

## Orlando 2024 InterVarsity Staff Conference, IA ministry team

**Orlando 2024 Staff Conference Website:** As of Dec 2023, there is a website for the Orlando 2024 staff conference that includes LOTS of helpful information. <https://staffconference.intervarsity.org/>

**General summary:** InterVarsity is now using the Immanuel Approach as their primary approach for prayer ministry, and they are trying to integrate the Immanuel Approach into every aspect of what they do. As one part of helping the Immanuel Approach to spread throughout their organization and staff, they would like to have Immanuel Approach ministry available for their staff at their Jan 2024 staff conference in Orlando, FL. This staff conference is a once-every-three-years event, just like Urbana, and they are expecting a thousand staff to be present at the conference. Our goal is to provide Immanuel Approach sessions for as many of these staff as possible. Volunteers will need to cover all of their own expenses (travel to Orlando, lodging, and meals), so this will be a big gift to InterVarsity. We are seeking 50 Immanuel Approach ministry volunteers onsite, and we are also open to 20 or more virtual/zoom IA ministry volunteers. I and the senior leadership at InterVarsity are expecting that this will be another super-spreader event for the Immanuel Approach.

### Requirements for ministry volunteers:

***Facilitate Immanuel Approach sessions:*** Hopefully everyone is already assuming this. But just to provide maximum clarity: We are expecting that all volunteers will be committed to facilitating Immanuel Approach sessions, as opposed to providing other forms of ministry or therapy.

***Immanuel Approach as Dr. Lehman teaches it:*** I have been working closely with Peter Horton in training InterVarsity staff throughout the organization, and they are familiar with my version of the Immanuel Approach. Peter has developed a version of the first several steps of the Immanuel Approach especially adapted for InterVarsity, and especially adapted for the Orlando 2024 Staff conference. This is the best model – this how Peter wants us to begin our IA sessions for Orlando 2024. The initial steps in the process from my basic training video series provide more examples (although slightly different from Peter’s new special IVCF version). Basic training demonstrations of the initial steps in the process, up to the point of establishing an interactive connection, can be seen in the first three training segments which are all available on our youtube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@immanuelapproachdr.karlleh5647> ).

I am aware that many ministries have made slight changes to adapt the process to fit best in their particular setting. This is expected and acceptable. However, please do not use a version that is dramatically different from what I teach. For example, the “Pass the Peace” version, developed by Dr. Wilder and Life Model Works for certain extreme situations, would be confusing to IVCF staff who are familiar with my training. (For additional discussion of the Pass the Peace version, see my essay on this topic at the bottom of the Special Subjects/Advanced Topics section of the Resources page on [www.immanuelapproach.com](http://www.immanuelapproach.com))

***At least basic training plus 20 sessions:*** We are expecting many volunteers with intermediate-advanced training and hundreds of hours of experience, and these experienced volunteers will be MOST welcome. But you are also welcome to participate if you have at least been through basic training and have facilitated at least twenty actual sessions.

### Registration:

Registration is now open (8/8/23), with line below. The sooner in this window you can register the better (just helps with planning on our end). Once you have registered for the conference, you will receive a link to register for housing.

**InterVarsity Staff Conference Registration Link:** <https://cvent.me/xlvVXn>

### Practical logistics:

**Location:** Rosen Center Hotel, Orland, FL (this is close to Disney and Paramount Studios).

**Dates: Conference Jan 2-6 Tues-Sat, but prayer ministry only Wed, Thurs, Fri:** The conference is Tues through Saturday (January 2-6), but the prayer ministry is only on Wed, Thurs, and Fri afternoons (Jan 3-5), specific hours as below. Prayer ministers are invited to participate in all open sessions Tues through Sat, but these are not required. Prayer ministers will be available for 9 Hours of prayer ministry (3 hours each afternoon). Sessions will be scheduled (as described below), but outside of these scheduled sessions, your time is free (you can go to Disney land if you wish to 😊).

**Orientation:** Logistics for an onsite orientation are turning out to be too complicated, so Peter is going to host a virtual orientation a few times in December. This will make travel plans easier. We just need to be at the conference center by 1pm Eastern on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, so that we can all be ready to start prayer at 2pm.

**Scheduled sessions, full load:** Sessions will be scheduled (staff will sign up for 60 min sessions), to help staff best steward their time at the conference, and we are expecting that for most ministry blocks, every volunteer will be scheduled.

### **Specific hours:**

Wednesday: 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Friday: 2:00-5:00 p.m.

**Volunteers will need to cover their own expenses:** Volunteers will need to cover all of their own hard costs, including travel to Orlando, lodging, and meals. Two small exceptions are that there will be a free charter bus from airport to the hotel on Tues the 2<sup>nd</sup> and returns on Fri the 5<sup>th</sup>. Also, there is no registration for volunteers.

**Specific housing options:** The conference will be held at Rosen Center Hotel, and rooms are \$125/night (\$125 includes discount provided by registering through InterVarsity). Note that you can cut costs by sharing a room, to a max of 4 people per room. NOTE: once you register for the conference, you will get a link to register for your hotel room.

**Specific food options:** Getting your meals through the hotel is maximally convenient, but also maximally expensive (\$80/day – yikes!). It's much cheaper to make alternative arrangements. (Charlotte and I will definitely be making alternative arrangements – bringing our own food, eating at nearby restaurants.)

**Virtual/zoom volunteers:** Note that we have never previously tried to include a team of zoom volunteer ministers. We are figuring this one out. The basics are that virtual/zoom volunteers will

need to be available for three hours of scheduled sessions Wed, Thurs, and Fri afternoons (specific times as above).

### **Miscellaneous**

The hotel has a beautiful pool

Chartered shuttles between Rosen Center Hotel and airport: Shuttles available on the two main travel days (Tues Jan 2 and Sat Jan 6), but not in the middle of the conference. NOTE: if you need more details for specific travel plans and get more details from the Hotel (e.g., when is first shuttle? When is last shuttle? How long does trip take?), pass the info to me and I will include it here.