

Dear

The weeks are passing quickly and soon we will be gathering in Billings for the [2021 RW360 Sowing Peace Conference](#). It is our hope that your conference experience will inspire, energize and equip you to be an example of relational wisdom and biblical peacemaking in “your world.” Whether you desire to serve as an RW Instructor, Coach or Conciliator, or you simply want to apply RW and peacemaking principles in your own life, our team and all of our speakers are working diligently to prepare you to return home with skills to accomplish your goal.

As you “prepare” to come to the conference, the following are a few more things you need to know about and add to your “prep list.”

- **Review FAQ's**
 - Please review letters or other information in the [FAQ's Attendee Checklist](#). Everything we send through email is listed on the checklist so that you don't miss important details.
- **Book Table Purchases**
 - Please be prepared to pay for any purchases with a debit card or check.
- **Workshops**
 - See the [Workshop Schedule](#).
 - We would appreciate knowing which workshops you are “most likely to attend” by completing the [Workshop Survey](#) and submitting your choices to us at your earliest convenience.
 - **All Presenters' handouts will be posted on the RW360 website by August 25 for you to download, print and bring with you.**
 - Presenters have been invited to submit a long and/or a short version (1-2 pages) of their handout. RW360 will have copies of short handouts available at the conference.
- **Other-Awareness**
 - During the past year-and-a-half, the world has experienced the challenging fallout from COVID-19, which has revealed strong attitudes and convictions about masks and social distancing, often dividing some families, friendships and churches. Currently, Montana has no mask mandate, however, by September 9th that may change because a variant of the virus that is causing concern for many people. COVID has affected our registrations for the conference. In light of this “post-pandemic period,” our staff is making the following request to all of our attendees:

- **Please love your neighbor well during the conference!**
 - If some attendees need to wear a mask or simply feel more comfortable doing so, please graciously accept and respect their choice.
 - If there is still no mask mandate and others choose to attend meetings without a mask, please graciously accept and respect their choice, as well.
 - Our staff has decided to give “air hugs” instead of physical hugs during the conference this year, with the hope that we will all enjoy more relaxed contact in the future.
 - If you have concerns or comments, please feel free to share them with any RW360 staff member.
 - Our team wants to thank you for your grace as we all try to navigate these difficult times.
- **Reminders**
 - **Transportation:** If you desire shuttle service to the hotel upon your arrival, look for one of two vans at the airport:
 - **The RW360 shuttle will run from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Wed (9/8) and Thurs (9/9).** The driver will park at the curb in front of the airport. Look for a person holding a sign that says **RW360 Conference Shuttle**. If you do not see a person holding that sign, it means the shuttle is taking passengers to the hotel and will return to the airport shortly for more passengers.
 - **The DoubleTree shuttle** runs every 15 minutes. It is another option for your transportation needs if you arrive at times when the RW360 shuttle is not in service.
 - For those of you who are driving, the DoubleTree provides **free parking for conference attendees**.
 - If you require transportation from the hotel to the airport at the end of the conference, the **DoubleTree shuttle** will be available for you.
 - **Meals:** Upon your arrival at the registration table, you will receive your conference materials, including your name badge. Slipped inside the plastic cover of your nametag, you will find **“meal tickets” for the meals you chose**.
 - Our staff decided to provide you with a meal ticket for each meal. If you have not submitted particular choices, you will receive meal tickets for “default meals.”
 - Please place the meal tickets next to your water glass at each meal.
 - If you still want to request entrées other than the default options, please fill out this **auto-submit form** by August 6th.
 - If you are attending the Pre-Conference, you will find a meal ticket inside your nametag for Thursday’s lunch meal. Only those attending the Pre-conference will be served this meal.

- For meals not included in the conference registration package, you will find names and addresses of many downtown restaurants inside the visitors' guide' inside your conference folders.
- **Attire**
 - We are typically relaxed in Montana, so casual and comfortable attire is appropriate for the conference. As many of you know, Ken will be dressed in Wranglers! If you want to dress up "a little" for the banquet on Saturday evening, please feel free to do so, but it is not expected.
- **Please Pray for the Conference**
 - Please pray Romans 12 for all conference attendees, the speakers, the worship team, and the RW360 staff and volunteers. May our sacrifice, our gifts and our love be a testimony of God's loving grace working in and through us as we strive to live at peace with everyone (See Rom. 12:18).
 - Please pray we will be a unique blessing to the staff at the DoubleTree Hotel as we all shine for Jesus. (See Phil. 2:15)
 - Please pray that we will encourage one another and spur each other on to love and good deeds. (See Heb. 10:24-25).

May God bless you and be with you today and always!

With eager anticipation,



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