

# Here We Stand Rally - FAQs

## **COST**

\$260 per person between January 15 - March 16, 2017.

\$295 per person between March 17- May 16, 2017.

## **REFUNDS**

Full refunds will be given for cancellations prior to May 16, 2017 (the rally registration deadline).

On or after May 16, refunds will be allowed (less \$100 cancellation fee) only for the following reasons:

- Participant illness or injury that prevents attendance
- Death or family emergency

**NOTE:** Work conflicts, changes of mind, family vacation plans, and “better opportunities” will not be accepted as reasons for a refund. You will simply forfeit your spot, **UNLESS YOU CAN FIND A SUBSTITUTE**. A substitute must be of the same gender as the original participant so that a “swap” is easily made.

## **PIGGYBACKING**

Piggybacking with other congregations WILL be allowed. This means that a participant from Youth Group A (from one congregation) can “tag along”/participate with Youth Group B (from another congregation).

## **ROOM & BOARD**

You will stay in dorms on the Xavier University campus. Rooms will be two-person rooms with air-conditioning and shared floor bath facilities. Genders will be housed in separate rooms and floors—this holds true for youth leaders, families, and married couples alike. Each person will be provided with a linen packet that includes: a pillow, pillowcase, blanket, a flat sheet, a fitted sheet, two bath towels, two wash cloths, soap, and a cup. Meals will be served at the Xavier U cafeteria. Your registration fee covers—Dinner on Monday evening; Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Tuesday; Breakfast on Wednesday; and Breakfast and Lunch on Thursday. (Lunch and Dinner at the Creation Museum and Ballpark are at your own expense – figure about \$15 per meal).

## **WHAT HAPPENS AT A RALLY?**

A WELS District/Regional Rally is a wonderful opportunity to grow as a child of God and a Christian friend to others. For this rally, up to 200 youth and youth leaders will study God’s Word together through inspiring and interactive large group presentations and small group discussion. They will lift their collective voices in praise and worship to our gracious God. They will pray together. They will get to know WELS peers from all over North America.

Rallygoers will have a lot of fun—music, games, unique performances, and a trip to the Creation Museum and a Cincinnati Reds professional baseball game.

Keynote speaker: Rev. Phil Kiecker, Pastor at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Raleigh, NC

## **RALLY UPDATES**

We will try to keep you in the loop as much as possible. All updates of rally activities and a running total of the registration count will be displayed online at [www.welsyouth.net](http://www.welsyouth.net)

## **MUSICAL TALENT?**

Would you be willing to use your gifts of music (either voice or instrumental) to enhance the closing worship service? Let us know of your talent on your registration form.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

Each group is responsible for its own transportation to and from the Xavier Campus. We are also asking that anyone who drives their group to the rally will also transport all their participants to the Creation Museum and the Baseball game on Wednesday. Please indicate on the Group Registration form whether or not you will have a vehicle available to do so. Be prepared to pay a parking fee at the baseball park. For those that do not have a vehicle, the rally will provide alternate transportation.

**Charter Bus Possibility.** Sure Foundation congregation in NYC is looking into chartering a bus that will make its way from their location down to the Baltimore/DC area and then over to Cincinnati. If you are interested in hopping on that bus, please speak to Kevin Walker as soon as possible. The more we can get on this bus, the lower the cost per rider.

**FLYING?**

The closest International Airport to Xavier University:  
CVG – Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International

For travel information to Xavier University, click on this link:

<http://www.xavier.edu/undergraduate-admission/airport-information.cfm>

For a map of Xavier University Campus, click on this link:

<http://www.xavier.edu/about/map.cfm>

**What to Bring**

**For studying:** your Bible, a pencil, your head and a heart eager to be filled with the Spirit.

**For sleeping:** sleep wear and alarm clock. Xavier provides a bed, bed linens, pillow, and towels.

**For wearing:** comfortable summer wear. It will probably be hot and humid, but can be cool and rainy. Bring clothes and a modest swim suit for some outdoor activities. A jacket may be needed for cooler weather or in the event of rain.

**For activities:** The university has outdoor tennis, volleyball, basketball, open fields for soccer. Bring what you need for these activities.

**For health:** shampoo, toothbrush & toothpaste, deodorant, mouth guard (optional), ear plugs (optional), and **sun screen!**

**For giving and spending:** There is a free will offering to the Lord in the closing service. You are responsible to buy your own Lunch and Dinner at the Creation Museum and the Ballpark. Xavier has a number of convenience shopping areas and vending machines on campus.

**Optional:** games to play in free time (board games, etc.)