

- **What are the times of the conference?** The conference starts Tuesday (1:00pm – 8:30pm), continues Wednesday (7:30am – 8:00pm) and concludes Thursday (7:30am – 1:00pm).
- **Who is invited to the conference?** All Cornerstone members are welcome to the conference. However, there may be some topics that are suited for those in the leadership ministry. Please do not feel obligated to attend everything.
- **What is a brief overview of the conference?** The conference is designed to be a teaching conference to learn more about the study for the upcoming year. There will be a keynote speaker that handles the information as it pertains to the study. There are supplemental Break-Out Sessions about The Cornerstone or relevant topics throughout the conference.
- **Will Mass be available?** Yes, there will be daily Mass.
- **Where is the conference held?** The conference is held at The Mercy Center, a beautiful place to connect with our Lord in St. Louis, MO. Here is a link to their website: <https://mercycenterstl.org/> Please do not contact them directly about the CMC. Please contact cmc@thecornerstonescripturestudy.org with questions.
- **Will there be an elevator available? The elevator at the Mercy Center will not be operational during this conference. If you require an elevator select “yes” on the registration and we will make accommodations for you.**
- **Is the Mercy center temperature controlled?** Each room has its own system. However, the facility can be cold or hot to some. Please dress in layers to be comfortable.
- **Why is registration online only?** It simplifies the process to have one registration option. Please ask your Branch Facilitator for assistance in registering if you are not able to go on line yourself. You may also call Suzanne at 913-704-7946 with questions.
- **How do I pay for registration?** Registration payments are required in full when registering online. When registering, consider selecting a donation option to cover transaction fees before making final payment. Thank you for your generosity!
- **Will I need to sign any forms?** The Medical Information and Photo Release forms will be completed during the online registration process. Please review the medical information and photo release document (provided on the 2026 CMC Registration website page) in advance of registration.
- **When does registration close?** Registration will close on May 29, 2026 or when the conference capacity has been reached. Please plan accordingly. The Mercy Center has a maximum capacity of 150 attendees.
- **What if I missed the registration deadline?** There are no late registrations allowed for in person conference attendants – no exceptions.
- **Can I attend in person just for the presentations without registering?** No, there is a maximum number of persons allowed in the facility. If you are not registered, you will not be allowed to attend.
- **Will the conference be live streamed?** Yes, please check back on the 2026 CMC Information website page at 8:00am Tuesday June 16, 2026 to view a detailed schedule to know when to tune in.
- **What is provided at the conference?** A nametag and folder will be provided with a copy of the schedule and other conference information. Some people choose to also bring a bible, notebook, and a rosary.

- **When will the conference schedule be sent?** Each registrant will receive an email reminder about the conference within one to two weeks before it starts. Attached to this email will be the conference schedule for reference.
- **What meals are included in my conference fees?** The specific meals included in the conference fees are identified on each registration option. No meals are included in the conference fees before Monday dinner and after Thursday lunch.
- **What types of food will be served?** The Mercy Center provides a few options at each meal. Meals are self-serve in the cafeteria. There will be dairy free, gluten free and vegetarian options. Please provide special individual needs when registering.
- **Will snacks be provided?** The Mercy Center does provide snacks during break times.
- **Is there a rebate for travel costs?** Members who are requesting a travel rebate will need to fill out form F-1 from the website. Click the link below to download the form:
<https://thecornerstonescripturestudy.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/F-1-Reimbursement-Form-1.pdf>
The form will need to be mailed to the Central Treasurer, Teresa Johnson **after** the Conference. Reimbursement will be provided as follows:
 - Airfare (per person) \$275 maximum. Airfare and transportation to/from airport to Mercy Center are included in this reimbursement.
 - Driving Mileage (one driver paid per vehicle) 200-499 miles \$100; 500-699 miles \$200; 700+ miles \$275
- **Is transportation provided to/from the airport?** No. We will not be able to provide transportation to/from the airport for the CMC. Per our insurance carrier, the drivers are considered official operators for The Cornerstone and the insurance requirements are too much. Below are some alternative transportation options:
 - Uber or Lyft or Chesterfield Taxi (<http://www.chesterfieldtaxi.com> 314-738-0100)
 - These transport costs are included in the airfare rebate listed above.
- **How do I apply for confidential financial assistance?** Please fill out form F-11 from the website and give to your Branch Facilitator by May 1, 2026. If approved, you will be notified by a member of the Shepherding Board. Click the link below to download the form:
<https://thecornerstonescripturestudy.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/F-11-Financial-Assistance-Form-1.pdf>
- **Why did pricing increase?** The Finance Committee and Shepherding Board are trying to reduce the amount of the entire costs The Cornerstone has had over the past few years. Please note that due to our members' prayerful and generous donations we are still able to subsidize some of the cost for the full conference.
- **Is there lots of free time?** No, the conference is tightly scheduled.
- **What if I need to cancel?** Please send an e-mail by June 5, 2026 to cmc@thecornerstonescripturestudy.org requesting a refund. No refunds after June 5, 2026.
- **What if I have additional questions?** Please e-mail cmc@thecornerstonescripturestudy.org or call Suzanne at 913-704-7946 if you have any additional questions.
- **Please remember that this is a volunteer led organization. The CMC was coordinated by your fellow Cornerstone members. We are always looking for more volunteers for the conference.** Please keep the The Cornerstone and the Ministry Conference in your prayers.