



FAQ

2024 All Church Retreat

When is the ACR (All Church Retreat)?

Fri-Sun, August 23-25, 2024

Where is the ACR going to be hosted?

Sandy Cove Ministries in Sandy Cove, Maryland

The facilities are GORGEOUS; hotel style accommodations, right on the water. Amenities include: outdoor swimming pools, water sport on the bay (kayaking etc), recreational gym, tennis courts, etc. and a delicious cafeteria with lots of options.

Who is the ACR going to be for?

Everyone! For all of Edge City; in all our campuses, congregations, ministries. Families, couples, singles, youth, children...ALL THE CHURCH!

Can non-Edge City people come?

Yes, but pending approval from ACR Lead Team; and no early discount applies

Why come to the ACR?

What an amazing opportunity to experience God's refreshing and renewing, together with the whole church. We have powerful speakers (English, and Chinese) coming to move us; fantastic facilities to rejuvenate and connect with others, and the promise of unforgettable memories to be made together.

What is the theme to the ACR?

The theme is: **UNITED**. We will explore the gospel truth that not only did Christ unite us with God, through the blood of the cross; but that he also united all of us, from different ethnicities, language and background. Because of Christ, we don't have to create unity, rather we get to unpack and enjoy God's gift! Click [here](#) for more.

Who are the speakers? (click name for link to bio)

EM speaker: [Pastor James Kim](#)

CM speaker: [柏有成博士 Dr. Yeou-Cherng Bor](#)

What kinds of activities are available?

Outside of group activities (e.g. youth group playing archery tag, etc.), some of the always available activities include: tennis, soccer, softball, football, basketball, mini-golf, sand volleyball, nature trail, fishing, swimming in multiple pools, indoor rock wall, etc.

Click [here](#) for a PDF with more info

What if I need help getting there?

Driving down will take upwards of three hours (in between Philadelphia and Baltimore). Carpooling options will be set up, as we'll be asking retreat goers to consider filling open seats for those wanting to carpool.

What if I have mobility issues?

There is one accessibility room available, with a bathtub that will accommodate a wheelchair. Also, for those with mobility issues, we can reserve a room closest to the conference area, upon request.

How much will it cost?

That depends on the room you reserve. There are a range of rooms, with upgrades in size, king beds, suites, and views of the bay.

NOTE: rooms will be reserved at **FIRST COME FIRST BOOK** basis.

See breakdown below: (click on link to see room pictures & description)

	ROOM TYPE	RATE	Early Reg. rate	ft ²	suit e	Kb d	occ	Beds	Notes/features
1	Accessible Room	\$700	\$595	300			2	1Q	wheelchair acc. bath
40	Standard Deluxe	\$700	\$595	300			4	1Q, 2T	
11	Standard Deluxe	\$770	\$655	300			4	1Q, 2T	
7	Standard Deluxe King	\$820	\$697	300		K	4	1K, 2T	
11	Family Deluxe	\$800	\$680	400			5	1Q, 3T	
6	Family Deluxe	\$880	\$697	400			5	1Q, 3T	
5	Standard Suite	\$850	\$723	360	S		4	1Q // 2T	
4	Standard Suite	\$935	\$795	360	S		4	1Q // 2T	
2	Center Parlor	\$850	\$723	530		K	2	1K	reading area w/2chairs
2	Center Parlor	\$935	\$795	530		K	2	1K	reading area w/2chairs
1	Deluxe Suite	\$970	\$825	570	S	K	4	1K // 2T	refrigerator+microwave
1	Deluxe Suite	\$1067	\$907	570	S	K	4	1K // 2T	refrigerator+microwave
2	Master Suite	\$1118	\$950	570	S	K	4	1K // 2T	shwr+jacuzzi+ fridge+mw

NOTES:

- These costs are **already reduced**, through fundraising.
- All registrations **include**: 3day/2night in room chosen, 5 AYCE meals all occupants registered, UNITED T-shirts, special activity costs covered, e.g. archery tag for youth, option to book adjacent stay at drastically reduced rates (\$90/day per person, which includes room and 3 meals) etc.
- When registering, **exact room(s)** can be chosen & booked, with different features & upgrades.
- **Room options** for each floor: click [here](#) for graphic of rooms available to choose from (in red)
- Rooms with **options** like suites, king beds, etc. are limited (#avail next to room type)
- Rooms are **FIRST COME FIRST BOOK**; thus incentive to register early.
- All rooms have 3" memory foam topper on all beds, private bathrooms with 2nd sink outside bathroom door.
- **Rooms in red** above have **views of the bay**, and so reflect a 10% uncharge.
- For families with youth, youth have option of staying in log cabin; no extra charge.
- Otherwise, reservations can be made together for a room splitting costs (max occ=#of beds).
 - 2 occupants = 50% cost/person. 3 occupants =40%/person (accommodating for food).
 - e.g. \$700 room, 2 occupants=\$350/person. 3 occupants=\$280/person
 - Max occupancies for split costs: SDeluxe-3, FDeluxe-4, SSuite-3, DSuite-3, MSuite-3;

Examples:

Scenario 1: A family of four, two adults and two youth reserve a Standard Deluxe Room, with a bayview.

- The costs would be \$770 normal, or \$655 for early registration.
- In addition family has the choice to have the youth stay with other youth at the Log Cabins, freeing up the room for the couple to enjoy.
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Scenario 2: A family of five, two adults and three children (any age) reserve a Family Deluxe with a bayview.

- The normal cost would be \$880 for the whole family (2 nights, 5 meals for everyone).
- If they reserved the room during early registration, the cost would be 15% less, or \$697.
- Any youth have the option to stay in the Log Cabin, for no additional cost.

Scenario 3: Two singles want to sign up for Standard Deluxe Room with no bayview.

- The normal cost would be \$700, split two ways so the cost would be \$350/person
- If they want to add a third single, the cost would be \$280/person.
- These costs would be discounted 15% at early registration

Are **subsidies** from the church available?

Yes. We want to make this retreat available to as many as possible. If you find that the cost is beyond your budget, but would like to participate; please reach out to Pastor Martin (martin.chang@edgcitychurch.com). Click [here](#) for Google Form to apply for a subsidy. . Please note, subsidized reservations will not have room choice options.

Can I arrange to **stay more days**, either before or after the retreat? [ADJACENT STAY]

*There is a **special offer** for those coming to the retreat; each day of **adjacent booking** (either before, after or both) costs only **\$90/person-for room & 3 meals/person**.*

*This is regardless of room type. And so there is a possibility to stay in the same room you've booked (**depending on availability**). This becomes possibly another **incentive** for booking a nicer room.*

*NOTE: This rate is **far less** than a normal reservation made at Sandy Cove. They can offer this, as their housekeeping costs drop because the church's booking. However be aware that this does depend on Sandy Cove's availability. Requests for days can be made at time of registration.*

When does **registration** start?

*There will be an **early registration period, in-person** for two Sundays: **June 2nd and 9th**. Registration kiosks will be available, for EM & CM congregations at both Little Neck and Mineola campuses. During the early registration period, a **15% discount** will be available.*

*PLEASE NOTE: A minimum **25% NON-REFUNDABLE deposit** will be required to reserve your room of choice. The full amount can be paid at early registration, but if the reservation is cancelled, the 25% deposit is still non-refundable.*

What is the **lottery about?**

Given it's an advantage to sign up earlier (for best choice of rooms), we are hosting a lottery for the first five earliest slots, for each of the four registration desks. Winners will get to choose their rooms (in order of 1st-5th) before everyone else. Along with this, winners will also receive a free photo shoot for family/friends at the retreat, shot by our own amazing photographer, Hea Wang.

What happens **after early registration?**

The discount will not be available. Room reservations requests can be made online, through a link provided on our website. In person registrations with cash payment can be made directly with one of the congregation's registration agents.

What are the **payment options?**

You can pay by credit card, debit, check or cash. For those paying by credit card, please note there will be a 3% surcharge.

When do I have complete **payment?**

Full payment for your reservation will need to be completed by the start of the retreat, i.e. Aug.23, 2024. For early registrants, a non-refundable 25% deposit needs to be made at the time of early registration. The remaining 75% payment can be made on or before the start of the retreat.

What are the **meals like?**

We get to dine at the water's edge (view of the bay from the cafeteria)! Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are set up for buffet style access. There is a separate salad bar with lots of options at each meal, along with soda station etc.

What if I require a special **diet?**

If you require a special diet, including gluten-free, low-sodium, low-sugar and basic vegetarian, you can make requests to the Sandy Cove kitchen and they will happily accommodate. About a month before, we'll be forwarding a request form with options. If you sign up for a special diet, your meal will be prepared and ready for you for pick up at each meal.

What should I **bring?**

All bedding and towels will be provided by the facilities. All meals will be provided, along with some evening snacks. You should bring essentials: e.g. clothing, toiletries, bible etc. If you want to swim or engage in water sports, bring swimsuit. There are other recreational opportunities (along with time that will be made free), so you can bring for example tennis racquets, table tennis paddles, fishing pole & tackle, football, volleyball, hiking shoes, etc. The facilities runs their own specialty coffee stand (drip coffee is free and available throughout the day), and snack stations at cost, and so you can bring some extra cash if you want to partake.

What if I have other **questions?**

Please reach out to Pastor Martin (martin.chang@edgecitychurch.com), and he will be happy to answer whatever he can, or follow up with the facilities etc. to help you with what you need.



*NOTE: details are being shared with you in **advance** of registration so you can plan ahead and be **ready to choose** your room when registration opens up.*

Our retreat lead team are so excited for Edge City to have this chance to spend time together, with God and with each other. We are planning and praying for you, let's anticipate an All Church Retreat we will never forget!