

International Members Guide  
2013 Annual Meeting  
Baltimore, Maryland, USA

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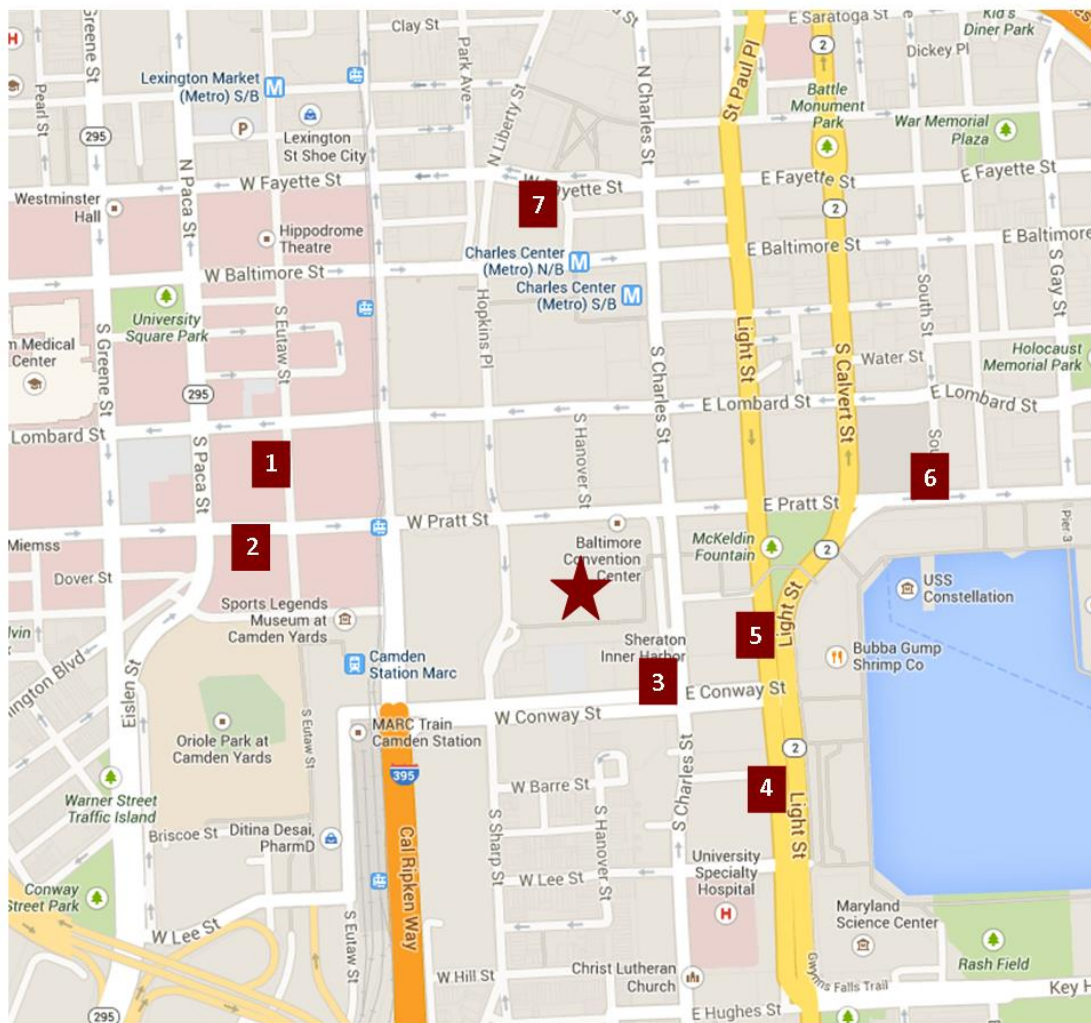
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## Annual Meeting Overview

The Annual Meetings are cohosted by the American Academy of Religion and the Society of Biblical Literature (SBL), making it the largest yearly convention of scholars in the fields of religious studies and theology. Combined, there are over 1,000 academic sessions offered by the AAR, SBL, and other related scholarly organizations.

The sessions at this year's Annual Meetings are held in the Baltimore Convention Center and seven hotels nearby: Hilton Convention Center, Hyatt Regency, Marriott Inner Harbor, Renaissance Harborplace, Royal Sonesta Harbor Court, Sheraton City Center, and the Sheraton Inner Harbor. All locations are within walking distance of each other.



- ★ Baltimore Convention Center
- 1 Marriott Inner Harbor
- 2 Hilton Baltimore Convention Center
- 3 Sheraton Inner Harbor

- 4 Royal Sonesta Harbor Court
- 5 Hyatt Regency
- 6 Renaissance Harborplace
- 7 Sheraton City Center

## *Program Book*

The *Program Book* is your primary guide to all academic sessions, breakfasts, and receptions officially sponsored at the Annual Meetings. If you registered for the meeting prior to September 1, 2013, you should have received your *Program Book* in the mail. If you registered after that date, you can pick up your *Program Book*, along with your tote bag, in the registration area inside the Baltimore Convention Center, Charles Street Lobby.

Look on page seventeen of the *Program Book* for a guide explaining how to use it to navigate Annual Meetings sessions. Last minute changes to the program will be highlighted in the *At-A-Glance* supplement, which will be inside the tote bag that you pick up in the registration area.

You can search for sessions of interest in other ways, as well. The AAR has posted a searchable program book online where you are able to search for sessions by keyword and session type. Visit [http://papers.aarweb.org/program\\_book](http://papers.aarweb.org/program_book).

The Annual Meetings Mobile App is the most functional and up to date way to search for specific topics, speakers, and program unit sessions. See below for more information.

## *Mobile App*

You can access the entire Annual Meetings program on your mobile device. With the mobile app you can create and customize your schedule, make notes about sessions, search for participants, share your schedule with friends and colleagues, and get interactive information about exhibitors.

The app allows users to search for sessions by keyword, by participant, and by program unit. Schedule changes are downloaded in the background when Internet access is available. Find the app in the App Store and Google Play. Just search for AARSBL13AM or scan the QR code below.



An introductory guide to the app is available here:

[https://www.aarweb.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/Annual\\_Meeting/2013/2013MobileAppGuide.pdf](https://www.aarweb.org/sites/default/files/pdfs/Annual_Meeting/2013/2013MobileAppGuide.pdf).

A web-based solution is available for attendees without Apple or Android devices. Go to <http://ativ.me/sblaar13> to access many of the app features on your browser. The Mobile App Help Desk is located in the registration area of the Baltimore Convention Center.

## *Exhibit Hall*

There are over 100 exhibitors in the Exhibit Hall this year, and many offer special discounts on books and items purchased during the Annual Meetings. Each exhibitor has a booth with representatives from the company or press. The *Program Book* contains an index of exhibitors and a map of the Exhibit Hall on pages 494–496. An interactive map is available on the mobile app.

The Exhibit Hall is located in Halls A–C of the Baltimore Convention Center.

## Getting Around Baltimore

The easiest way to get from Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) to the Baltimore Inner Harbor area is by public transportation, shared shuttle services, or by taxi.

### Light Rail

Light Rail service is available to go downtown, but your hotel might not be along the direct route. Many passengers will have to transfer to the Charm City Circulator or walk some distance after riding the Light Rail. Please refer to the hotel map (Appendix A) for reference and contact your hotel if you have any questions.

To get to the Baltimore Convention Center from the airport using the Light Rail, follow signs down to ground transportation and baggage claim. The Light Rail station is located immediately outside the lower level of the terminal building, adjacent to Concourse E. You will proceed to door #19 and the Light Rail picks up outside. You may purchase tickets at the vending station just outside door #19. A one way ticket is \$1.60. Do not purchase a round trip ticket, as it expires within 24 hours. You will take either line to the Convention Center stop. The Baltimore Convention Center is on your right and the Hilton is on the left.

For schedules, maps, fare details or other general information, call **410-539-5000** or go to [mta.maryland.gov/light-rail](http://mta.maryland.gov/light-rail).

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Friday 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Saturday 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Sunday and Holidays 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### Charm City Circulator

The Charm City Circulator is a fleet of twenty-one free buses that run four routes throughout Baltimore. For more information, visit <http://www.charmcitycirculator.com/content/about>. Service is approximately every ten to fifteen minutes.

Hours of Operation:

Monday – Thursday 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday 6:30 a.m. – Midnight

Saturday 9:00 a.m. – Midnight

Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### Taxis

The taxi stand is located just outside of the baggage claim area of the Lower Level of the airport BWI terminal. Please note that this service is available from BWI only. For cab service to BWI, call Checker Cab, who can be reached at 410-685-1212. BWI taxis are prohibited from charging flat rates. For more information, call 410-859-1100 or visit [www.bwairporttaxi.com](http://www.bwairporttaxi.com). An average fare to the Inner Harbor is \$35.

## Shared-Ride Vans

The AAR and SBL are partnering with two airport shuttle companies this year. Super Shuttle offers 24-hour service and has counters at the airport located at lower level baggage claims 1 and 10. GO Airport Express tracks arriving passengers' flights and passengers are met at curbside. Service with GO is not available from midnight to 3 a.m.

## Super Shuttle

Airport	Shared Ride Discount	Exclusive Van Discount
BWI	\$14 one way \$26 round trip	\$5 off one way \$12 off round trip
IAD/DCA	\$2 off one way \$5 off round trip	\$5 off one way \$12 off round trip

To receive your group discount:

- Make your roundtrip reservation by following this link:  
<http://www.supershuttle.com/default.aspx?GC=YH99H>
- Click on Book Online on top left hand side of page
- Provide the requested information, to include roundtrip service, your name, flight details (to and from the airport), and a local contact phone #
- Provide the hotel's name if hotel has not populated
- Provide a credit card for payment
- Print your confirmation page (or you can e-mail it to yourself)

You may also call 1-800-258-3826 to make reservations. Please make sure to mention group code (YH99H). \*\*Discount will not be applied if this information is not provided to reservation agent\*\*

## GO Airport Shuttle

**Airport and Train Station Ground Transportation Fare Special:** GO Airport Shuttle is offering discount rides to and/or from your Baltimore hotel or the Convention Center. They serve BWI Airport, Amtrak Penn Station Baltimore, Reagan National Airport, Dulles Airport and Washington, DC Union Station. For phone and web discount details, click here: [Airport & Train Discount Transfers](#). If you would prefer to reserve directly from [www.theairportshuttle.com](http://www.theairportshuttle.com), enter AAR&SBL in the Booking Code/Rider ID box, then click the GO button. You may also call them directly at 800-776-0323 or 410-381-2722, press 2 and say, "My profile number is 165289."

## Shuttles from Hotels to Baltimore Convention Center

Since some AAR conference hotels are located farther from the location of sessions and receptions than others, the AAR and SBL have provided a shuttle service for attendees going to and from these hotels. Shuttles will load and unload at the Charles Street entrance of the Baltimore Convention Center.

Day	Date	Service Times	Service Notes
Friday	November 22	12:00 PM – 9:30 PM	Shuttles will run continuous service during all hours noted. Expected service is every 15–20 minutes on routes 1 & 2 and every 30 minutes on route 3. This could vary with traffic patterns during rush hour or weekend events.
Saturday	November 23	6:30 AM – 12:00 PM	
		6:00 PM – 11:30 PM	
Sunday	November 24	6:30 AM – 12:00 PM	
		6:00 PM – 11:30 PM	
Monday	November 25	6:30 AM – 12:00 PM	

		6:00 PM – 11:30 PM	Please note the mid-day break where no shuttles are running Saturday–Monday.  * ADA accessible service available upon request.
Tuesday	November 26	6:30 AM – 12:30 PM	

**Route 1 — Blue**

- Peabody Court (Cathedral Street)
- Mount Vernon Hotel (Corner of Franklin Street and Cathedral Street)
- Home2 Suites (St. Paul Street)
- Embassy Suites (St. Paul Street)

**Service is every 15–20 minutes**

**Route 2 — Purple**

- Pier 5 Hotel (Front of Hotel)
- Marriott Waterfront (Aliceanna Street)
- Hilton Garden Inn Inner Harbor (Walk to Marriott Waterfront)
- Homewood Suites (Walk to Marriott Waterfront)
- Courtyard Marriott Inner Harbor (South Exeter Street)
- Fairfield Inn (President Street)

**Service is every 15–20 minutes**

**Route 3 — Red**

- Admiral Fell Inn (Thames Street)

**Service is every 30 minutes**

**Walking Hotels**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brookshire</li> <li>• Days Inn Inner Harbor</li> <li>• Hampton Inn Downtown</li> <li>• Hampton Inn Inner Harbor</li> <li>• Hilton Convention Center</li> <li>• Holiday Inn Inner Harbor</li> <li>• Hotel Monaco</li> <li>• Hyatt Regency Baltimore</li> <li>• Lord Baltimore</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marriott Inner Harbor</li> <li>• Quality Inn</li> <li>• Renaissance Harborplace</li> <li>• Residence Inn</li> <li>• Royal Sonesta</li> <li>• Sheraton City Center</li> <li>• Sheraton Inner Harbor</li> <li>• Springhill Suites</li> </ul> |
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\*A mini shuttle will be available on an on-call basis for attendees with special needs. Attendees are to call **410-649-6118** at least thirty minutes prior to desired pick-up time for service.

*N.B.* The second floor walkways are going to be closed Sunday, November 24 at 10:30 p.m. and Monday, November 25 at 8:00 p.m. When you exit the shuttle, please use the street level to get to your destination.

## Sessions Especially for International Members

There are several breakfasts, receptions, and sessions that may be of particular interest to international members of the AAR. They include:

### International Members' Reception

A24-400  
Sunday, 5:30 PM–7:00 PM  
Convention Center – 314-315

This reception is for international members of the AAR and will include a question and answer session. Amy L. Allocco (Elon University), chair of the International Connections Committee, will preside. Drop by the Member Services desk Sunday to pick up a complimentary drink ticket. The reception includes light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar after your complimentary drink.

### The AAR and the International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)

A24-251  
Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM  
Convention Center – 313

The AAR joined the IAHR in 2010 in order to strengthen and formalize its relationships with IAHR members and affiliates and to foster more international and collaborative scholarship in the fields of religious studies and theology.

Join Tim Jensen (University of Southern Denmark), Rosalind I. J. Hackett (University of Tennessee), and Amy Allocco (Elon University) to learn about the benefits this partnership offers to individual AAR members located in the U.S. and abroad.

### New Members' Breakfast

A23-1  
Saturday, 7:30 AM–8:45 AM  
Convention Center – 316

Are you a new member of the AAR? First-time members in 2013 are cordially invited to a continental breakfast with members of the Board of Directors.

### AAR Welcome Reception

A22-400  
Friday, 7:00 PM–9:00 PM  
Convention Center – 314-315

Are you a new or returning member of the AAR? Join your friends and colleagues for conversation and fun at the AAR Welcome Reception. Light refreshments, cash bar, and live jazz combine to make this a great way to catch up with friends old and new.



## Religion and Public Schools: International Perspectives Group

A23-126

Saturday, 9:00 AM–11:30AM

Hilton Baltimore – Key 11

This session reflects on the fiftieth anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court’s Schempp decision and the continuing relevance of its distinction between devotional and academic approaches to the study of religion. What are the theoretical and pedagogical issues and challenges associated with the idea of a “neutral” or “objective” approach to teaching about religion in public schools? How portable is this distinction beyond the United States? Panelists will explore perspectives from the English, Australian, and Turkish contexts.

## The Emerging Discipline of International Religious Demography

A24-262

Sunday, 3:00 PM–4:30 PM

Convention Center – 303

The increased prominence religion has assumed in academic fields, including history, sociology, and international relations, is one of the unexpected developments of the early twenty-first century, necessitating an in-depth examination of global religious adherence. This panel will explore the emerging discipline of international religious demography, the quantitative analysis of religious populations worldwide. Panelists will provide a brief history of the discipline, placing it within major trends in the history of sociology. They will address the major findings of Todd M. Johnson and Brian J. Grim’s *The World’s Religions in Figures* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2013), the first comprehensive overview of the discipline of international religious demography, detailing what is known about religious adherents around the world and the methodology undergirding that knowledge. The session will also present detailed case studies and offer suggestions about where the field is headed in the future, including the potential for beneficial interactions with other academic disciplines.

## Meeting and Networking with Colleagues

### International Members Lounge

This year the AAR is proud introduce the International Members Lounge at the Annual Meeting. This is a specially designated space for international members to relax and greet each other during the Annual Meeting. The lounge is located on the fifth floor of the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in the Mt. Washington room.

### Women’s Lounge

The Status of Women in the Profession Committee cordially invites all women to the Annual Meetings Women’s Lounge on the second floor of the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel in the Severn Room I. The AAR Women’s Lounge is a quiet haven for women seeking a meeting space, nursing mothers, and a place to take a break from sessions.

## Friend Finder and Social Media

The AAR website allows you to search for friends and colleagues who might be attending the Annual Meetings. Go to [www.aarweb.org/look-whos-coming](http://www.aarweb.org/look-whos-coming) to see who's coming to the Annual Meetings!

Take your Annual Meetings experience to the web! Use #AARSBL to continue the conversation on Twitter, and check out the AAR's Facebook page at <http://on.fb.me/HVxhIk>.

## Prayer Space

There is a nondenominational prayer and reflection space located in room 304 of the Baltimore Convention Center. For local places of worship, please see below.

## Accessibility

AAR members with disabilities or any attendees who may have difficulty getting around the meeting are encouraged to note this during registration. AAR will make every reasonable attempt to accommodate you, whether by arranging services such as sign language interpreters, assigning accessible hotel room space, or through the AAR's taxi reimbursement policy. Please contact Soraya Shahrak, Associate Director of Meetings, at [SShahrak@aarweb.org](mailto:SShahrak@aarweb.org) if you have any questions.

## Getting Around the Annual Meeting

### Access to and between the Convention Center and Main Hotels

AAR and SBL sessions will primarily be held in four main locations—the Convention Center and three adjacent hotels: the Hilton Convention Center, the Sheraton Inner Harbor, and the Hyatt Regency. These three hotels are all connected to the Convention Center and to one another via a wheelchair accessible Skybridge, which runs between the second floor of the hotels and the Convention Center. The Skybridge connects with the Convention Center between the 200/300 levels from the Hilton, so attendees will need to take the elevator or stairs up or down to the 300 level, where sessions will be held. Note that the Skybridge is closed when sessions are not in the Convention Center, 8:00 p.m.–6:00 a.m., although there is an extended closing Sunday at 10:30 p.m.

### Distances within and between Buildings

The Hilton is 305 meters (1000 ft) long from the east side of the building to the west side. The Skybridge from the Hilton to the Convention Center is 89 meters (291 ft). The Convention Center is 305 meters (1000 ft) long, from the east side to the west side of the building. The Skybridge from the Convention Center to the Hyatt is 220 meters (720 ft) long. The Skybridge from the Convention Center to the Sheraton Inner Harbor is 132 meters (434 ft). The skywalk distances include the ramps, rather than walking down the stairs.

### Shuttle Service between the Convention Center and Other Hotels

The AAR has arranged for shuttle service between the Convention Center and other area hotels. The shuttle routes and schedule are on pages 6–7 of this guide.

### ADA Mini Shuttle

An ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Mini Shuttle will be available on an on-call basis, whenever the standard shuttle is in operation. Please call the Transportation Desk at 410-649-6118 at least 30 minutes prior to your desired pick up time to arrange for service. Pickups can be arranged as far in advance as you know your schedule. The Transportation Desk will be staffed Friday through Monday, 7:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., with a break in the afternoons when the shuttles aren't running, and 7:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Tuesday. A staff member will also be available to answer the phone after hours, until the shuttles stop running for the night.

### **Wheelchair or Electric Scooter Rental**

Attendees who wish to rent a wheelchair or electric scooter for use during the Annual Meeting are welcome to contact one of the following providers to arrange for service:

Aronson Medical & Respiratory ([www.aronsonmedical.com](http://www.aronsonmedical.com)) is \$250 including rental and delivery, must be paid in advance. Questions: 1-443-460-1700.

Scoot Around America ([www.scootaround.com](http://www.scootaround.com)) is \$245 for the rental with \$70 delivery. Questions: 1-888-441-7575.

If enough people are interested in this service, starting in 2014, we might be able to make a group reservation, thus lowering the cost of the rental. Look for details next year!

### **Taxi Reimbursement**

In the case that shuttle service is not adequate to meet an attendee's physical needs in navigating official Annual Meeting locations, AAR will reimburse the attendee the cost of making alternative arrangements (i.e., a private taxi). To receive the reimbursement, please submit all taxi receipts with a letter detailing the nature of your physical disability and the Annual Meeting locations that were inaccessible. Only travel between official Annual Meeting locations (i.e., hotels and convention center) will be covered. Questions may be directed to [SShahrak@aarweb.org](mailto:SShahrak@aarweb.org).

## **Annual Meeting Program Accessibility**

### **ASL Interpreter Services**

AAR provides interpreter services for attendees who request ASL interpretation in advance of the meeting. To request interpreter service, contact AAR at [annualmeeting@aarweb.org](mailto:annualmeeting@aarweb.org) no later than September 1 to ensure that AAR has sufficient time to arrange for appropriate interpreters. If members inform AAR about their anticipated attendance at particular sessions, AAR staff will coordinate with presenters and session presiders to secure advance copies of papers for interpreters.

### **Assisted Listening System**

The Baltimore Convention Center is equipped with an assisted listening system. AAR will provide receivers to attendees who request them in advance. If you would like to make use of this service, please email Soraya Shahrak at [SShahrak@aarweb.org](mailto:SShahrak@aarweb.org) by November 15.

Assisted listening services will be available in Convention Center 317, which is designated for sessions sponsored by the Religion and Disability Studies Group and the Committee on the Status of People with Disabilities. Advance notice is needed to provide assistive listening device support in other convention center rooms. If you would like to use the system, please provide Soraya with a schedule of sessions and their room numbers as soon as possible so that the technology can be set up in advance for the sessions.

### **Materials in Alternative Format**

Attendees who need materials in alternative formats should contact the presenters directly. If you need contact information, please email [annualmeeting@aarweb.org](mailto:annualmeeting@aarweb.org). If members inform AAR about their needs and their anticipated attendance at particular sessions, AAR staff will do their best to coordinate with presenters and session presiders to facilitate the availability of handouts or other session materials in alternative formats.

### **Accessibility for Presenters**

The room format at AAR sessions commonly includes a podium with a microphone designed for standing presentations. Most session rooms are flat, but Convention Center Rooms 307-308 and 301-302 have a riser for the head table. Rooms 303 and 313 have a tiered head table with half on the floor and then the rest on a riser. Presenters who need an alternative format (such as a tabletop microphone or podium) or who anticipate a problem with the riser should contact [annualmeeting@aarweb.org](mailto:annualmeeting@aarweb.org) to arrange for appropriate presentation technology.

### **Designated Room for Religion and Disability Studies Group Sessions**

AAR has scheduled all sessions sponsored/cosponsored by the Religion and Disability Studies Group and the AAR Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee in the same room at the Convention Center, #317.

### **Employment Center Accessibility**

AAR is committed to maximizing accessibility for employers and job seekers who are making use of the Employment Center. AAR can arrange for a quiet booth, to minimize noise or distraction from adjacent booths, or may be able to arrange for a private interview room if space is available. If you need a quiet room or have other accessibility needs, please contact [careers@aarsbl.org](mailto:careers@aarsbl.org).

### **Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession Committee**

In 2013, AAR established a Committee on the Status of People with Disabilities in the Profession (PWD), which works to assure the full access of people with disabilities within the Academy and to advance their status within the profession. PWD will be having an open forum at the annual meeting on Sunday from 1–2:30 p.m., in Convention Center 317. We encourage interested members to join us for conversation.

### **Additional Information about Accessibility in Baltimore**

BWI Airport:

<http://www.bwiairport.com/en/service/disability>

Maryland Transit Administration:

<http://mta.maryland.gov/content/accessibility>

Accessible Taxi:

<http://www.accessibledispatch.com/2013/03/baltimore-adds-wheelchair-accessible-taxis-to-city-fleet/>

The Convention Center:

<http://www.bccenter.org/index.php?target=64>

Mayor's Commission on Disabilities:

<http://www.baltimorecity.gov/Government/BoardsandCommissions/Disabilities.aspx>

Baltimore Eats:

<http://www.baltimoreeats.com/guide.php>

Baltimore Museum of Art:

<https://www.artbma.org/visit/accessibility.html>

Baltimore Aquarium:

<http://www.aqua.org/visit/baltimore/~media/Files/AccessibilityGuide2013.pdf>

## Need Help?

If you have questions about the program, your membership, or events at the Annual Meeting, the staff at the Member Services desk, located in the registration area of the Baltimore Convention Center, will be able to assist you.

The Baltimore Convention Center also has its own staff to answer questions about local attractions and restaurants. Look for their Information Booth, also located in the registration area.

For questions and concerns about international membership with the AAR, and to provide feedback about how we can better serve international members, you may e-mail Amy Allocco ([aallocco@elon.edu](mailto:aallocco@elon.edu)), Chair of the International Connections Committee, before, during, and after the Annual Meeting.

## Annual Meeting and Beyond

### Dietary Restrictions

There are several eateries and restaurants situated around the city that cater to specific dietary needs.

#### Vegetarian and Vegan

The Vegetarian Resource Group has compiled a long list of vegetarian and vegan-friendly restaurants in the Baltimore area, many of which can be reached by public transportation. It can be accessed at <http://www.vrg.org/travel/baltimore.pdf>. Be sure to check the eatery's hours of operation before dining.

Listed below are vegetarian and vegan eateries located within one mile/1.6 kilometers from the Baltimore Convention Center.

#### Land of Kush

410-225-5874

840 North Eutaw Street

[www.thelandofkush.com](http://www.thelandofkush.com)

Voted Baltimore's best vegan restaurant 2011 by Baltimore City Paper.

**Caribbean American Gourmet**

410-385-0530

519 W. Lexington St.

Take-out. Several vegetarian Caribbean options, no lard used in food preparation. Closed Sunday.

**Liquid Earth**

410-276-6606

1626 Aliceanna Street

[www.liquidearth.com](http://www.liquidearth.com)

Many vegan and raw food options. Includes a juice bar.

**Akbar**

410-539-0944

823 N. Charles St.

[www.akbar-restaurant.com](http://www.akbar-restaurant.com)

Indian cuisine with many vegetarian options and some vegan options.

**Kumari**

410-235-8744

911 N. Charles St.

<http://kumarirestaurantnbar.com/>

Nepalese, Indian, and Tibetan cuisine with many vegetarian options.

**Ban Thai**

410-727-7971

[www.banthai.us](http://www.banthai.us)

Vegetarian and vegan options.

**Kosher**

The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore provides a list of kosher dining restaurants in the Baltimore area, which can be accessed at <http://www.associated.org/page.aspx?id=247129>. Many kosher restaurants and markets are located in the Pikesville neighborhood, especially along Reistertown Road, which is 40-minute metro ride from the Baltimore Convention Center. Nevertheless, there is some kosher dining closer in-town:

**Van Gough Café**

410-558-1958

300 South Ann Street

<http://www.vangoughcafe.com>

Kosher Dairy. Opens on Saturday one hour after sundown.

**Me Latte**

410-502-2936

1550 Orleans Street

<http://www.melatte.com>

Kosher certified restaurant.

## Halal

There are several halal restaurants within walking distance of the Baltimore Convention Center.

### Halal Food Cart

443-889-5299

126 West Baltimore Street

Well rated food cart within a short walking distance from the Baltimore Convention Center.

### Al-Pacino Café

410-653-6868

900 Cathedral Street

[www.cafeisis.com](http://www.cafeisis.com)

100% halal restaurant serving Egyptian, Mediterranean, and American cuisine.

### Cazbar

410-528-1222

316 North Charles Street

[www.cazbarbaltimore.com](http://www.cazbarbaltimore.com)

Turkish cuisine with halal meats. Serves alcohol. Belly Dancing on Friday and Saturday nights.

### Shiraz Middle Eastern

410-528-2121

1005 North Charles Street

[www.shiraz-kabob.com](http://www.shiraz-kabob.com)

Middle Eastern take-out/delivery. Order by phone or online.

## Show Your Badge

During the Annual Meetings, from November 22 through the 26, the Baltimore Visitors' Bureau is offering discounts at local restaurants and attractions through the "Show Your Badge" program. Show your badge for a discount at the following locations:

### Caesar's Den Restaurant

223 South High Street

410-547-0820

<http://www.caesarsden.com/>

15% off food portion of bill when you show your convention badge

### DaMimmos Finest Italian Cuisine in Little Italy

217 South High Street

410-727-6876

<http://www.damimmo.com/>

10% off your entrée, enjoy entertainment nightly and complimentary limo service from hotel and back.

### Gordon Biersch Brewery Restaurant

1000 Lancaster Street, Suite B

410-230-9501

<http://www.gordonbiersch.com/locations/baltimore>

10% off your entire entrée including alcohol when you show your convention badge

**Hard Rock Café**

601 East Pratt Street  
410-576-2210

<http://www.hardrock.com>

Preferred seats and \$5 off your \$25 purchase when you show your convention badge

**Heavy Seas Alehouse**

1300 Bank Street  
410-522-0850

<http://heavyseasalehouse.com/>

15% off of food & beverage purchase when you show your convention badge

**Howl at the Moon**

22 Market Place  
410-783-5111

<http://www.howlatthemoon.com/locations/location-baltimore>

Free admission when you show your convention badge

**Langermann's & Langermann's on Light**

2400 Boston Street and 1542 Light Street  
410-534-3287 & 410-528-1200

<http://www.langermanns.com>

15% off total bill when you show your convention badge

**Lebanese Taverna**

718 South President Street  
410-244-5533

<http://www.lebanesetaverna.com/>

\$5.00 off \$30.00 purchase (not including tax) purchase when you show your convention badge. One coupon per table; cannot be combined with any other promotions

**Leinenkugel's Beer Garden**

34 Market Place  
443-208-3316

<http://www.leiniebeergarden.com/>

\$3 Leinenkugels and \$3 rail drinks when you show your badge

**Luckies Baltimore**

10 Market Place  
410-564-5477

<http://www.luckiestavern.com/>

\$3 domestics, \$4 imports, and \$5 well drinks when you show your convention badge

**Marble Slab Creamery & Great American Cookies**

201 East Pratt Street  
443-835-1873

<http://www.marbleslab.com>



<http://www.greatamericancookies.com/>

20% off store wide when you show your convention badge

**Mex Tequila Bar**

26 Market Place

410-528-0128

<http://www.mexbaltimore.com/>

½ price apps, \$3 Miller LTs, and \$4 call drinks when you show your convention badge

**Morton's The Steakhouse**

300 South Charles

410-547-8255

<http://www.mortons.com/baltimore/>

Free New York Cheesecake when you show your convention badge

**PBR Baltimore**

43 Market Place

443-680-9433

<http://www.powerplantlive.com>

\$2 Miller LT Drafts and \$3 rail drinks when you show your convention badge

**Phillips Seafood**

601 East Pratt Street

410-685-6600

<http://www.phillipsseafood.com/>

15% off your total bill when you show your convention badge

**Pickles Pub**

520 Washington Boulevard

410-752-1784

<http://www.picklespub.com/>

Free basket of Baltimore Fries when you show your convention badge

**Queenstown Premium Outlets**

441 Outlet Center Drive

410-827-8699

<http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlets/outlet.asp?id=99>

Complimentary VIP coupon book when you show your convention badge

**Regis American Bistro**

1002 Light Street

410-539-7344 ext. 1

<http://regisamericanbistro.com/>

\$10 gift card when you show your convention badge

**St. Mary's Spiritual Center and Historic Site**

600 North Paca Street

410-728-6464

<http://www.stmarysspiritualcenter.org/>

Free admission

**Supano's Steakhouse**

110 Water Street

410-302-3395

<http://www.supanossteakhouse.com/>

20% off dinner when you show your convention badge

**Sullivan's Steakhouse**

1 East Pratt Street

410-962-5503

<http://sullivansteakhouse.com/baltimore>

Offering a 3 course menu all day in both the main dining room and in the bar for only \$39

**TATU**

614 Water Street

410-244-7385

<http://www.tatubaltimore.com/>

50% off select sushi and starters, \$3 Miller LTs, \$4 rail drinks, \$5 call drinks when you show your convention badge

**The Owl Bar**

1 East Chase Street

410-347-0888

<http://www.theowlbar.com/>

10% off regularly priced food when you show your convention badge

**UNO Chicago Grill**

201 East Pratt Street

410-625-5900

<http://www.unos.com>

10% off food purchases (dine in or take out) when you show your convention badge

**Wine Market Bistro**

921 East Fort Avenue

410-244-6166

<http://winemarketbistro.com/>

10% off in the dining room for guests who show their convention badge. This offer cannot be combined with any other offers (including the 3 course prix fixe menu for \$33 Tuesday-Thursday).

## Places of Worship

### AME

#### **Ebenezer AME Church**

20 West Montgomery Street  
410-783-0190

<http://www.ebenezer-amec-baltimore.org/>

### Baha'i

#### **Baltimore Baha'I Community**

P.O. Box 2015, Baltimore, MD 21203  
410-929-5679

<http://www.baltimorebahais.org>

Prayer meetings and study circles held across the Baltimore Baha'I community. Call, write, or use the contact form on the webpage to check if any community events are planned for the week of the Annual Meeting.

### Baptist

#### **Leadenhall Baptist Church**

1021 Leadenhall Street  
410-752-5191

<http://leadenhallbc.org/>

### Buddhist

#### **Kadampa Meditation Center Maryland**

2937 North Charles Street  
410-243-3837

<http://www.meditationmd.org/>

### Catholic

#### **St. Alphonsus Church**

114 West Saratoga Street  
410-685-6090

<http://www.stalphonsusbalt.org/>

National Register of Historic Places site with Sunday masses in English, Tridentine Latin, and Lithuanian.

#### **St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church**

2401 Eastern Avenue  
410-675-7557

<http://www.baltoukrainiancathparishes.org/>

Ukrainian-language services on Sundays and Holydays. English liturgy on Saturdays.

## Episcopal/Anglican

### **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

223 North Charles Street  
410-685-3404

<http://www.stpaulsbaltimore.org/>

## Hindu and Jain

### **New Kulina Gram Dham (ISKCON Baltimore)**

200 Bloomsbury Avenue  
Cantonsville, Maryland  
410-719-1776

<http://www.iskconbaltimore.org>

### **Greater Baltimore Hindu-Jain Temple**

2909 Bloom Road  
Finksburg, Maryland  
410-861-8387

<http://www.baltimoretemple.org>

### **BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir**

4320 Ammendale Road  
Beltsville, Maryland  
301-931-3135

<http://www.swaminarayan.org/globalnetwork/america/washington.htm>

## Jewish

### **B'nai Israel Congregation**

27 Lloyd Street  
410-732-5454

<http://www.bnaiisraelcongregation.org/>

Modern Orthodox congregation located adjacent to the Jewish Museum of Maryland. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places.

### **Beth Am Synagogue**

2501 Eutaw Place  
410-523-2446

[www.bethambaltimore.org](http://www.bethambaltimore.org)

Conservative congregation.

## Methodist

### **Old Otterbein United Methodist Church**

112 West Conway Street  
410-685-4703

<http://oldotterbeinumc.org>

A LGBTQI-friendly church just around the corner from the Baltimore Convention Center.

## **Lutheran**

### **Zion Church of the City of Baltimore**

City Hall Plaza

400 East Lexington Street

<http://www.zionbaltimore.org/>

A bilingual (German–English) community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

## **Mormon**

### **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

900 Madison Avenue

410-523-6081

## **Muslim**

### **Masjid Ul Haqq**

514 Islamic Way

410-728-1363

Sunni, predominantly African American congregation.

### **Masjid us Salaam**

240 North Howard Street

410-528-8248

Sunni salafi congregation.

### **Imam Mahdi Islamic Education Center**

2406 Putty Hill Avenue

Parkville, MD 21234

<http://www.imiec.org/>

Shi'a community center.

## **Orthodox Christian**

Greek Orthodox Cathedral of the Annunciation

24 W. Preston Street

410-727-1831

[www.goannun.org](http://www.goannun.org)

### **Holy Trinity Russian Orthodox Church**

1723 East Fairmount Avenue

410-276-6171

<http://www.holytrinityorthodox.com/>

## **Seventh-day Adventist**

### **Berea Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church**

1901 Madison Avenue

410-669-6350

<http://www.bereatemple.org>

## Sikh

### **Sikh Association of Baltimore**

3423 Chapman Road

Randallstown, Maryland

410-521-7568

<http://www.worldgurudwara.com>

## General Information on Travel to the U.S.

Check <https://www.aarweb.org/annual-meeting/information-on-travel-to-the-us> for detailed information and tips for international travelers to the U.S.

## Money

### **Automated Teller Machines**

#### **(Cashpoint, Bancomat)**

Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are very widely available throughout the U.S. Most will require a personal identification code that is four digits; if your account has a longer code or a code that uses letters, discuss with your bank whether that code should be changed or how it should be entered on U.S. ATMs.

Most ATMs will charge a fee (generally between \$1 and \$5) for each use.

### **Currency Exchange**

Currency exchange can be handled most easily at the airport, although most banks and many hotels will be able to assist with currency exchange as well. Note that banks have limited hours – typically weekdays from 9:00 AM (9.00h) to 4:30 PM (16.30h)—and that on-street exchange services are *not* common in the U.S.

All payments for goods and services must be made in U.S. currency or by credit card. Most retailers, museums, and attractions take Visa or MasterCard. Many will place small logos of the credits cards they accept on the front door or point of purchase. Some restaurants only accept cash payments.

### **Taxes**

Visitors from many parts of the world are accustomed to a Value Added Tax (VAT), which is included in the stated price, and which applies to services as well as products. The United States does not use VAT. Instead, a sales tax is added onto the price of goods, and is not included in the listed price. The sales tax will appear on a separate line of the final bill. The sales tax rate is different from city to city and from state to state. Different sales tax rates may apply to specific types of purchases: food is often lower, hotel rooms are usually higher.

Sales taxes are *not* added to services.

### **Tips/Gratuities**

Tipping is expected for some services in the United States, especially for restaurant staff, taxi drivers, and in grooming salons.

Most of the time, tips and gratuities are not included in your bill. In some places—especially restaurants—the staff are paid a rate below the minimum wage under the assumption that they will

receive tips. Sometimes, a restaurant may add gratuity onto a bill for a table where six or more people are dining together. In this case, you will see the tip as a separate item on the final bill.

Below are the customary tip amounts for services in the United States:

Service	Standard Tip
Restaurant Service	15% of bill 20% for excellent service
Bar	\$1.00–\$2.00/drink
Hotel Porter	\$1.00/bag
Hotel Maid Service	\$2.00–\$5.00/day with note marked “for housekeeping”
Airport Baggage Handling	\$1.00/bag
Taxi	15% of bill
Concierge	\$5.00–\$20.00 depending on the request. No tip expected for answering questions
Deliveries	\$3.00–\$5.00

### Telephone

\*Please note that some hotel phones have alternate instructions for dialing various types of numbers. Instructions will be posted on or near the phone.

### Emergency

Dial **911** from any phone (always a free call, even from pay phones and cell phones). This is the appropriate number for *all* emergency calls (police, fire, ambulance).

### Local Calls

Different areas employ different systems. For a free local call to the fictitious number 555-555-1234, you may have to dial the number in any of the following ways:

- 555-1234
- 555-555-1234
- 1-555-555-1234

### Long-Distance Calls

Long-distance calls are made by dialing a **1** before the number: 1-555-555-1234.

### International Calls from the U.S.

The US international direct dialing (IDD) code is **011**; thus dial **011** followed by the country code and city code. If the local number begins with a "national direct dialing" (NDD) code (such as the **0** at the start of United Kingdom phone numbers), omit that NDD code when dialing from the U.S.

### International Calls to the U.S.

The U.S. country code is **1**. (More accurately and in greater detail: The United States, Canada, and several Caribbean nations are part of the North American Numbering Plan, and therefore do not have

discrete country codes of their own. The North American Numbering Plan is reached by using **1** in place of a country code.)

### **Toll-Free Calls**

The following area codes represent toll-free numbers (long distance charges do not apply, but cell phone charges, hotel phone charges, etc. will still be levied):

- **800** (800-xxx-xxxx)
- **888** (888-xxx-xxxx)
- **877** (877-xxx-xxxx)
- **866** (866-xxx-xxxx)

### **Premium Calls**

The following designators are for premium services and carry additional fees that will be billed to the caller (and that are often very expensive). Use them cautiously:

- area code **900** (900-xxx-xxxx)
- exchange **976** (xxx-976-xxxx)

### **Telecommunications Devices for the Deaf**

Businesses using TDDs are becoming less common as e-mail communication proliferates and as relay services have become mandatory in the U.S. If you use a TDD, or need to contact someone using a TDD, dial **711** to access the relay service; this is the correct number for both voice-to-TDD and TDD-to-voice.

An online TDD service is available at <http://www.i711.com/>.



# Appendix A: Hotel Map



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| 1. Admiral Fell Inn                | 13. Holiday Inn Inner Harbor   | 25. Sheraton City Center                              |
| 2. Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor | 14. Home2 Suites               | 26. Sheraton Inner Harbor                             |
| 3. Baltimore Marriott Waterfront   | 15. Homewood Suites            | 27. Springhill Suites Inner Harbor                    |
| 4. Brookshire Suites               | 16. Hotel Monaco               | 28. Courtyard Downtown                                |
| 5. Days Inn Inner Harbor           | 17. Hyatt Regency              | 29. Quality Inn                                       |
| 6. Embassy Suites                  | 18. Mount Vernon               |   |
| 7. Fairfield Inn                   | 19. Peabody Court              | *Colored routes indicate Charm City Circulator stops. |
| 8. Hampton Inn Downtown            | 20. Pier 5 Hotel               |   |
| 9. Hampton Inn Inner Harbor        | 21. Lord Baltimore Hotel       |   |
| 10. Hilton Convention Center       | 22. Royal Sonesta Harbor Court |   |
| 11. Hilton Garden Inn Inner Harbor | 23. Residence Inn Downtown     |   |
| 12. Holiday Inn Express            | 24. Renaissance Harborplace    |   |