



MECRA Conference – August 11, 12 & 13

\$65 per night at the Holiday Inn - Muskegon Harbor (231)722-5118

August 11, 2010

9:00 - Noon - Conference Registration

1:00 pm - Conference begins

5:00 - 7:00 - "Hospitality Night" (includes dinner and cash bar) aboard the Port City Princess (with the theme of a Hawaiian Luau).

August 12, 2010

Full day of conference (9 am to 5 pm)

August 13, 2010

Half day of conference (9 am to Noon)

You may begin to contact the hotel now for reservations either by phone at (231)722-5118 or at the link below. Make sure you mention that you are attending the MECRA Conference at the government rate of \$65 per night so that you get the correct rate. The Holiday Inn provided me with this booking link for you to use:

http://ichotelsgroup.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=HI®ionCode=1&local_eCode=en&GPC=MCR&hotelCode=MKGTH&_PMID=99801505

At registration, there will be a representative present from the Muskegon Visitors Bureau to answer any questions you may have about your stay in Muskegon and also to greet you with a Welcome Bags, which will include information and guides to local shops and attractions.

A fabulous array of speakers is being arranged as well as local vendors.

Please plan to bring your family to Muskegon for a fun vacation. We have beautiful Lake Michigan beaches, Michigan's Adventure and many local attractions to keep them busy while you are at the conference. There is also an annual **Christian Unity Festival** beginning on Friday evening. So, if you plan to stay for the weekend, you may want to reserve your rooms in advance because the Unity Festival brings in literally thousands of people to Muskegon and rooms will fill up fast.

Lastly, but probably most importantly, I welcome your ideas for this conference. I have 2 half-days and only one full day planned (thought we'd keep the courts that's paying our way happy due to budget cuts, and hopefully more girls will be able to attend this year). I want your experience at this conference to be an educational, yet relaxing, fun-filled time. Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone at 231-724-6349 or email at williamsva@co.muskegon.mi.us.

The "OFFICIAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM & AGENDA" will be provided within the next few weeks after it is finalized. Keep checking the website for more information.

Sincerely,

Valerie Alcorn Williams
MECRA Conference Chair 2010