

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Prepare:

- Check your itinerary - verify date, time.
- Check your photo ID - ensure it is valid for full time of travel.
- Follow Travel Advisories
- Check to ensure you have contact information for General Council Staff

YMCA Geneva Park is a relatively secluded retreat centre. Ensure that you have packed all medication, toiletries, or items that you believe you may need during your stay at YMCA Geneva Park. Due to the location of the centre and the activities we have planned, it is advised that you purchase bug repellent after arriving in Toronto to avoid any excessive mosquito bites.

Before You Go:

- Check-in can be done **online 24 hours in advance** to select seats, pre-print boarding passes, etc.
- Get to the airport on time – Minimum of 60 minutes prior to departure.**
- Check your flight status** for delays.



What should I bring with me?

- Medication, allergy medication, **DIABETES MEDICATION & SUPPLIES**, etc.
- Ensure that you have enough supplies to last the duration of your stay.
- Identification (drivers licence, passport, status card, birth certificate)
- Bring an item to donate to the **Silent Auction**. Proceeds will go to the Mission and Service Fund.
- A gift to contribute to the **giveaway** taking place at the closing ceremony.
- Bring a drum, guitar or other **musical instruments** that are easy to travel with.
- Copies of **hymns** in your **native language**
- Craft** items to sell
- Coffee/water travel mug
- Comfortable shoes
- Rain jacket
- Sweater, as there will be some outdoor events during the evening
- Toiletries (shampoo, soap/body wash, tooth brush, toothpaste, etc.)
- Travel documents (government issued photo ID, pre-printed boarding pass)
- Sunscreen
- Bug repellent
- Cash for personal spending
- Small pillow to sit on at the Gathering

Pack:

- Pack your carry-on baggage – keeping in mind the up-to-date restrictions and regulations.
 - Carry On
 - Maximum size 9 in x 15.5 in x 21.5 in (wheels and handles included)
 - Maximum weight (22 lb)
 - Personal Article (Carry on bag, backpack, small musical instrument)
 - Maximum size (6 in x 13 in x 17 in)
 - Maximum weight (22 lb)

A small purse is considered an additional item for carry on.

Only liquids, gels or aerosols in containers of **100 ml/100g/3.4oz or less** are permitted in carry-on baggage. Passengers travelling with liquids in containers over 100 ml/100g/3.4oz will have these items confiscated at security. Please take special note of this – you don't want to lose your favourite toothpaste or shower gel before arriving in Toronto.

- Pack your checked luggage – be aware of size and weight restrictions, as well as any possible fees the airline on which you are travelling may charge.
- Pack valuables and medication in your carry-on baggage (travel documents, car keys, money)
 - Medication must be properly labelled and accompanied by a prescription.
- Tag your bags

Expenses:

Travel expenses (meals, taxi, etc.) will be reimbursed as per The United Church of Canada's policy. Travel expense forms will be available on-site throughout the time of the Gathering. Cash reimbursements will not be available on site.

What You Need to Know About *Optional* Travel Insurance:

It is important, but not mandatory, to have emergency medical or travel insurance coverage when travelling outside your province of residence. You may need to purchase supplementary Travel Insurance coverage if leaving your province of residence.

The National Indigenous Council is pleased to respond to the Calls to the Church's direction to expand the circle at the 2019 National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering. This growth requires an examination of how we can best utilize resources and practice faithful stewardship. A couple of ways in which we can do this is to adhere closely to our travel policy, which directs the church to book flights well in advance of the event. This action alone results in significant reductions in travel costs. The result is more resources to go toward ministry and gatherings!

If you require travel arrangements (air, train, etc.), your registration and travel information must be received no later than **June 17, 2019**.

Once your travel arrangements have been confirmed all fees and costs related to changes will be your responsibility.

Communities of faith will receive an invoice for travel costs if their delegate is a 'no show'