

Blue Water Conference Invitation

June 13-15, 2025



February 18, 2025

To our dear brethren gathered to the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Fear whispers and says, “No one is going to come. You won’t be able to cover your expenses. It’s February and you still haven’t found anyone to help with the sound system. Not everyone is going to like the food. Somebody’s going to get COVID. You’re a small assembly and you’re going to make a lot of mistakes. People would completely understand if you canceled your rental agreements and decided not to move forward. After all, it’s a day of small things. Are you really sure you want to start up a new conference? Is it really worth it to invite your brethren together for a time of edification, encouragement, and comfort?”

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” (2nd Timothy 1:7)

“Where there is no vision, the people perish.” (Proverbs 29:18)

“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear.” (1st John 4:18)

Owning our dependence on the Lord, and being united with one mind, your brethren gathered to the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ in Richmond, Michigan would like to invite you to a three day Bible Conference over Father’s Day weekend in June. **The conference will be held at the Blue Water Convention Center in Port Huron, Michigan from June 13th-15th.** The Blue Water Convention Center and Doubletree Hotel are conveniently adjoined to each other.

As we prayed about hosting a conference, we had several desires. We wanted to have a conference that wouldn’t interfere with any other known conferences in our area. We thought it would be nice to start off the summer with a conference. We also wanted to have a conference where our brethren could get access to good ministry and supplies from Bible Truth

Publishers. We have invited BTP to come and set up a large display. In addition, we hope that this will make it easier to facilitate the movement of literature and resources across the border into Canada. Lastly, there is something very refreshing about being near the water. It has a calming effect and we anticipate that our brethren will enjoy walking along the boardwalk and seeing the beautiful blue fresh water.

Lord willing, the meetings will begin Friday afternoon, June 13th with a prayer meeting at 3:15 PM and run through Lord's Day afternoon, ending at 2:30pm. Breakfast, lunch, and supper will be provided and a gluten free option will also be available for every meal.

To register, please go to <https://www.bibleconferenceregistration.com/bluewater/>. Since this is our first year hosting a conference, **the hotel and convention center (for catering purposes) need to know our exact numbers in advance, earlier than other conferences would.** Any children 17 years or younger will need to be accompanied by a responsible adult. We cannot provide meals and lodging to anyone under assembly discipline.

All guests will need to be registered by Sunday, May 25th. We will not be able to accommodate unregistered or last minute guests.

Please remember us in your prayers. It is a big undertaking yet we are so thankful for the privilege to be able to invite our brethren together for ministry and fellowship. After being together for three days, we hope you will leave refreshed, encouraged, and re-energized to continue on faithfully for the Lord!

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.” (Acts 2:42)

Lord willing, we look forward to seeing you in June!

With love, and a big hug, from your brethren gathered to the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ in Richmond, Michigan,

Richard Mackewich

Stan Raden

Charles Gesser

Don Mackewich

“Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.” (Jude 24-25)

Additional information about the conference can be found on the following page.

Blue Water Conference Resource Page

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- If you must cancel, we would appreciate notification ahead of time.

Conference Location & Accommodations:

- The Blue Water Convention Center and Doubletree Hotel are adjoined to each other.
- The conference will be held at the Blue Water Convention Center, 800 Harker Street, Port Huron, MI 48060 (<https://bluewaterconventioncenter.com/>)
- Hotel guests will stay at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 800 Harker Street, Port Huron, MI 48060 (<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/phntedt-doubletree-port-huron/>)
- Check in time at the hotel is 3:00 PM. Check out time is noon.
- The DoubleTree hotel has a large, indoor, heated pool that is well suited for parents with young children.
- Saturday and Sunday breakfast will be provided for guests staying at the DoubleTree hotel. You will receive a meal voucher upon check-in for a buffet breakfast.
- **If we need additional hotel rooms, arrangements will be made at nearby hotels that are within three miles of the convention center.**

Prayerful Requests of the Local Brethren:

- We cannot provide meals and lodging to anyone under assembly discipline.
- Everyone should be in their rooms by 11:00 PM every night.
- Please stay in your assigned room. No switching rooms. (Please reach out to Don or Christina Mackewich if you have a concern or problem. Phone numbers below.)
- There is **no swimming allowed in the river**. Guests can swim in the hotel pool.
- All children must be supervised at all times and in all places: indoors, outdoors, at the pool and on the boardwalk.
- We cannot pick up anyone from the airport (Detroit- DTW) or train station (Port Huron). All guests will need to arrive and depart on their own.

Fellowship & Finances:

- For those would like to have fellowship and support the conference, please contact:
Don Mackewich, 36152 Chaskey St., Richmond, Michigan 48062
- Please make checks out to: Richmond Gospel Hall

Did we miss anything? If you have additional questions or concerns, we're here to help!

Don Mackewich call/text (810) 423-7771 or email donmackewich@gmail.com

Christina Mackewich call/text (586) 453-9429 or email christina.mackewich@gmail.com

Attractions Close to the Blue Water Convention Center

Here are a few places to visit before or after the conference for those who have time.



Fort Gratiot Lighthouse

Did you know that Michigan's oldest lighthouse, Fort Gratiot Lighthouse, is less than a mile from the Blue Water Convention Center? Furthermore, you can climb the Fort Gratiot Lighthouse! The view is incredible and the prices are reasonable. \$12 for an adult and \$10.80 for children and seniors. Guests who climb the lighthouse will get a panoramic view of the surrounding area with views of the Blue Water Convention Center, Lake Huron, and perhaps a Great Lakes freighter. <https://www.phmuseum.org/fort-gratiot-lighthouse/>



Thomas Edison Depot Museum

Do you recognize the name of the famous inventor, Thomas Edison? Thomas' boyhood home was Port Huron, Michigan. Just outside the Blue Water Convention Center is the Thomas Edison Depot Museum. It is located inside the historic Fort Gratiot train depot and was built in 1858 by the Grand Trunk Railway. This is the actual depot that Thomas Edison worked out of as a boy. Outside the depot a restored baggage car rests on a spur of railroad track. Inside this baggage car you can view a

re-creation of young Edison's mobile chemistry lab and printing shop. The museum is free to visit but a \$3.00 donation is suggested by the museum.

<https://www.phmuseum.org/thomas-edison-depot-museum/>



HURON Lightship Museum

Do you know what a lightship is? Lightships were floating lighthouses that were anchored in areas where it was too deep, expensive, or impractical to construct a lighthouse. They displayed a light at the top of a mast and in areas of fog sounded a fog signal and radio beacon. The HURON Lightship was the last operating lightship on the Great Lakes and served for over 50 years when she was retired in 1970. The lightship is about a 15 minute walk along the river from

the Blue Water Convention Center. The lightship is free but a \$3.00 donation is suggested by the museum. <https://www.phmuseum.org/huron-light-ship-museum/>

For additional places to see: <https://www.awesomemitten.com/things-to-do-in-port-huron/>