



***Gather at the River** is planned to be a welcome place for the whole people of God, including people of all physical abilities and conditions. The facilities, Travis Park UMC and the Sheraton Gunter Hotel, are decades-old buildings that have been thoughtfully updated to be accessible. This detailed information sheet about accessibility is provided so that we can work together to allow full participation by all persons in this gathering. You can direct any accessibility questions or suggestions to Evy McDonald at revey@aol.com or 845-489-0045 before or during the gathering.*

Accessibility Information

Airport:

There is a steep incline out of and into the boarding area. There may be a wait if you have requested a wheelchair.

Transportation from San Antonio Airport to the Sheraton Gunter Hotel

The San Antonio host committee will staff a welcome table at the airport during arrival days. Persons there can help direct you to transportation or assist you with luggage. A transportation hotline phone number will be published closer to the event in case you have questions or need other assistance.

Most, but not all, of the shuttles provided by the GO Airport Shuttle have lifts for mobility devices. Be sure to inform them of any assistance needed when you make your reservation.

Sheraton Gunter Hotel

1. There are twelve accessible rooms.
 - a. All these rooms are either a queen- or king-sized bed.
 - b. The king bedrooms have roll-in showers.
 - c. Some of the regular rooms have a step up to the toilet and tub, so if not requesting an ADA room but need a flat surface, please make that request known.
 - d. Chairs to place outside of the tub or shower are available upon request, as are shower chairs. Request this from Housekeeping.
2. Make your needs known to the hotel as early as possible. Especially if you need a small refrigerator for any medicine.
3. Meeting Rooms
 - a. Elevators are accessible and go to all floors.
 - b. Interior doors are heavy.
 - c. There are carpets on carpets which one needs to be aware of; could catch a wheel or cause tripping.
 - d. All meeting rooms are on the third floor where there is one women's and one men's bathroom that are accessible; the other has a step up into it.
4. Hotel Breakfast Buffet

- a. Not accessible if you use a wheelchair or something similar for mobility.
- b. Some food is difficult to reach.

Travis Park UMC

1. Getting there from the hotel
 - a. There is a short walk around the parking lot that takes you to the church.
 - b. Once there, a lift elevator is available to go to the Sanctuary level, it has a tight turning radius but is doable.
 - i. The Sanctuary is directly across; it has wide aisles.
 - ii. A lift to the chancel area is available.
 - iii. There are two screens for visuals
 - c. Inside the church:
 - i. An elevator is available to all floors.
 - ii. Doors meet ADA standards for the force needed to open
 - iii. There is an accessible bathroom on the second floor.
 - iv. There will be an accessible bathroom directly across from the sanctuary
 - d. Dining
 - i. The dining room is in the fellowship hall in the basement. There will be people available to help carry trays.

Moving Around the Venues

If you have limited mobility or use mobility assistive devices, please inform the meeting planner mark@gather2015.org of this so that your movement between sessions can be as short and easy as possible. Workshops and Reflecting Pools (small group discussions) will happen in both the church and the hotel. We can work with you to limit your need to travel back and forth.

Sign Language Interpreting can be arranged by advance request. Notify the meeting planner mark@gather2015.org of this need as soon as possible.

For further assistance or questions before or during the conference, please contact:

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