credit card processing fee. All refunds will be in the form of a refund to the original payment card to be issued within three weeks of receipt of the written request.

### **UMAEL REGISTRATION & PARTICIPANT QUESTIONS, CONTACT**

Karin McClelland, RELAN representative, UMAEL Board  
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Thank you for your support of this important educational formation experience. We look forward to seeing you in Minneapolis!