General Assembly Housing Q&A

We look forward with great anticipation to the General Assembly and Conventions in Orlando this June. David Wilson, General Secretary, was recently asked about housing for the upcoming General Assembly and Conventions. He confirms there are still rooms available within the housing block.

**Why is a housing block established?**
The activities of the General Assembly and Conventions require a large amount of space which limits the cities and venues capable of hosting our event. Contracted hotel rooms play an important part in negotiating with the cities for complimentary convention space. By guaranteeing hotels that we will use their facility for a specified number of rooms per night, the Orange County Convention Center has been made available to us at no cost. This agreement helps us be good financial stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

**How is the block determined?**
The number of sleeping rooms blocked is based upon past registration figures, expected popularity of the site, and our best projections for attendance. Once these determinations are made, Church of the Nazarene books hotels near the convention center, securing the best possible dates and rates.

**Are there penalties involved if the blocks are not filled?**
The hotel contracts require we use a certain percentage of each hotel block in order to avoid penalties. If we do not meet our guarantee, we will have to pay penalties, which add to the costs of the General Assembly and Conventions. In these challenging economic times, we all must make our dollar stretch further. This is true for General Assembly and Conventions as well.

**Has the Church of the Nazarene ever paid housing penalties?**
In previous years, we have been able to fulfill our housing commitments and avoid any penalties.

**What is the status in Orlando?**
As I said, we have a number of rooms available within the housing block. Hotel pricing ranges from $109 to $149 (U.S.) per night plus tax, and reservations are still available for dates including arrivals as early as June 23 and departures as late as July 3. However, there are some properties where we are facing penalty situations. You can help yourself and the Church of the Nazarene by participating in the General Assembly and Conventions and by staying within the housing block.

For a full listing of hotel pricing and availability, please [click here](#) or visit the General Assembly and Conventions web site at [www.gacorlando.org](http://www.gacorlando.org).