**Veterans of the Cross Gathering Exhibit Opportunity**

**March 9-11, 2026**

**St. Stephen Christian Retreat & Conference Center**

**Titusville, Florida**

Greetings,

Your organization is invited to participate as an exhibitor at the 2026 Florida-Georgia District Veterans of the Cross Gathering.

It will be held Monday, March 9th – Wednesday, March 11th.

Set-up will begin at 8:00 am on Monday the 9th. We are continuing with our same location as last year at St. Stephen Christian Retreat & Conference Center in Titusville, Florida, just 35 minutes from Orlando International Airport.

The Veterans of the Cross Gathering (VOC) welcomes lay and rostered retired professional church workers from across the Synod to join together for three days featuring outstanding speakers, great fellowship, recreational opportunities, and good food. It will provide you with an opportunity to create greater awareness of your organization’s mission and ministry to over 100 individuals from many states. Our theme this year is *“Christ in our Chaos – Remembrance, Redemption, Reformation”.* The Rev. Dr. Jerry Kieschnick (President Emeritus LCMS) and his wife Terry along with the Rev. Dr. David Benke (Former President of the Atlantic District) and his wife Judy will be our Keynote and Bible Study Leaders. As we look forward to celebrating our nation’s 250th anniversary and approach the 25th anniversary of 9-11 we are facing turbulent times. Troubling finances, looming medical difficulties, horrors of war/violence/unrest in the news, family stresses and demands, and our own imperfections are towers of doom waiting to collapse. Christ, our refuge and strength takes us through the chaos and reminds us to ‘be still, and know that I am God.” He reminds us that in His presence there is peace, connection, and rest.

Registration does include your lodging for Monday and Tuesday nights, and meals. Double occupancy $525.00, Single $350.00, Commuter $75.00 per day. There is also an

 additional $50.00 fee for one table in your space.

If you choose to commute it will include lunch, dinner & snacks. We also welcome your attendance for all the programmed events (covered with your registration). Should you wish to arrive on Sunday, please make this request through your registration. There will be an additional charge for Sunday night.

All exhibits will be in an open area outside of the auditorium where skirted tables and chairs will be provided.

If you would like to address the assembly for 3-5 minutes, please contact Ruth Wiedenmann, VOC Chairperson, at rjwiedfl@aol.com. These presentations will be made available on a first registered and paid basis.

Registration can be found on our website: Veterans of the Cross – FLGA District.

 **Registration** **opens October 15, 2025 closes on February 15, 2026.**

When you register for the gathering there is the option to choose ‘exhibitor’. Please do so to ensure that there will be a table for your ministry. Please note any needs/requirements you may have and we ask for a two sentence description of your ministry as it will be included in our registration packet.

**Please contact Ruth Wiedenmann** at **rjwiedfl@aol.com** **or call her at 407-754-4522** also copiedabove, with any questions.

We hope to see you in March at the Veterans of the Cross Gathering.!

*In the Peace and Joy of Jesus,*

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