



2025 ACYOA Seniors National Fall Retreat

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America (Eastern)

Fact Sheet

Who can attend?

The ACYOA Seniors National Fall Retreat is open to all young adults 18 and older from across the Eastern Diocese.

What to expect?

We are excited to implement a weekend-long retreat that focuses on faith formation, encourages meaningful conversations, engages in worship, and provides growth opportunities. We have a great weekend planned with presentations, small and whole group discussions, and time to explore the great outdoors!

When is it?

The weekend-long retreat will take place Friday, November 7, beginning at 5 PM (CT) and concluding on Sunday, November 9 at 2 PM (CT). Please plan on being present for the entire retreat; we strongly discourage you from arriving late or leaving before the close of the retreat.

What are the accommodations like?

We will be housed in the cabins, so it will be like camp. The cabins are heated, with twin-sized bunk beds, and include bathrooms with a shower inside the cabins. We will be walking outdoors to the chapel, dining hall, and meeting rooms, so please pack appropriate footwear (boots) and outdoor wear (coats, hats, gloves, etc).

What should I pack?

Bedding and Towels: You will need to bring everything...sheets, blanket, pillow, towels, etc.

Toiletries: Soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, hair dryer, etc.

Clothing: Casual, comfortable clothes are recommended. The weather can be quite chilly, so be sure to pack some warm clothing, especially for outdoor activities on Saturday. Pack an outfit for Divine Liturgy. Pack pajamas, coats, hats, gloves, etc. You may choose to bring a bathrobe, flip-flops, etc, for the shared bathrooms.

Other: Please bring a Divine Liturgy pew book, **reusable water bottle**, reusable coffee mug for in between meals, snacks, puzzles, musical instruments, cards, etc.

Where is it?

This year's retreat will take place at the St. Iakovos Retreat Center in Kansasville, WI. If flying, please plan to fly in/out of MKE airport in Milwaukee, WI, which is about 45 minutes from the retreat center. If needed, you can fly in/out of ORD airport in Chicago, IL, which is about 90 minutes from the retreat center. Schedule your flights to land before 3:00 PM on Friday for MKE and before 2:00 PM for ORD. Plan to depart after 5:00 PM on Sunday.

To request airport transportation, you must provide your flight information via a Google Form to Jennifer Morris no later than October 31 at jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org or 248-648-0702.

When possible, we encourage you to arrange your own transportation with local area friends, but please keep us posted so we know you are all set!

How do I get to the retreat?

St. Iakovos Retreat Center
920 224th Avenue
Kansasville, WI 53139

**Please note that all guests must enter via 9th Street at the main entrance.*

Driving Directions:

If you are driving to the conference (free parking is available):

Directions from the South

- Take 94 W towards Milwaukee
- Exit 142 - Exit #340
- Turn left at the bottom of the ramp onto 142/Burlington RD (heading west)
- Continue straight for 5.25 miles
- Turn right at the stop sign onto 45 North/200th Ave
- Continue straight for 1 mile
- Turn Left onto 9th Street
- Continue straight for about 1.5 miles
- At the stop sign, proceed straight into the St. Iakovos Retreat Center Main Entrance

Directions from the North

- Take 94 E towards Milwaukee
- Stay on 94 E past Milwaukee
- Exit on KR - Exit #337
- Turn right at the bottom of the ramp onto KR/1st Street (heading west)
- Proceed 5 miles
- Turn left at the stop sign onto 45 South/220th Ave
- Proceed straight for 1.5 miles
- Turn Right onto 9th Street
- Proceed
- At the Stop Sign, proceed straight into the Main Entrance of St. Iakovos Retreat Center.

Directions from the West

- Take I-80 E for 172 miles (crossing into Illinois)
- Exit for I-88 E (Exit #4B)
- Proceed on I-88 E for 56 Miles
- Keep left on I-88 E and proceed 23 miles
- Exit for I-39 N, US 51, toward Rockford
- Proceed on I-39 N for 22 Miles

- Exit for I-39 North, US-20 E, toward Wisconsin – Belvidere, Rockford.
- Proceed 21 Miles
- Exit for I-90 W, I-39 N, US-51 N, Toward Wisconsin
- Proceed 4 Miles
- Keep Left on I-90 W, I-39 N, US-51, and proceed 14 Miles
- Exit for I-43 (Exit #185 B)
- Proceed 6 Miles
- Exit for WI – 11 (Exit #29)
- Proceed 28 Miles
- Turn Right onto State Road 11
- Proceed 0.5 Miles
- Turn Right onto Bushnell Rd
- Proceed 14 Miles
- When the Road ends, turn right onto Bushnell Rd
- Proceed another 9 Miles
- Turn Right onto Bushnell RD: 0.2 Miles
- Turn Left onto 45 North / 200th Ave (Stop Sign): about 10 Miles
- Turn Left onto 9th Street: 1 Mile
- Proceed straight down 9th street: 2.7 miles
- At the Stop Sign, proceed straight into the main entrance of St. Iakovos Retreat Center: 0.1 Miles

Feel free to explore the St. Iakovos Retreat Center website for more information:

www.gosirc.org.

For specific driving directions from your starting place, please use your favorite travel app.

For questions, please contact any ACYOA Central Council member or Jennifer Morris, Program Administrator of the Department of Youth and Young Adult Ministries, at (248) 648-0702 or jenniferm@armeniandiocese.org.