

2018 Festival of Homiletics

Tips for Attendees – Washington, D.C.

Welcome to the 26th Annual Festival of Homiletics.

We are excited to be headed back to Washington, D.C. after a long hiatus.

- Spring is an ideal time to visit D.C. the weather is pleasant and the cherry trees will be in bloom! This is a city full of history, culture and entertainment, we hope you have plenty of experiences you won't soon forget.
- Please join us for a brief session on how to navigate your first Festival of Homiletics on Monday, May 21st at 5:30 pm at Washington National Cathedral. We hope to offer some helpful information to make the week easier and more enjoyable!
- Use the [Festival of Homiletics website](#) – it is loaded with all sorts of helpful information. It has tips on things to do in D.C, restaurants and helpful maps of the area.
- Wear comfortable shoes – the venues are located close to one another, but you will do a fair amount of walking during the week. D.C. was made for walking, but it has plenty of public transportation to help. Be sure to take advantage of the Metro, bus systems and bike rentals!
- A morning break is served buffet style at each location. There will be plenty of food and beverages for all, although there can be a bit of a rush as people leave the sanctuary. Thanks for your patience!
- Lunch is on your own unless you pre-ordered your lunches. Boxed lunches will be available each day at the National City Christian Church outside in the courtyard at noon. We really encourage you to check out the local flavor – restaurants are located all over the area! Check out some recommendations at [Destination DC – Neighborhood Dining Guides](#).
- Plan ahead! Use the schedules provided online and in your program to plan out your week. There is a lot going on and it will help you avoid missing your favorite speaker. Use the At-a-Glance schedules on-site and in the program to orient yourself!
- Make new friends! It may seem like everyone knows someone else, however 50% of the group is new to the conference each year. It could be the start to a beautiful friendship.
- Take a break – the week can be overwhelming. Don't feel like you need to do everything. Relax, take an evening off – [Festival recordings](#) are available for most of the lectures, workshops and sermons.
- Questions? Come find us at the Information Desk located at the National City Christian Church in the lobby Tuesday – Friday. It is staffed from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. each day, Friday until 11 a.m.
- No food is allowed in the sanctuaries, however you are able to bring water in.
- Relax, take it in and enjoy – that is why you came after all!