



# 2017

## GENERAL COUNCIL

### Policies and Procedures for Exhibitors and Sponsors

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## Who Comes to General Council?

Approximately 20,000 attend General Council. Those include pastors of all ministries of the church: Christian Education directors, Sunday school workers, evangelists, missionaries, church growth specialists, family members, students, and others.

## The Event, GCAG, Exhibitors & Sponsors

The General Council event will hereinafter be referred to as **“The Event.”** The General Council of the Assemblies of God (or National Leadership Resource Center, or NLRC) will hereinafter be referred to as **“GCAG.”** Exhibitors and/or sponsors will hereinafter be referred to as **“Purchaser.”**

## The Purpose

**The Event** is a means to acquaint the Assemblies of God constituency with business and ministry resources which



will benefit and enhance their ministries.

**Purchasers** are encouraged to display and share information about products and resources that support ministries of the local church. **The Event** is the largest gathering of our Fellowship and offers many opportunities to make valuable contacts.

## Standards


The Assemblies of God is a church Fellowship. **GCAG** reserves the right to restrict **Purchasers** (or their product) which may be considered objectionable. The use of raffles and other games of chance are prohibited; however, drawings for free merchandise and prizes are permitted.

## Eligibility

**GCAG** reserves the right to refuse **Purchasers** if, after the acceptance of the **APPLICATION / CONTRACT**, information is presented that would be inconsistent with the standards supported by **GCAG**.

## Criteria for Eligibility

1. **Competition.** There may be occasions when a **Purchaser** may have a product that directly or indirectly competes with those offered by **GCAG** and its affiliates. These will be considered on a case by case basis, and in most cases will not be approved.
2. **Products/Services.** **GCAG** asks that **Purchasers** offer products and/or services which will directly benefit and enhance the ministries of our churches and ministers. The following are among that which cannot be displayed and/or sold:

- a. Books, CDs, videos/DVDs *from other vendors (those not about, or for your specific company or ministry);*
  - b. Food products of any kind, such as health food products;
  - c. Personal care products, such as perfume and beauty products.
3. **Missionaries.** Assemblies of God appointed missionaries are not permitted to have individual booth spaces. However, they can be represented through their respective divisions and departments.
  4. **Missions Agencies (ELT Updated 3-19-09).** There shall be no missions agencies allowed (U.S. or International) without the approval of Assemblies of God U.S. Missions, or Assemblies of God World Missions.
  5. **Evangelists/Itinerant Ministers.** Assemblies of God evangelists and itinerant ministers (in full-time capacity) are permitted to secure exhibit space, collectively. They may display and sell only the materials which their ministries produce (i.e., electronic media of personal ministry or personally authored materials). No third party products or services may be displayed or sold.
  6. **Church and/or Worship Pastors (Updated 6-1-15).** Assemblies of God pastors who are on staff are not permitted to have exhibit space. Itinerant evangelists/worship leaders may exhibit under certain guidelines – contact CSG for more information.
  7. **Churches.** Assemblies of God churches are not permitted to have exhibit space. However, booth space can be provided for Assemblies of God churches in the host city of The Event. The exhibit should be a collective space, representing all host city area churches and coordinated through the District Office.
  8. **Colleges/Universities (ELT Updated 3-19-09).** There shall be no colleges or universities allowed that are in competition with Assemblies of God schools.
  9. **Exhibit Purpose.** **Purchasers** cannot:
    - a. Secure booth space simply to market products with no intent to have follow-up with churches and pastors.
    - b. Secure booth space for the purpose of providing prominence to products and

services which are issue-oriented and would generate undue controversy.

- c. Secure booth space to provide a platform to survey or test ideas – products and services are to be credible and have a proven business record.
- d. Recruit, solicit, or sell outside of the exhibit zone (i.e., concourses, general sessions, etc.), unless included in a sponsorship package.

## Application/Contracts

In order for **Purchasers** to participate at **The Event**, the **APPLICATION / CONTRACT** must be completed in its



entirety, and submitted to Convention Services Group at [Exhibits@ag.org](mailto:Exhibits@ag.org). The Executive Leadership Team (ELT) will give final approval. **It is understood this application will become a contract upon acceptance by the ELT.** For exhibit space, acceptance is based upon the location selected in the exhibit

hall, rates, terms and conditions, which all are included in the **APPLICATION / CONTRACT**. A similar process is required for sponsorship packages.

## Business Profile

Applicants who have never exhibited at **The Event** are to provide two business references. The **PROFILE FORM** can be downloaded at

[www.generalcouncil.org](http://www.generalcouncil.org), or may be requested from the Exhibits Coordinator in

Convention Services Group. If an applicant has conducted business with an Assemblies of God district office, church, or pastor, please use at least one of these as a reference. **PROFILE FORMS** are due prior to submitting an application to the Executive Leadership Team. **Note:** In the absence of references, the ELT may approve an application subject to receipt of favorable references no later than **April 1, 2017**.



## Booth Specifications and Policies

1. All individual 10' x 10' booth spaces include:

- a. 8' high pipe/drape backdrop;
- b. 3' high matching pipe/drape side dividers (all drape being flame retardant);
- c. 1 identification sign, 7" x 44."



2. Additional furniture (tables, chairs), electrical, telephone, floral needs, etc., are available at

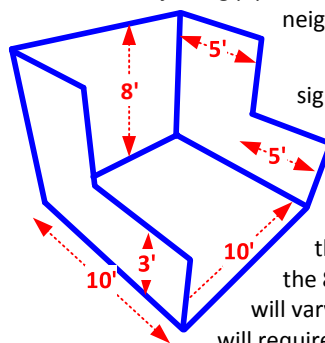
additional cost and must be ordered through **Excel Decorators, Inc.**, the official general contractor for **The Event**. **NOTE:** A link to Excel Decorators will be posted on-line **January 2017**.

- a. All tables must be finished or draped.
- b. Exhibitors must have a company ID sign, either provided by the decorator, or by the exhibitor. **Assigned booth number(s) must be on the ID sign.**

3. **Flying Signage.** No banners, signs, or structures may be suspended from the ceiling without written approval from Convention Services Group.

4. **Height Guidelines.** Booth displays and backgrounds may not obscure the view of neighboring exhibitors.

- a. In **linear booths**, the maximum height allowed in the rear half of the booth is 8' – the maximum height allowed in the front half (to the aisle) is 3'. This applies to the adjoining pipe/drape to an exhibiting neighbor.



- b. No special signs, booth construction (including backdrops), media equipment, or lighting fixtures are permitted in excess of these heights, including the 8' back wall. If the booth will vary from this standard, it will require approval from Convention Services Group and possibly involve moving to a different space to allow for the variance.

5. **Finished Sides – Masking Drapes.** Booth backgrounds and/or product displays must have finished side portions of the exhibit – this allows for optimal presentation. Convention Services Group reserves the right to finish undone spaces at the exhibitor's expense.


6. **Sound Levels.** The playing of loud music, videos, noise making devices, or any sort of distractions is not permitted.



7. **Clean/Presentable Booth Space.** Exhibitors are responsible for maintaining a neat and clean booth.

- a. Do not stack cartons in the aisle during open hours.
- b. Please take empty cartons (for trash removal) to the rear of the Exhibit Hall.
- c. All combustible items (i.e., shipping cartons/boxes, materials) are to be stored with **Excel Decorators** – nothing stored under exhibit tables or inside the booth.

This is a requirement from the Fire Marshal as per city codes.

- 8. **Popcorn/Helium Balloons.** The making and distributing of popcorn and helium balloons are prohibited. 

- 9. **Confetti/Glitter/Rice.** The use or throwing of confetti, glitter or rice is prohibited.

- 10. **Stickers.** Adhesive-backed (stick-on) decals or similar items are not permitted and may not be distributed within the facility or parking areas (i.e., bumper stickers, promotional fun stickers, etc.). Any costs incurred by the facility for the removal of these will be charged back to the exhibitor.



- 11. **Children.** For insurance and safety reasons, children under the age of 18 are **ONLY** permitted in the Exhibit Hall during **OPEN** Exhibit Hall hours, avoiding booth set-up and tear down. **Security monitors this very closely.** Exhibitors are to refrain from engaging children under age 18 in booths as representatives.



- 12. The General Council of the Assemblies of God name, logo, or other national program names and logos cannot be used in any form to imply that an exhibit is a part of, or endorsed by **GCAG**.



**Booth Fees**

■ (1) Prime: \$1,950

■ (1) Standard: \$1,500

**Exhibit Registration Deadline July 1, 2017.**

**Payments**

Full payment is required with the **APPLICATION / CONTRACT**. **No booth space will be reserved until full payment has been received.** Payments can be made by credit card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard, Visa), or check. Checks are to be made payable to **General Council of the Assemblies of God**. Do not combine exhibit fee payments with any other registration and/or function fees. Only exhibit space and name badge fees may be paid together.

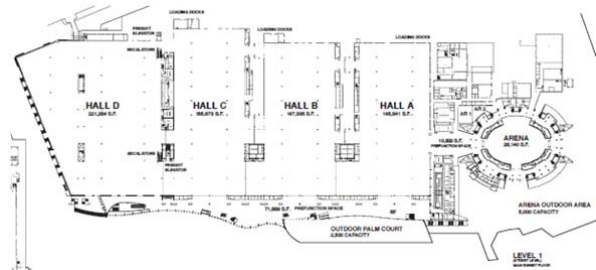
**Space Assignments**

Exhibit spaces will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis according to preferences indicated on the **APPLICATION / CONTRACT**. If selections are already reserved, space will be assigned as close to the request(s) submitted. Convention Services Group reserves the right to shift space at any time, if necessary, for logistical purposes. Telephone reservations will not be accepted.

- 1. **Subletting Space.** No exhibitor shall assign, sublet, or apportion the whole or any parts of their assigned space, or exhibit or permit any other person or company to exhibit therein any goods other than those manufactured by or for the exhibitor. Exhibit space shared by two or more parties must be indicated on the **APPLICATION / CONTRACT**.
- 2. **Literature/Materials.** No exhibitor may place literature outside of purchased exhibit space, including on cars, venue/hotel lobbies, etc. Except for official convention posters and signs, no posters, placards, signs, banners, or similar items, may be posted or displayed except in exhibit booths unless included in a sponsorship package.
- 3. **Non-Exhibitors.** Persons or companies not assigned booth space in the Exhibit Hall will be prohibited from exhibiting, distributing materials, or soliciting business in the Exhibit Hall unless included in a sponsorship package.

**Locations**

Exhibits are in the Anaheim Convention Center (ACC), Halls A and B. Exhibitor check-in will be in the back of the Exhibit Hall. **The Event** registration will be in Hall C, and General Council business and general sessions will be in the ACC Arena.



**Exhibit Hall Schedule**

AUGUST 2017						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

<b>MON, AUG 7</b>	8 a.m.-4 p.m.....Set-up All Exhibits
	9 a.m.-4 p.m.....POV's Unload .....(personally owned vehicle)
	<b>No set-up past this day.</b>
<b>TUE, AUG 8</b>	8-8:30 a.m.....Orientation
	8:30-9 a.m.....Inspection
	9 a.m.-6 p.m..... <b>Exhibits Open</b>
<b>WED, AUG 9</b>	9 a.m.-6 p.m..... <b>Exhibits Open</b>
<b>THU, AUG 10</b>	9 a.m.-6 p.m..... <b>Exhibits Open</b>
<b>FRI, AUG 11</b>	9 a.m.-3 p.m..... <b>Exhibits Open</b>
	3-10 p.m.....Dismantle
	<b>Early dismantle will not be permitted.</b>
<b>SAT, AUG 12</b>	8 a.m.-12 noon.....Final Dismantle



Exhibits must be staffed during all open hours. All attendees will be required to have a registration badge to access the Exhibit Hall. See **Registration** at [www.generalcouncil.org](http://www.generalcouncil.org) for more information.

## Exhibitor Set-up and Tear-down

1. **Personally Owned Vehicles (POV's)**. POV's are scheduled to unload Monday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
2. **POV Load-In/Load-Out Policy** (*Updated 9-29-2010*).
  - o **Exhibitors handling their own Load-In/Load-Out**: Exhibitors may handle their own hand-carried materials in and out of the Exhibit Hall provided it can be done without powered equipment. Exhibitors who prefer to unload their own rental trucks are strongly recommended to make sure that it is equipped with a lift gate to assist in unloading since exhibitor's use of the Docks is prohibited.
  - o **Exhibitors needing assistance with Load-In/Load-Out**: Exhibitors that require the use of a dock to have their vehicle unloaded will be unloaded exclusively by **Excel Decorators** and have their materials weighed and charged at the drayage and material handling rates per the Exhibitor Kit (published on-line January 2017).
  - o **IMPORTANT NOTE**: Heavy POV traffic may require POV'S to be routed to the docks, as deemed by security. Any POV's routed to the docks are subject to loading and unloading by **Excel Decorators**. **WE STRONGLY URGE EXHIBITORS TO SHIP ITEMS IN ADVANCE AS POV UNLOADING SPACE IS NOT GUARANTEED DURING PERIODS OF HIGH TRAFFIC.**
3. **Use of Dollies, Forklifts, etc.** (*Updated 9-29-2010*).
  - o **Powered Equipment**. Any materials requiring the use of powered equipment for delivery, (i.e., forklifts, electric pallet jacks, etc.), must be handled by **Excel Decorators**.
  - o **Manual Equipment**. Exhibitors **MAY** use their own manual dollies, hand carts, flat carts and pallet jacks.
4. **Tarmac**. Exhibitors may NOT park on the tarmac while setting up. You must move your vehicle(s) as soon as they are unloaded and then return to set-up.



receive this same parking arrangement and will still be asked to wear an exhibitor badge. In order for any attendee to receive in/out privileges, the parker would need to show a paid ticket. If the parker did not have a paid ticket, then he/she would need to pay the parking fee again. Additionally, re-parking is not guaranteed, rather it is based on availability.

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  - o **\$15, Passenger Vehicles**
  - o **\$30, Over-sized Vehicles**
  - o **Oversized Vehicles**. Parking for large vehicles/trailers is available on a first-come, first served basis.
  - o **Overnight Parking**. This is not permitted.
  - o **Recreational Vehicles (RV's)**. RV's may use the ACC parking area for parking purposes only.
6. **Escalators**. Transportation of any show equipment or material is not permitted on escalators at any time. Failure to adhere to this regulation will result in the disabling of the escalators.
7. **Equipment Space Clearance**. A 3' clearance must be maintained between all event-related equipment and all permanent facility structures (i.e., walls, columns, pillars, fire hose columns, doors, etc.) during move-in/out. At no time shall any event-related equipment be permitted to lean against walls or columns. Any repairs required due to damage caused by non-adherence to this policy will be billed to you at prevailing labor and material rates.
8. **Early Dismantling**. Early dismantling of exhibit space is not permitted. If an exhibitor proceeds in this manner, this will jeopardize opportunities to exhibit at future national AG events.



## Multi-Level Exhibits & Covered Booths Over 300 Square Feet

The definition of a multi-level booth is a structure with a level or tier atop an exhibit or portion of an exhibit, with the intention of being occupied by one or more persons. Multi-level booths, regardless of square footage, and covered booths exceeding 300' require additional approval and fire watch preparations prior to their acceptance on the exhibit hall floor by the convention center. For more information, contact Convention Services Group.

**Parking**. ACC has confirmed a daily in/out parking fee of \$15 for ACC lots ONLY to all attendees. Exhibitors will



## ACC Fire Department Requirements for All Exhibits

For the protection of the facility and for those guests either working or attending an event, ACC guidelines are as follows.

- Firefighting and emergency equipment may not be hidden or obstructed, including fire extinguishers, strobes, fire hose cabinets and standpipes.
- All emergency exits, hallways and aisles leading from the ACC must be kept clear and unobstructed.
- Fire lanes must be maintained at all times on the loading dock.



## Information Regarding Flame Resistance

**ALL EXHIBIT CONSTRUCTION AND DECORATION MATERIAL** must be flame retardant.

- **All woodwork**, stage scenery, furnishings, decorations and sets used upon a working permanent or temporary stage, or within an exhibit, shall be coated or treated by approved methods to render them flame resistant.
- **Plywood** less than 3/4" in thickness must be flame retardant treated lumber. The product shall not be painted or similarly modified until the material has been inspected and the flame retardant marking/labeling verified.
- **Combustible containers** such as wood crates and empty cardboard boxes shall be stored outside of the exhibit space or inside an approved storage area. Excel Decorators will be able to assist with storage options.
- **Combustible materials** such as pamphlets and other paper products shall be limited to a one (1) day supply and maintained in an orderly fashion inside the booth. No storage is allowed behind the booths. Excel Decorators will be able to assist with storage options.
- **All fabrics**, films, draperies, curtains and similar furnishings must be flame resistant as demonstrated by testing in accordance with the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) 701 Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Flame Propagation of Textiles and Films.
- **Acoustical and decorative material** including, but not limited to, cotton, foamed plastic, hay, paper, straw, wood chips, mulch, split bamboo and thatch must be treated with a flame-retardant.



- Additional flame retardant treatments shall be applied in accordance with the appropriate product direction.
- **The use of Styrofoam products** for set construction is not permitted.
- **Oil cloth, tar paper, nylon, plastic cloth, and certain other plastic materials** that cannot be rendered flame retardant, through spray or dip application are prohibited.
- **Vertical carpet** is also prohibited unless it is flame retardant.
- **Documentation:** Please have the material's fire resistive documentation available prior to the show opening, and available for review upon request on-site. If documentation for the material is not available, proof of satisfactory flame retardancy may include a field flame test based on NFPA 701. This will require the material to have a 1" x 4" sample cut. Please note that the NFPA 701 test is a "destructive test" and the sample could be discolored or destroyed.

### SMOKE DETECTORS.

Operational single station smoke detectors shall be provided in all enclosed exhibits exceeding 120 square feet with roofs (i.e., recreational vehicles, mobile homes, tents, trailers, etc.). Covered exhibits and booths exceeding 300 square feet shall obtain prior approval and comply with additional automatic sprinkler protection requirements.



**RV'S**, campers, tractor trailers, and other vehicles with more than 120 square feet of ceiling shall have an operational smoke detector per divided section.

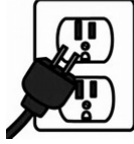


**TENTS** – Interior tents, erected as part of an exhibit, should adhere to ACC's Multi-Level and Covered Booth Guidelines whether over or under 300 square feet, and may require a special permit. For additional assistance, contact Convention Services Group regarding Exhibit Hall planning, compliance, and permits.

## Electrical

Suggested minimum guidelines for electrical are:

- All 110-volt wiring should be grounded three-wire.
- Wiring that touches the floor should be “SO” cord (minimum 14-gauge/three-wire) flat cord, which is insulated to qualify for “extra hard usage.”
- Cord wiring above floor level can be “SJ” which is rated for “hard usage.”
- Using zip cords, two-wire cords, latex cords, plastic cord, lamp cord, open clip sockets, and two-wire clamp-on fixtures is not recommended and is often prohibited. Cube taps should be prohibited.
- Power strips (multi-plug connectors) should be UL approved, with built-in over-load protectors.



## Lighting

Suggested minimum guidelines for lighting are:

- No lighting, fixtures, lighting trusses, or overhead lighting are allowed outside the boundaries of the exhibit space. Exhibitors intending to use hanging light systems should submit drawings to the Exhibits Coordinator for approval.
- Lighting, including gobos, should be directed to the inner confines of the booth space. Lighting should not project onto other exhibits or exhibition aisles.
- Lighting which is potentially harmful, such as lasers or ultraviolet lighting, should be approved in writing by the Exhibits Coordinator.
- Lighting that spins, rotates, pulsates, and other specialized lighting effects should be in good taste and not interfere with neighboring exhibitors or otherwise detract from the general atmosphere of the event.
- It is not recommended to use quartz halogen lighting fixtures due to potential fire hazards.
- Reduced lighting for theater areas needs to be approved by the Exhibitors Coordinator.



## Storage

Fire regulations prohibit storing product, literature, empty packing containers, or packing materials behind back drapes or under draped tables. However, a limited supply of literature or product for one day can be available, so long as these items do not impede access to utility services, create a safety problem, or look unsightly.

## Exhibitor Music Authorization

All exhibitors using live or recorded music are required to provide proof of legal authorization. For example:

- You are the copyright owner,
- You have written permission from the copyright owner,
- You have a copyright license covering the music.



Failure to provide this documentation means you cannot use live or recorded (audio and/or video) music in your exhibit booth. **Proof of music authorization must be received by June 2, 2017.**

## Exhibitor Registration Badges

An exhibiting company is issued up to 2 complimentary name badges per space reserved, (these are non-transferable to other). Additional badges are \$10 each.

Badges will be mailed prior to *The Event*, for those that register before

**July 1, 2017**. Exhibitor badges can be picked up at the Exhibitor Registration Desk upon arrival, held under the company name. For security reasons, exhibitor badges must be worn to gain access to the Exhibit Hall for booth set-up/tear down, as well as during published Exhibit Hall open hours.



## Exhibitor Housing

A block of hotel rooms will be reserved for exhibitors. Upon approval of your application, housing information will be communicated to you.



## Children and Family Members

Exhibitors are welcome to bring family members to the convention. Exhibitors are to refrain from engaging children under the age of 18 as company representatives in the booth space. Children under 18 will not be registered with an Exhibitor badge.



## Governmental and Convention Center Regulations

Exhibitors will abide by all other provisions of application rules and regulations of government agencies. Each exhibitor must comply with taxable sales by the city/state in which **The Event** is held. See "Sales Tax" within this guide.

### Sales Tax

Each exhibitor must be prepared to collect, verify and remit local and state sales taxes (termed "Transaction Privilege Tax" or "TPT"). For information on sales tax please visit: <http://www.taxes.ca.gov/>



### Cancellations

Exhibit space cancellations and/or changes must be submitted in writing. **No refunds will be made after June 30, 2017.** The date upon which the notice of cancellation is received in Convention Services Group will apply as the official date of cancellation.



Convention Services Group reserves the right to rent any cancelled booth space to another exhibitor without returning any part of the original exhibitor's paid fee if the cancellation notice was received after **June 30, 2017.**

Payments for booth space will be refunded if **The Event** is cancelled by any circumstance which makes it impossible or impractical to hold **The Event.**

### Certificate of Insurance

*(Updated 9-29-10)*

All exhibitors that are not a department of the **GCAG** or a consolidated affiliate covered under **GCAG's** insurance must provide Convention Services Group a **Certificate of Insurance** naming the General Council of the Assemblies of God as the additional insured for the dates of August 5-12, 2017. This certificate must show general liability coverage of \$1,000,000 minimum, per occurrence. Please include this **Certificate of Insurance** with your **APPLICATION / CONTRACT.** Exhibitor insurance can be purchased through **GCAG** if you do not carry the required limit - the cost for the insurance is approximately \$170. To request an application for the exhibitor insurance, please contact the Corporate Insurance office at 800-545-2761. Once you've received and completed the application, it should be forwarded with your payment direct to K & K Insurance.



The **Certificate of Insurance** from your insurance carrier or K & K Insurance must be received by **July 1, 2017.** Failure to provide the required proof of insurance will result in the exhibitor not being able to exhibit at **The Event.** Further, the participant promises to hold harmless the sponsor (General Council of the Assemblies of God) and its representatives, including employees, and its volunteers, for any injury related to the activity.

### Liabilities

**GCAG** shall not be held responsible for the safety of exhibits against robbery, fire, or accident; nor accident to the exhibitor or their employees. Security will be provided during all hours of **The Event**, including when the exhibit hall is closed.

### Decorator Service Kit

Complete information will be provided to approved exhibitors in advance, posted on-line **January 2017.** Booth furniture and equipment are available from **Excel Decorators** at an additional cost. Decorative materials must be treated to be flame retardant.

### Temperature Control/Energy Conservation

Efficient and cost effective energy management is a major priority. The venue does not provide air conditioning for exhibitor move-in or move-out, due to dock doors being open.

