

Called Worker Conference

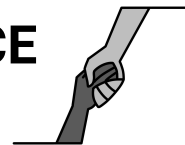
OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC DISTRICT

October 16-18, 2024

Hammock Beach Resort | Palm Coast, FL

CULTIVATING HOPEFUL ENDURANCE

Using God's Promises to navigate the stressors of ministry



Dear fellow workers in God's kingdom,

Living in a fallen world comes with hardship. Be it the accumulation of stress or the acute storms of life, the results are often painful, isolating, and distressing. At our District Called Worker Conference this fall, Dr. Benjamin Kohls will walk us through five distinctive sessions that aim to support your mental wellness, deepen the connections between your mental and spiritual health, and give you some useful wellness practices that are rooted in a Christian worldview. In addition, there will be uplifting worship and time for fun and fellowship with your fellow called workers. This conference will not only feed your faith, but also give you some practical tools to navigate the stressors of your ministry.

AGENDA:

A copy of the conference agenda can be found at the conference website: <https://sa.wels.net/cwc>. There will be time allotted for district reports as well as time for some encouragement from our District President. In addition, we have intentionally provided generous time for you to enjoy the resort, connect with one another in a relaxed environment, and perhaps discuss some of the great content that will be shared with you.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:

Registration opens on Monday, August 12th and runs through Friday, September 13th. You may register using a link found at <https://sa.wels.net/cwc>. All conference attendees must register individually.

If you have questions, you can reach the Planning Committee at conference@sa.wels.net. If your spouse is planning to accompany you (and isn't a Called Worker), please register your spouse as a guest on the form.

The deadline to register for the Called Worker conference is Friday, September 13th.

ROOM RESERVATIONS:

One change to our room reservations this year is that all attendees are responsible for making their hotel reservations **through Hammock Beach Resort**. The special conference rates listed below for hotel suites is applicable up to 3 days prior to conference and up to 3 days after the conference.

The deadline to reserve a room for the Called Worker conference is Friday, September 13th. We can not guarantee a room or the price below if you make a reservation after the deadline.

If your church/school is located in Florida, you can take advantage of your tax-exempt status. Here is how:

For individual guests who are travelling as part of their church/school that has a Florida State Tax Exemption Certificate, the Resort will honor tax exemption **if the church/school is paying for the reservation**. In other words, as long as the payment from the tax-exempt church/school *matches* the tax-exempt certificate received from the church/school, we can honor tax exemption. A guest may *not* pay on his/her own "personal" credit card and show the tax-exempt certificate. The payment received must match the tax-exempt organization.

It is recommended that guests who would like to be tax exempt for their stay contact our Reservations Team *directly*, so our Reservations Team can collect the tax exemption paperwork in advance, confirm the payment match, and then set up the reservation billing to run correctly as tax exempt. Guests may call 866.841.0287, prompt #1 followed by prompt #3.

[Click Here](#) to reserve your stay at Hammock Beach Golf Resort & Spa and use the Online Code: CRST24. You can also call Hammock Beach to set up a reservation at 866-841-0287 prompt #1 followed by prompt #3.

- ROOM TYPES AVAILABLE:
 - Main Tower One Bedroom Deluxe Oceanview Suite - \$220/night
1 King Bed & 1 Pull-out sofa
 - Main Tower One Bedroom Oceanview Premium - \$250/night
1 King Beds & 1 Pull-out sofa
 - Two Bedroom Resort View Villa - \$309/night
2 King Beds & 1 Pull-out sofa
 - Three Bedroom Resort View Villa - \$375/night
2 King Beds | 2 Twin Beds | 1 Pull-out sofa
 - Main Tower Three Bedroom Ocean View Suite - \$399/night
2 King Beds | 2 Twin Beds | 1 Pull-out sofa

CONFERENCE FEES:

There is a Registration Fee of \$175. This includes the costs for conference expenses, presenter costs, the Wednesday evening fellowship, Thursday's catered lunch, Friday morning's continental breakfast, and water & coffee throughout the conference. If a married couple attends and the spouse is not participating in the conference, there is a \$75 fee to cover food and fellowship costs.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION:

Mental wellness and its importance is a theme we hear about often. Our presenter, Dr. Benjamin Kohls, will walk us through its importance to us as called workers and how we grow and deepen the connection between our spiritual and mental health. Under the theme: *Cultivating Hopeful Endurance*, Dr. Kohls will help us build our mental resiliency and help us develop a sustainable approach to wellness.

- Session 1: Connecting Mental and Spiritual Wellness - Part 1
- Session 2: Connecting Mental and Spiritual Wellness - Part 2
- Session 3: An Exploration of Values
- Session 4: Contemplative Practices and Behavioral Action
- Session 5: Setting Intentions - Wellness Plans

CONFERENCE MISCELLANEA:

The suites at The Hammock Beach Resort are designed and equipped more like condominiums than traditional hotel rooms. All suites provide full kitchen facilities (refrigerator, cooking, dishes, silverware, etc.) as well as a roomy living area.

All meals, except Thursday's boxed lunch, will be on your own. There is a Publix grocery store nearby the resort if you'd like to stock up on supplies for snacks and/or meals in your suite. There are also several restaurants on site along with many more in the surrounding area.

If you have questions, you can reach the Conference Planning Committee at conference@sa.wels.net. In addition, if you are unable to attend, excuses are to be submitted to the Conference Planning Committee at the same email.

We are excited for this conference. We pray that we are able to come together this October to be mutually encouraged and strengthened around God's Word. We are confident this conference and our presenter will be a rich blessing to you and your respective ministries.

Pastor Ben Kratz, Called Worker Conference Planning Committee Chairman
(Our Savior Lutheran Church – Birmingham, AL)