Serving Pierce, Pepin, Buffalo, Eau Claire and Trempealeau & parts of Saint Croix, Dunn Chippewa counties

Tradition 2: "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon A.A. unity."

Message from our Pat T - District Committee Member

Hello District 05.

We have a busy few months ahead. The elections for the 2026 ECR and Area 74 conference will be held 2/12/25 at 5pm at Club 12. We will need a lot of help. Chair and Co-chairs of offices and committees. Also, active committee members. Please consider being a part of this exciting event.

The Area 74 standing committees are inviting all to attend monthly meetings. Area74.org has a list of committees and the times they meet. All District committee chairs and their committee members are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings at the Area level.

Northside Group is hosting potluck 2/22

The delegates workshop will be held 3/8 in Wausau. We will be looking at potential agenda items at our District meeting on 2/12. I have distributed potential agenda items. Final agenda items should be out in the latter part of February. If your group has concerns or wants input on GSC matters, now is the time to be involved. Please reach out to me or our Delegate if you need more information.

Dates to remember going forward: Eleva Step Group potluck 4/5/25, Area assembly 4/12/25, Area Conference 5/16/25-5/18/25 in Sturgeon Bay. Please see flyers for more information.

I attended the ACM on 1/18/25 in Rhinelander. I am also on the Area Corrections Committee and the PI sub-committee to research Chat features on the Area website. I have attended those monthly meetings online. I will report on these things and more at 2/12 District meeting.

It is exciting to see such enthusiasm for service. I am as busy as I have ever been in AA and feel very fulfilled. I am learning so much and developing organizational skills. Steadily my ability to be a part of instead of apart from, is evolving.

As always, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. Your feedback is welcome.

Yours in service.

Pat T, DCM District 05

Next District 05 of Area 74 Monthly GSR Meeting: Wednesday, January 8th @ 6:45PM Conference Organizational Meeting: Wednesday, January 8th @4:45pm

2nd Wednesday of each month. In-person and virtually.

Alano Club 12 2926 Pomona Drive Eau Claire, WI 54701 Zoom Meeting Id: 829 0126 1204 Password: district05

To learn about various agenda items and reports from Area 74, visit http://district05.org.



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DISTRICT 05 THE VIEW NEWSLETTER

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AREA 74 NEWSLETTER SIGN UP

To sign up to receive a copy of the Area 74 Newsletter "Now and Then", please email nowandthen@area74.org

Member Share - Step 1 - Ben G

Step 2 of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) states, "Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity."

I grew up going to church with my mom (mostly) and had a belief in God, although I didn't really have faith that he was interested in working in my life. I believed he was out there, guiding the universe, helping people who really needed it and leading really spiritual people to helping those people.

The words in step two, "restore us to sanity" seemed odd to me too – as if it didn't apply to me since I didn't think I was insane. Insane to me meant a padded room and a straight-jacket. I considered myself a fairly smart, hard-working, productive person with good common sense and a decent moral compass. I certainly wasn't insane - at last not the way I thought of insanity.

But if I was honest with myself and my actions – regarding alcohol, or just life in general – I would have to admit I repeated a lot of the same behaviors, used the same "tools", and tried the same things, over and over again, but always expecting it would be different this time. I tried to get a handle on my drinking by trying different things but the result was the same. I tried to manage and control the people, places, and things in my life, but it always turned out the same.

For me, I had to come to believe that the God I thought was out there would truly work in my life and do things for me that I couldn't seem to do for myself. As a result of coming to this belief, I learned a bit about humility – letting someone else drive the bus of my life. Admitting I don't know all the answers and that my way might not work the way I think it will. This was the beginning of trying something different.

I practiced this through prayer, acknowledging that God was in control and I believed he could restore me to sanity. The more I prayed like this, the stronger this belief was. I started to have confidence and hope.

Ben G. - Eau Claire

District Events Calendar

Just click on an event to open the flyer for that event or visit the District 05 website for updated event listings: http://www.district05.org/calendar/

- Oct 3-5 2025 : Recovery on the River (preregistration open)
- Apr 5th 2025 : Eleva Step Group Annual Western WI Traveling Potluck
- Mar 8th, 9th 2025 : Club 12 Banquet
- Feb 22nd 2025: Western Wisconsin Traveling Open Speaker Meeting
- Feb 12th 2025 : 2026 ECR and Area Conference Committee Elections
- Jan 11th 2025 : Emotional Sobriety Workshop, Menomonie
- Jan 8th 2025 : 2026 ECR and Area Conference Organizational Meeting

Great Service Opportunity!

2026 ECR and Area Conference Committee Chair and Co-Chair

Elections 2/12/2025 5pm CST

Alano Club 12

2926 Pomona Drive Eau Claire, WI 54701

Zoom ID: 829 0126 1204 PW: district05

12 positions to be filled, Third Legacy Voting

Conference Committee Chair/Co-Chair

Treasurer/Co-Chair

Facilities Chair/Co-Chair

Lodging Chair/Co-Chair

Programs and agenda Chair/Co-Chair

Outreach Chair/Co-Chair

Nominees need to be present

Please contact Pat Treacy, cell 847-721-0977, dcm@district05.0rg with questions.

Chair 1

Co-chair 1

Committee Chairs 4

Committee Co-Chairs 4

Treasurer 1

Co-treasurer 1

ELECTED OFFICERS/ Responsibilities

Conference Chair Programs/Agenda Chair/Co-Chair

Facilitate Meetings Speakers

Liaison to Area Break-outs

Communication with Committee Chairs

Panels ensure regional guidelines followed

Entertainment works closely with facilities

Co-Chair

Assist Chair, assume responsibilities of chair if absent

Outreach Chair/Co-Chair

Secretary, minutes at meetings

Registration

Communication with Areas within ECR

Treasurer

Develop web presence Insures listings in Grapevine and Box 459

Bank account prepare report for meetings outreach to all Districts of Area

74 and 75 budget coordinate volunteers work closely with

Registration and outreach

Lodging Chair/ Co-Chair

Co-Treasurer Overnight accomodations assist treasurer

Local hotel communications on bank accounts work closely with registration assumes role of Treasurer if Treasurer unavailable

Facilities Chair/Co-Chair

Transportation (upper and lower campus)

Event space (Davies Center)

Meal Plans

Banquet

Hospitality Room works closely with programs /agenda committee



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

July 3-6, 2025 | Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

The A.A. World Services Board met on December 13, 2024. Please click the link below to view the meeting highlights.

AAWS December 2024 Highlights

In fellowship,
Communication Services Department
commservices@aa.org

District 05 GSR Meeting Minutes Wednesday January 8th, 2025 6:45 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. (Zoom)

Opening: Serenity Prayer - GSR'S Present (5 in person- 7 online) - - Introductions, Housekeeping, Anniversaries,

Speaking Engagements, Review of

Welcome: Membership Guidelines

Reports

(3-5 minutes each)

Note: Email reports to secretary prior to monthly GSR meetings

Officers

- DCM (Pat T)
 - Participated in the monthly DCM
 Call
 - Looking for sponsorship for hospitality room for May conference in Sturgeon Bay
 - Intergroup in GB 1/25, also an anniversary event in District 1 for Saturday Evening Post article
 - Preliminary agenda items for 75th GSC (General Service Conference) please review with your groups. Delegates workshop 3/8 in Wausau.
 - o Attended the Area Corrections meeting
 - going to gather corrections information from District 1-7, other members will reach out to the other districts
 - CCS forms from prisoner release available 1 yr in advance. Explore PO Box with forwarding, so consistent address can be maintained, just

- change forward to people rotating into positions
- Still need to fill Area WI Corrections Chair
- Will be attending ACM in Rhinelander and will anticipate some fuel reimbursement
- Still looking for Special accessibilities chair in District 05
- Asking for \$60 approval for Organizational meeting rent

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- Our next district meeting will be 2/12/25 6:45pm, at Club 12 and online.
- o Election for ECR 2026 meeting will be at 5pm 2/12 at Club 12
- o Volunteers wanted for all committees at the Area level

Discussion:

- Alt. DCM (Courtney R.)
 - o Happy 2025!
 - o February and May open for potlucks
 - o Northside Potluck: March 22nd
 - $\circ\;$ Eleva Potluck is changed to April 5th

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- Secretary (Joe S)
 - Reminder to email reports before next month's meeting
 - area74.org under links has new group forms and group change forms that are fillable pdf's. Please email forms to me as well (jsargeant3@gmail.com), so I can update our list.

Patti motioned to approve minutes—Brian seconded –Vote taken– *passed unanimously*

	Minutes Approved, GSR Passed	
	• Treasurer (Kaufua)	
	Detailed report circulated.	
	 text or send to personal email if you 	
	want a reimbursement (in case	
	district email is not working)	
	o kaufua_xiong@hotmail.com	
	o (715) 579-3350	
	Balances:	
	Savings = \$613.10	
	Checking = \$6,214.79	
	(2026 ECR Seed= \$3,000)	
	Actual Checking= (\$3,214.79)	
Business:	Service Workshop budget	
	5	
	Brian proposes the motion:	
	District will hudget \$1000 for a general	
	District will budget \$1000 for a general service workshop to be held before	
	Aug 2025.	
	Aug 2020.	
	Zach 2nd's it.	
	Discussion:	
	Max: looking over the notes: \$1000	
	won't be enough for a hotel or	
	catering. What	
	are we doing? Will it be the same old,	
	same old? I vote against it.	
	Russ: We should have a nominal fee.	
	Kafua: We are trying to portray the	
	message	
	Sierra: It seems too much to start with.	
	Cater or a nice venue (one or the	
	other) to compromise but not both.	
	Message	
	stays the same no matter where you are.	

Brian: I support it. My group didn't agree with the \$2000 budget, but with it being

down to \$1000, it brings it back to reasonable. The *idea* is very much supported, but it's more about the money. This motion does that for us.

Pam: My group didn't like the amount of money (the 2000). Let's do it at a lower

scale first.

Max: Do we have a history of previous workshops?

Isaiah: I will make due with what I

can. I am willing to try it.

Jeff: Given the new motion and the new figure. I am going to abstain from

this vote.

Vote in favor: 5 in person, 5 online

Motion passed **unanimously**

- Committee to Review guidelines update (Max)
- 2026 ECR and Area 74 Conference organizational meeting 1/8/25 4:45pm
- Send Contact Info to: secretary@district05.org (or jsargeant3@gmail.com) and dcm@district05.org

Motion from Monday Night's group "There is a Solution":

Change the title of the "Workshop" section of the budget to "Discretionary Funds" to allow for groups or committees to utilize this budget item by bringing their proposals to the district meeting to be voted on.

Zach:It's a dead budget item and never gets used. We want to open it up so we can use it for things, like Isaiah's workshop, for example.

Jim: As Zach said, the restrictions on the workshop budget made it unusable. It could also help an individual committee's budget be flexible and act as a buffer.

	Pat: Motion needs to be a lot more specific if we are going to avoid trouble. We will table it. Bring it back to your groups.	
Open Mic (2mins)	Weaver: An update regarding what transitioning looks like: no down time, and yes, we will get our old emails. We will need to organize everyone to login around the same time (will keep us posted–maybe March or April). Also, there is a new Women's meeting in Whitehall on Wednesday @ 7pm at the Gunderson Hospital that needs support, along with a new meeting in Blaire, WI at the Zion Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm.	

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 12th @ 6:45PM-

Election Meeting ECR Chair @ 4:45PM

Reports Due:

Corrections, PI, CPC, Treatment, Special Accessibilities

Closing: Responsibility Statement

"I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible.

Area 74, Click the Link Below to get the February Now & Then

February 2025 N&T

Michell Z
Jeff C
Now & Then Co-Editors

Graphs from the Treasurer's Report:

JANUARY 2025 REPORT

Beginning Bala	nce	
CHECKINGS		3,052.12
SAVINGS		612.89
OUTGOING		
12/10/2024	Grapevine: Display	\$ 84.38
12/112024	PI: Amazon - Literature Rack	\$ 206.10
12/16/2024	Administration: Zoom Account	\$ 16.87
12/18/2024	Corrections: Convention*	\$ 26.45
12/19/2024	Corrections: Literature	\$ 169.98
12/27/2024	Administration: SNA Internet Usage*	\$ 60.00
12/27/2024	Administration: Club 12 Rent - 1st Quarter*	\$ 60.00
12/27/2024	Treatment:Club 12 Rent - 1st Quarter*	\$ 30.00

INCOM	ING		
12	/18/2024	SEED MONEY: 2026 ECR	\$ 3,000.00
12	/27/2024	711844	\$ 300.00
'	1/6/2025	492771	\$ 200.00
'	1/6/2025	178327	\$ 100.00
	1/6/2025	103113	\$ 40.00

Ending Balance		
CHECKINGS		\$6,214.79
2026 ECR		\$3,000.00
ACTUAL		\$3,214.79
SAVINGS	0.21 INTEREST	\$613.10

2025 BUDGET	STARTING	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	REMAINING
ADMINISTRATION	\$1,100	\$ (120.00)												\$980.00
ALT. DCM	\$275													\$275.00
ARCHIVES	\$640													\$640.00
CORRECTIONS	\$1,700													\$1,700.00
CPC	\$250													\$250.00
DCM	\$1,200													\$1,200.00
GRAPEVINE	\$180													\$180.00
LITERATURE	\$50													\$50.00
NEWSLETTER	\$25													\$25.00
PI	\$1,500													\$1,500.00
SPECIAL NEEDS	\$50													\$50.00
TREATMENT	\$1,200	\$ (30.00)												\$1,170.00
WEBSITE	\$563													\$563.00
WORKSHOPS	\$2,400													\$2,400.00

Concept 2 – The General Service Conference of A.A. has become, for nearly every practical purpose, the active voice and the effective conscience of our whole society in its world affairs.

Awesome, Most Rewarding Service Opportunity!

Plans are underway with the Chippewa County Jail to begin AA meetings beginning in mid-to-late January 2025. To begin, meetings will be for the male population there. This rewarding service opportunity is open to anyone with at least 2 years of continual Sobriety.

A short application form for background check is required by the Jail.

Please contact Claire Z, at 715-239-5484 or czelaskobiz@gmail.com to receive an application form and more details. You can also contact John BB at 715-429-0393, the Corrections Committee representative for District 06, for details.

At this time, we are seeking male AA members to attend the mens inmate meetings currently being planned on Saturday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. beginning in mid-to-late January.

Sign up will take place by email and calendar assignments monthly for the coming month. Each meeting should have between 2 and 4 members in attendance to ensure the meetings are covered (as Jim S. does with the Correctional Treatment Facility meetings in Chippewa). A weekly NA meeting for female inmates specifically is being coordinated also. The same application form applies. More details will be shared via the NA community.

Thank you for adding this to your service work - or starting your service journey here with this hugely gratifying opportunity!

If you have an application form and are ready to send it in, please send it via mail, or email as an attachment, or by fax to Allison Lebakken, as follows:

Deputy Allison Lebakken
Program Director
Chippewa County Sheriff's Office

Jail Division 50 E Spruce Street Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Email: alebakken@chippewacountywi.gov

Jail Fax: 715-726-7827

When you have sent your application form in, please text Claire Z at 715-239-5484 or John BB at 715-429-0393 to let either know so that a meeting list of approved members can be created.

AREA 74 2024 Dates to Remember

The servants of Area 74 are excited to provide the "Dates to Remember" calendar for the Area 74 Service Structure. We are lucky to live in an area that hosts many conferences, workshops, and fellowship events. As your trusted servants, we sometimes miss the chance to participate in local events because they conflict with the service events you have entrusted us to conduct.

We hope that, by providing the Area 74 Dates to Remember, calendar in early fall; it can be considered as you plan your service and fellowship events for the coming year.

We look forward to seeing you at the following events:

• December 7, 2024 Area 74 Committee Meeting - Virtual



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Greetings Fellow Servants,

Please begin reviewing and familiarizing yourself with the attached potential agenda items. Discuss these at District, share with your GSRs and ask me questions. This is not the finalized list and we do not have background information yet, but this is what we will be discussing at the Delegate's workshop and 75th General Service Conference. The full list of submitted PAIs (Potential Agenda Items) will be made available soon.

[[These documents were not posted in this newsletter, please contact Nicolas if you would like him to email them to you: thenjshow@aol.com]]

Nicholas Stabenow-Schneider, A74/P74 Delegate

Dear AA Friends.

Greetings from the General Service Office (GSO) Corrections Desk:

The 2024 General Service Conference has requested that GSO gather shared experience on how A.A. members encourage and engage members in corrections service. In keeping with this suggestion we are requesting that you share your experience in corrections service. Please complete the following survey by clicking link below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5J7PVS5

We appreciate receiving your feedback no later than December 15, 2024 when the poll will close. We are grateful for the dedication of A.A. members like you who make it possible for the A.A. message to be carried to those on the inside.

Nick S., Corrections Coordinator



ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

July 3-6, 2025 | Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Announcing:

A.A. Service Manual 2024-2026 digital edition now available on aa.org!

November 25, 2024 Dear A.A. Friends,

We are delighted to announce the new *A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service: 2024-2026 Edition, Revised and Updated (Item BM-31)* is now available in digital format.

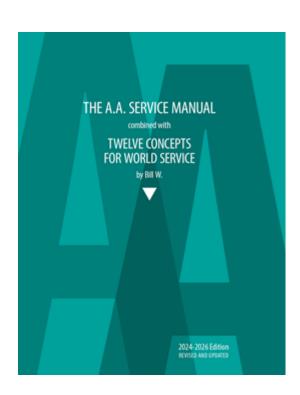
<u>View</u> the A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service: 2024-2026 Edition, Revised and Updated.

Print editions will be coming off press soon, and we will update you when they are available for ordering.

With all best A.A. wishes,

David R. Karina C. Malini Singh

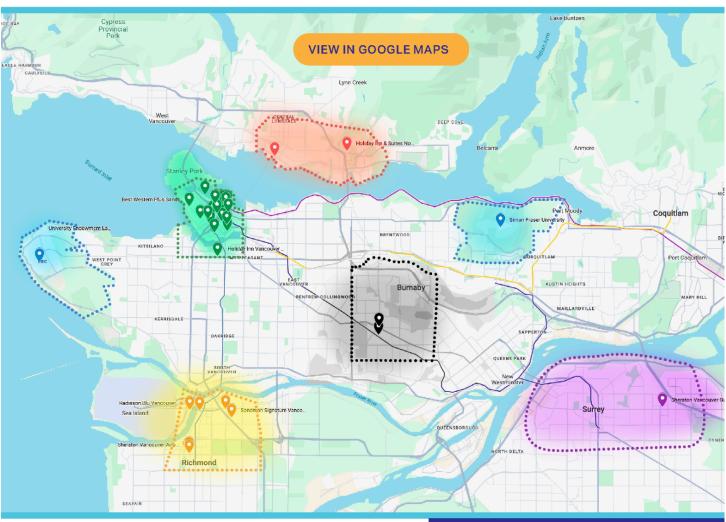
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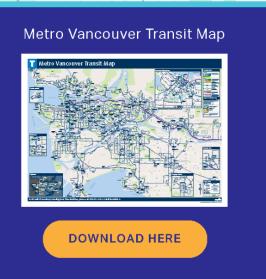


2025 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Vancouver Housing



- Downtown Area \$221-\$549 CAD
- Burnaby \$360-\$422 CAD
- North Vancouver \$224-\$355 CAD
- Richmond \$200-\$309 CAD
- Surrey \$245 CAD
- Dormitories \$71-\$191 CAD





	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Best Western Plus	21 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Century Plaza Hotel Vancouver	15 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Coast Coal Harbour	8 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Delta Hotels Vancouver Downtown Suites	13 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Fairmont Hotel Vancouver	14 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Fairmont Pacific Rim	3 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Fairmont Waterfront	6 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Georgian Court Hotel	18 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Hilton Vancouver Downtown (formerly Westin Grand)	17 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Holiday Inn & Suites Vancouver Downtown	19 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Holiday Inn Vancouver Centre	24 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Hyatt Regency Vancouver	10 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
JW Marriott Parq Vancouver	23 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Metropolitan Hotel Vancouver	13 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Opus Hotel Vancouver	15 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Pan Pacific Vancouver	6 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Pinnacle Hotel Harbourfront	6 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sandman Hotel Vancouver Downtown	16 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
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The Westin Bayshore Hotel	17 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown Hotel	5 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
YWCA Hotel	17 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE



\$360-\$422 CAD		
	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
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Holiday Inn Express Vancouver-Metrotown	31 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
North Vancouver \$224-\$355 CAD		
\$221 \$000 0 /1 0	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Holiday Inn & Suites North Vancouver	47 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Pinnacle Hotel at the Pier	25 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Richmond		
\$200-\$309 CAD	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Hilton Vancouver Airport	49 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Vancouver Airport Marriott Hote	l 46 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Radisson Blu Vancouver Airport Hotel & Marina (formerly Delta Vancouver Airport)	45 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sandman Signature Vancouver Airport	49 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sandman Vancouver Airport	49 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sheraton Vancouver Airport	46 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Westin Wall Centre Vancouver Airport	42 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Surrey \$245		
	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel	1 hour 3 minutes	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE
Dormitories \$71-\$191 CAD		
	TRANSIT/WALK TIME	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRI
Simon Fraser University	1 hour	DIRECTIONS TO CONVENTION CENTRE