

★ Welcome Letter ★

NFMC CONFERENCE

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Welcome to Indianapolis!

Considering coming to Indy for the NFMC Conference in June? Bring your family and plan your summer vacation around the NFMC Conference. Not only will you get to participate in all the wonderful NFMC meetings, meals and entertainment, you will also have a wonderful time experiencing Indianapolis during our city's 200th anniversary!

Frommers has named Indiana among the world's top places to visit in 2020. In downtown Indianapolis alone, we have the wonderful Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra within easy walking distance from our conference hotel. The ISO offers a summer Lunch Break Concert series for \$5. You can bring your sack lunch (or pick up a meal at one of the food trucks on the Circle) and enjoy a 50-minute concert performed by the ISO. What an inspiring, musical way to enjoy your lunchtime! We are home to America's finest Children's Museum, as well as the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, the Indiana History Museum, the Indiana Historical Society museum, the Indianapolis Zoo, White River Gardens, and the NCAA Hall of Champions Museum of collegiate sports. Our AAA Indianapolis Indians baseball games are played at beautiful Victory Field. This field was named one of the best minor league ballparks in America. Check out the Indianapolis City Market on Market Street and the Farmer's Market, Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. You will not want to miss Rhythm! Discovery Center. This is the world's foremost interactive percussion museum. You can venture around downtown on foot, Pacer Bikeshare or scooter to check out the Cultural Trail, the Canal Walk, the Madame Walker Legacy Center (currently under renovation but open later this year), Mass Avenue, the Bottleworks District (a revamped Coca-Cola bottling facility that now houses a huge food hall, shops and a hotel), Lucas Oil Stadium (home of the Colts), Bankers Life Fieldhouse (home of the Pacers) and so many more attractions!

Less than a 15 minute drive from downtown is Newfield's, the city's wonderful Museum of Art and Nature where you can see not only art from the great masters and contemporary artists, but also stroll through incredible gardens or take in a music performance in the Beer Garden. Traders Point Creamery, in its pastoral setting, offers farm-to-table

dining as well as delicious organic cheeses and milkshakes. North of Indianapolis is Conner Prairie, an 1800's living history museum. And of course we also have the world renowned Indianapolis Motor Speedway and its Indy 500 museum for those who love motorsports!

If you are a nature lover, visit Garfield Park in the city or Eagle Creek Park, one of the nation's top 10 municipal parks. If you have time to travel outside of central Indiana, visit America's newest national park, Indiana Dunes National Park, beside Lake Michigan, with 15 miles of coastline and over 70 miles of hiking trails. Let your family rise to the Three Dune Challenge!

Indianapolis has more acreage dedicated to honoring our nation's armed services than any other city in America! In downtown alone we have the Soldiers and Sailors Monument containing our Civil War museum and the Living Monuments Project, the Indiana War Memorial Museum (don't miss the top floor Shrine Room that houses an inspiring American flag display and the Shining Star of Destiny), the American Legion Mall, the Medal of Honor Memorial, memorials to those who served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam, the USS Indianapolis Memorial, the 9/11 Memorial... Indianapolis ranks only second to Washington, D.C. in our number of memorials. Our newest tribute to those who serve is called, "Shining a Light", a 5-minute video salute played on the buildings of the Circle, accompanied by an original score performed by our Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. "Shining a Light" is presented nightly, just a few steps from our conference hotel!

Eat at St. Elmo's Steakhouse, Shapiro's Deli, Bazbeaux Pizza, The Rathskeller, award-winning Milktooth...there are so many great meals to be enjoyed in Indianapolis that you will run out of mealtimes before you run out of delicious. Check us out at Visit Indy (visitindy.com), the official tourism site of Indianapolis, for many more restaurants and activities to enjoy during your trip to Indianapolis.

The Indiana Federation of Music Clubs is excited to welcome you to Indianapolis - Hoosier Hospitality awaits! 🎵

(Written by Marta Hassfurder, member of IFMC)

– Lisa Cremer & David Mannell, Conference Co-Chairs