

April 7, 2016

Dear Church Pastor and Lay Leader:

The Niagara Frontier District will host its 12th Annual Laity Banquet, celebrating the significant ministry of the laity in our churches, on **Sunday, May 15, 2016, beginning with registration at 4:30 pm and dinner served promptly at 5:30 pm.** The location of this year's banquet is once again Samuel's Grande Manor, 8750 Main Street, Williamsville, NY. (Main Street is also Rt. 5)

Enclosed are reservation forms and all the information you will need to help make this the great success it has been in previous years. *Please take note of the deadline dates for submitting your forms, and where to return them. Also, there are a number of changes to the purpose and presentation of this event.*

Our Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Wayne Butler, along with Banquet Chairperson, Kathie McMoil, will guide us through an evening of fellowship, great food, music, and worship. As in past years, the highlight of the evening will be the recognition of the individual church honoree(s). We will be reading the biographies as their names are called and each will receive a certificate of appreciation and a small gift to commemorate the evening.

New this year! Even if you do not wish to honor someone from your church, we are asking you to attend the event as a church and celebrate the accomplishments of the Niagara Frontier District Laity as a whole.

You may nominate a single person, a couple or ministry team, or group. If you choose a group, there will be *one certificate awarded to the group.* Singles, couples, and teams of two will each receive their own certificate. The honoree or representatives of a group will receive special handmade nametags. Each person will receive a small gift.

The banquet information packet includes the menu and:

1. **Honoree's Form:** In order to be sensitive to all honorees, **biographies must be limited to 50 words or less.** They will be read as the person or group is being recognized that night. **The deadline for all honoree biography forms is May 1.**
2. **The Reservation Form:** Paid reservations are essential in order to have a successful banquet. **Final deadline for all paid reservations is May 9 and will be taken on a first come, first served basis.** **A final count must be given to Samuel's by May 10.**

We know that each church in our district has joys to share and ministries to celebrate. Our hope is that you will want to take advantage of this opportunity to honor someone within your church and come celebrate the marvelous things God is doing in our midst!

Tables will seat up to 12. We will attempt to seat your church together, but may have to combine churches to fill a table. **The cost of the dinner is \$25** (the same as last year) and each church is responsible for the cost of their honoree's dinner. *We were able to keep the cost of the dinners the same this year and hope this will encourage more members to attend.*

In Grace and Peace,

Rev. Wayne Butler
District Superintendent

Kathie McMoil
District Board of Laity
Banquet Chairperson

Niagara Frontier District
2016 Laity Banquet
Honoree Form

After you have selected the individual, couple, ministry team or group that you wish to honor, please fill out the information below and return it **by May 1, 2016 to be included in the program.** Please, please type or print clearly!!!

Name of individual, couple, team, or group to be honored:

We have chosen this individual, couple, team or group because:

In order to be sensitive to all of the honorees, biographies must be limited to 50 words or less. Those with more than 50 words will be edited at the discretion of the committee. They will be read as the person(s) are being recognized that night.

Our church wishes to share the following joy: (Please limit to 35 words or less)

Church name: _____

Address: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Contact Person (if other than Pastor): _____

Contact's Telephone: _____

Contact's E-mail: _____

Please return entire form by May 1 in order to be included in the program!
Thank you for your cooperation.

Send this form to:

Kathie McMoil
1206 South Main Street
Medina, NY 14103
585-798-4769
jikammc@yahoo.com

Dinner reservation form goes to Jessica White

2016 Niagara Frontier District Laity Banquet Reservation Form

Please Type or Print Information Clearly

Name of Church: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Name of Honoree(s): _____

Name of Contact Person if other than Pastor: _____

Contact's Telephone: _____

Contact's E-mail: _____

Guest Information

Does any member of your group require handicap accessibility?

This will determine where your church is seated. Yes ___ No ___

Entrée Selection:

Pork

Vegetarian

Pastor: _____

Honoree(s): _____

Guests: _____

Please attach another page for additional reservations if necessary.

Reservations will be on a first come, first served basis!

Number of Reservations: _____ @ \$25.00 per person

Total payment enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:

UNYAC
Note line: Niagara Frontier Laity

Must be received by May 9, 2016

Mail Reservation Form and Payment to: Jessica White
175 Main St., #3
Attica, NY 14011
716-536-1820
Jdgirl25@yahoo.com

Final count will be given to Samuel's on May 10

Honoree Form goes to Kathie McMoil

Niagara Frontier District
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Menu

Italian Wedding Soup and Dinner Rolls
Josephine's Salad and Dressing
Roasted Pork Tenderloin
Baked Potato w/butter & sour cream
Vegetable Du Jour
Coffee, Tea, Water
Dessert – Flaming Peach Jubilee

Vegetarian Menu

Red Pepper stuffed with Seasoned Rice
Diced Vegetables accompanied by
Fresh Steamed Broccoli and Cauliflower
Grilled Zucchini and Asparagus

*Please note on Reservation Form
if you need Gluten Free*