

Elohim Great Banquet – Newsletter

November 2022

DeColores Elohim Community

This is the Elohim Great Banquet Newsletter to provide continuing information to the EGB Community on upcoming Weekends, Gatherings, and Board news. The newsletter will be 4 times per year – February, May, August, and November. The next newsletter will be February 2023.

Message from The Community Lay Director

Hello from your Community Lay Director.

This is my last newsletter article as the Community Lay Director and board member as my 3-year term expires at the end of December. I will be honest, it has been a challenging time to be on the board—no other board has ever had to deal with all the challenges covid threw our way!! But we all learned through all that chaos, that God is still in control—always has been and always will be! I am very thankful for all the board members that I was privileged to serve with, which brings me to my next point.

We will be electing new board members to replace the ones who will be going off the board—David Kurtz, Bob Sponsel, Scott VanArsdale and myself. There is still time to get your nomination form filled out if you would like to serve. (The form is now available on the EGB website) Elections will be held at the November Gathering, so even if you aren't running for the board, please come and vote for the people you want to represent you!

The Fall weekends were awesome and we are so glad to have added all the new members to our community! That being said, we are already forming teams to work the Spring weekends. If you would like to work, PLEASE send in your volunteer form to any of the board members. We can't read your minds, so if you want to work, we need to see that volunteer form! There are multiple ways to do that—regular mail, email, take a picture and text it or even hand it to a board member at a Gathering. You've heard it said before, you always get a blessing when your serve on a weekend! We look forward to serving with you all!

This Community means so much to me and I look forward to seeing what God has in store for it on the upcoming weekends and in the years to come! As long as we remember the motto of the Great Banquet—"To Know Jesus and Make Him Known"—God will continue to use the Elohim Great Banquet Community!

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Upcoming Weekends:

Men's Weekend March 9-12, 2023

Men's Lay Director—Kyle Wilcoxon

Women's Weekend — March 16-19, 2023

Women's Lay Director— Penny Reinoehl

Both weekends to be held at **Camp New Hope**, 1364 County Road 100 East, Neoga, IL 62447

Only persons who have been on a Cursillo-type weekend may attend the events on the weekends, such as Send Off, Sponsors Hour, Candlelight or Closing.

No children are allowed to attend on any weekend activity or event.

Want to Volunteer – contact any Board member, fill-out the Vol form, and send it in Sponsor forms and Volunteer forms - goto Elohim Great Banquet website and included in this newsletter.

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Upcoming Gatherings: **All Times are on Illinois Time**

Usually the third Saturday of the month except the ones following the Spring and Fall weekends.

All Gatherings begin with a **5:00 PM (IL time) potluck** and **6:00 PM Worship** service.

November 19 - Gathering and ****Board Elections**** First Christian Church, 902 N. 6th St. Marshall, IL 62441

December – No Gathering

Everyone is welcome to come to any of the Gatherings, including children, whether they have been to a weekend or not.

EGB Board Information:

Board Members:

List of current EGB Board members is on the last page of this newsletter. You are encouraged to contact any member of the Board with questions, concerns, or ideas that pertain to the Elohim Great Banquet.

Board News:

The board has been diligently working to update the manuals used by each team working on the weekends. We are trying to make them more user friendly and complete.

Regular Board meetings:

The first Thursday of every month, 6:00 PM (IL time) at Marshall First Christian Church
The community is invited to attend and share any concerns they might have.

Board Elections:

Community members wishing to be on the Elohim Great Banquet Board are required to fill out a form and then elections will be held at the Gathering in November to fill the 4 open positions. They will then serve a 3-year term.

EGB Contact Information:

Website: www.ElohimGreatBanquet.org

You can:

- Send email with questions, volunteer sheets, Guest forms
- Find Weekend information
- Locations and dates of Gathering & Singspirations
- Get updated EGB Board contact list
- Download Volunteer form and Guest form
- Update your contact information

FaceBook: Wabash Valley Elohim Great Banquet Community
Request admittance if not current member of group

Email: ElohimGreatBanquet@yahoo.com

US Mail: Elohim Great Banquet, PO Box 327, Marshall, IL 62441

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**Elohim Great Banquet
Board Members 2022**

2022	2023	2024
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Elohim Great Banquet/Awakening Reservation Form

SPONSOR: Please return to Registrar – Bill and Lori Rhoads 20882 N. Clark Switchboard Road Marshall, IL 62441

Men's Weekend Women's Weekend Awakening Weekend Year _____ Spring _____ Fall _____

GUEST – PRINT legibly, complete ALL information as requested, and return to your sponsor. This information will be used to properly place you at the Great Banquet/Awakening. This form is an application and does not guarantee placement at the Banquet/Awakening. You may be placed on a waiting list since we only have a certain number of spaces available. Early applicants will be notified of acceptance by letter. Late applications will be handled as soon as possible. There is \$75 cost for the weekend. Discuss with your sponsor if this is a hardship.

Name: _____ Preference for Name Tag: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Church: _____ Pastor's Name: _____

Age: _____ Marital Status (Please circle one): Single Married Divorced Widowed

T-Shirt Size (Please circle one): Small Medium Large X Large 2XLarge 3XLarge 4XLarge 5XLarge

Yes No Are you on a special diet? Please explain: _____

Yes No Are you on special medication? Please explain: _____

Yes No Do you have health problems or physical needs that we should be aware of? Please explain: _____

Yes No If necessary, are you able to sleep on a top bunk to accommodate all guests/team?

Briefly explain what you wish to gain from your attendance at the Great Banquet. _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Guest Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

SPONSOR –PRINT legibly, and return to Registrar. Sponsoring is both a joy and a responsibility. There are things you must do for your guest before, during, and after the weekend. Please remember that the Great Banquet is not structured to solve deep-seated problems. It is designed to provide participants with a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

The cost of each weekend is \$75 per person for Guests and Team Members. Do not let the inability to contribute deter you from sponsoring a guest or participating as a team member; ask a Board member.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Your Weekend # and Year: _____

Please ensure that:

- You have adequately explained the Great Banquet/Awakening experience to your Guest, and their spouse or parent (if applicable).
- Your guest has the physical and mental health needed to attend the Great Banquet/Awakening;
- Your guest is not under any emotional strain that would diminish their Great Banquet/Awakening experience;
- You will pray and sacrifice for your guest, and care for their families needs while attending the Banquet/Awakening.
- You are prepared to attend all of the weekend events including:
 - Bring your guest to the Banquet /Awakening Weekend, and return them home after the weekend.
 - Sponsor's Hour, Apostolic Hour and Candlelight Service, Closing Service

Signature: _____ Date: _____

The fee for each weekend is \$75.00 per Team Member. If a hardship, contact a member of the board.

Elohim Great Banquet Volunteer Form

Mail: P.O. Box 327, Marshall, IL 62441

Email: elohimgreatbanquet@yahoo.com

Hand deliver to Community Lay Director



Spring _____ Fall _____ Year _____
Men's _____ Women's _____

Contact Information

Name	
Street Address	
City ST ZIP Code	
Phone Number	
E-Mail Address	
Your Weekend # & Date	

Team Member Choice (Please rate your preferences (1,2,3)

CONFERENCE ROOM

- ___ Assistant Lay Director
- ___ Table Leader
- ___ Assistant Table Leader
- ___ Assistant Spiritual Advisor
- ___ Music (circle all that apply)

Vocals – Keyboard – Guitar – Sound – Other _____

OUTSIDE SERVANTS

- ___ Kitchen Servant
- ___ Agape Servant
- ___ Prayer Chapel Servant
- ___ Information Tech
- ___ 4th Day Coordinator

Behind the Scenes Support – Part Time Help

My gifts:

- ___ Maintenance & Repairs
- ___ Preparing snacks or other food
- ___ Assisting Kitchen in meal prep and serving
- ___ 72 hour Prayer Vigil
- ___ Set up and take down for the weekend (heavy lifting)
- ___ Clean up before and after the weekend
- ___ Create PowerPoint presentations
- ___ Fill in where needed

Previous Experience

Weekend #	Year	Participating Role	Talk Given
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Please continue on back if necessary

Elohim Great Banquet Sponsor Responsibilities

Guidelines for being the best possible sponsor for your guest.

"To Know Jesus as Savior and Lord and to make Him Known."

Here are a few suggestions for inviting a guest that should increase your effectiveness, help you properly interpret the Great Banquet, and outline your responsibility in sharing God's grace as a sponsor. The responsibility for the growth of a new Banquet guest rests squarely on the shoulders of you, the sponsor. Follow these steps to be a good sponsor:

1. Select a guest who wishes to strengthen his/her spiritual life; who wants to have a better understanding of prayer, the sacraments, study and Christian action; who strives to live a Christian life that bears fruit for God; or who seeks to know Jesus as Savior and Lord and to make Him known.
2. Be intentional about talking to the prospective guest about the Banquet. Make a specific date (or at least be intentional) to explain all about the Banquet. Answer all his/her questions. If the person is married, talk to both husband and wife, equally, and get both of their commitments if possible. Tell the story of the Great Banquet by letting them know what happened to you at your Banquet/Cursillo/Emmaus. Tell them how meaningful the talks, chapel visits, or worship services were. We ask only that you not share about agape acts and the Candlelight Service.
3. Explain to him/her the community Gatherings (Fourth Day meetings are announced at Closings and in newsletters), and about group reunions.
4. You are responsible for agape letters for your guest. Make sure your Guest's First and Last Name are on ALL letters. Ask your guest's spouse to write an agape letter, and you are also responsible for asking all others for such letters. Family letters should have the word "Family" in the upper right-hand corner so they can be opened first.
****SPECIAL NOTE:** Gifts are not accepted for guests or team members during the Banquet weekends. Gifts are better given before the Banquet or immediately following on their 4th day.
5. When you get a letter confirming your guest, call immediately and share your joy. After speaking with your guest, be sure to call the community registrars to confirm his/her participation. If for any reason your guest cannot attend, call the community registrars immediately. There could be a waiting list of people who want to attend, so the sooner notification of cancellations is made, the sooner they can be accepted.
6. Keep in touch with your guest until you bring him/her to the Send-off on Thursday night of the weekend at 6:30 p.m. (CST – Illinois time) at the Great Banquet location. If for any reason your guest changes his/her mind about attending during this time, please call the community registrars immediately.
7. Make plans to bring your guest to Send-off and plan to stay for Sponsor's Hour which is held immediately following Send-off. This is a time when guests and team members are prayed for by name, and you can pray and sacrifice for your guest.
8. Come to Candlelight and Closing, and celebrate the weekend with your guest. Make plans to take your guest home after the Closing.
9. Bring your guest to the next community Gathering and Singspiration following his/her Banquet.
10. Make sure your guest gets into a reunion group. Invite him/her to yours for a few times so he/she can experience the reunion group. If he/she does not want to become a part of your group, encourage him/her to find one of his/her own.
11. Encourage your guest to be a Christian witness in his/her family, vocation, and church. Be his/her cheerleader so Christ is shared with the world. "See how they love one another." Show evidence in your life that Christ and you are an overwhelming majority.

Where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I... Matthew 18:20