

Letter to be sent to Haitian Churches to promote Haitian Women's Retreats 2024

Dear Sisters in Christ,

The Haitian Women's Team of the Florida Baptist Convention wants to communicate to you about the two Haitian Women's Retreats to be held January 19-20, 2024, and February 16-17, 2024 at Lake Yale.

1. The **January 2024** Haitian Women's Retreat will be limited to 400 women using only the hotel area of Lake Yale. This means that you should register as soon as possible. Registration will open on Wednesday November 1st. **The deadline for registration is Friday January 5th**. You may register by mail, phone, or online.
2. The **February 2024** Haitian Women's Retreat will be limited to 225 using only the hotel area of Lake Yale. This means that you should register as soon as possible. Registration will open on Wednesday November 1st. **The deadline for registration is Friday February 2nd**. You may register by mail, phone, or online.
3. The Early Bird Price for both retreats is \$115.00 per person. Regular price for both retreats is \$125 per person.
 - a. **Deadline for the Early Bird price for the January retreat is December 8th**.
 - b. **Deadline for the Early Bird price for the February retreat is January 5th**.
4. The February retreat will have a special break-out conference for pastor's wives. When you register, please indicate if you are a pastor's wife.
5. As in the past, all services and conferences will be held in the Maguire building.
6. Check-in will be held in Maguire Room 231. You may enter this room by parking in the parking lot between the Maguire building and the dining hall.
7. Lake Yale has a new key system that uses key cards instead of regular keys. Because of this change all key cards will be activated and deactivated at the same time.
 - a. You will not have access to your room until **3:00 pm** on Friday January 19 or Friday February 16.
 - b. You must be out of your room by **11:00 am** on Saturday January 20 or Saturday February 17. Key cards will deactivate at 11:00 am on Saturday January 20 or Saturday February 17.
8. For all mealtimes, the January group will be divided into two groups. One group will have a green wrist band and one group will have a blue wrist band. We will post your mealtimes by color in the event program.
9. Unless mandated by the state of Florida, face masks will not be required. It will be up to you if you want to wear a mask or not. We would appreciate it if you bring your own masks, disinfectants, and hand sanitizer so that you can have it accessible in your rooms and thus maintain a virus-free environment.
10. If you have symptoms of the virus, have a cough, fever, headache, please communicate it in time to our Convention and refrain from coming to the event, it would be regrettable not to have you with us, but we must be prudent and take care of each other.

We have already begun to pray for this event so that everyone can feel comfortable sharing with other sisters in Christ and so that the Glory of God may be felt among us and His presence can move with great power in our lives and we leave the retreat we will be filled and refreshed as we travel to our homes.

Dates: January 19-20, 2024, and February 16-17, 2024

Location: Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, Leesburg

Theme: “Femmes Chrétiennes couront avec persévérance de manière à remporter le prix”

Scripture Emphasis: Hebrews 12:1

Speaker: January retreat: Rev. Dr. Eden McGuffie, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Speaker: February retreat: TBA

Conference Leaders: TBA

Worship Leaders: TBA

General Schedule:

FRIDAY

1:00 pm – Check-in: Maguire Room 231

3:00 pm – Access to hotel rooms

3:00 pm -- Moment d’Adoration: Maguire Auditorium

4:00 pm – Bienvenue: Maguire Auditorium

4:15 pm – Conference: Maguire Auditorium

5:30-6:30 pm – Souper: Magnolia Dining Hall (according to color of wrist band)

7:00 pm -- Assemblée Generale

SATURDAY

5:30 am -- Marche en Priere Generale

7:30-8:30 am -- Petit dejeuner: Magnolia Dining Hall (according to color of wrist band)

9:00 am – Assemblée Generale

10:00 am – Distribution des classes

11:00 am – Deadline to remove belongs from hotel rooms

12:00 – 1:00 pm – Lunch: Magnolia Dining Hall (according to color of wrist band)

1:30 pm – Assemblée Generale

3:00 pm -- Dismiss

Haitian Women’s Team:

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