

Affirm United/S’Affirmer Ensemble
Annual Conference and AGM – July 13-15, 2018
Accommodation



Royal York Road United Church is located at 851 Royal York Road. We are located in an area of the city known as Etobicoke in the west end of Toronto.

There are a variety of types of accommodation available. As in any major metropolitan area, especially in the high season, hotels are expensive. Whatever type of accommodation you choose, it is advisable to book well in advance to ensure availability.

Hotels

Most hotels are downtown or adjacent to the airport. Airport hotels are within fairly easy driving distances from the church. If you are staying downtown, it is advisable to make use of public transportation. You should count on one hour to reach the church from downtown (though, especially depending on what area of downtown you are staying in, the trip may take less time). Airport hotels are within a 20-30 minute drive of the church.

The closest hotel to Royal York Road United Church is the Stay Inn. Here is their website:
<http://www.stayinnsuites.ca>

Airbnb.com

A quick search on airbnb.com for accommodation in the south end of Etobicoke for the conference dates produced results of accommodation between \$50-100. If you are taking public transportation, it may be just as easy to book somewhere more central – Royal York Road United Church is close to the subway, and therefore, staying in southern Etobicoke may not reduce your actual travel times on public transportation.

Campus Dorms

Summer, suite-style accommodation is available at Humber College-Lakeshore Campus. Rooms have double beds. The campus is relatively close to the church location, and can be reached by public transportation or vehicle. On-site cafeterias are not open on the weekends during the summer, and the kitchens in the suites are not furnished, so guests would need somewhere to buy breakfasts.

The campus is quite lovely; the grounds are leafy and are right on the lake.

For more information, and to make reservations, consult their website:

<http://humber.ca/conference/lakeshore-campus-accommodations>

Last year’s rate (2017) was \$88/night for double occupancy, \$7/night/vehicle for parking during the week. It is free on the weekends.

Travel times are approximately 15 minutes by car, and 35-40 minutes via public transportation.

You may prefer to stay downtown. Both the University of Toronto and Ryerson University offer temporary summer accommodation. Driving from central Toronto is not recommended. Count on one hour to travel to Royal York Road UC from downtown.

The University of Toronto, New College offers traditional , single dorm rooms and double rooms. Check here for rates and availability:

<http://www.ncsummer.utoronto.ca/rates/>

Also at the University of Toronto:

<http://www.chestnut.utoronto.ca/home/summer/>

Ryerson also offers temporary summer housing.

<https://www.ryerson.ca/summer-stay/>

Billeting

A call has been made for members at Royal York Road UC and surrounding congregations to provide accommodation and breakfast for conference attendees. As can be imagined, some hosts are within easy walking distance of the church, others would require you to take public transit or drive.

To request a billet, please use the registration form.

Every effort will be made to accommodate individual needs.

Hosts are not accepting remuneration.

Camping

The Toronto Regional Conservation Authority operates three campgrounds in the Greater Toronto Area (The GTA). They are Glen Rouge, Indian Line and Albion Hills. The fees for unserviced campground sites were approximately \$30 in 2017.

For more information and to make a reservation, go to the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority website: <https://trca.ca/activities/camping/>

Approximate travel times from each campground to RYRUC:

1. Glen Rouge – 1 hour
2. Albion Hills – 1 hour
3. Indian Line – 35 minutes