**LVC National Orientation**

**August 6 to August 10, 2016
Important Logistics Information**

**EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER**

You may call Enger Muteteke, National Program Director, at 443-962-5660 or Deborah Shepard, Business Operations Manager at 410-332-0093 ***only in case of an emergency such as delayed flight arrival, unable to make any of the shuttles, arriving later than intended to campus***.

**LUTHERAN SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY CHICAGO (LSTC)**

**LVC’s National Orientation, including Registration will take place at LSTC: 1100 E 55th Street, Chicago, IL 60615**. National Orientation housing accommodations will be on the LSTC campus and you will be given your campus housing assignment during Registration. There are various housing accommodation types including a hostel and apartment space. **All accommodations are shared space and each volunteer will have their own bed**.

* Explore the [**LSTC Campus**](http://www.lstc.edu/about/)
* If you arrive early, LVC staff and staff volunteers will be setting up for registration. We will try to welcome you but appreciate your understanding as we make final preparations.
* If you arrive at LSTC before Registration starts at 1:00 pm, there are places to eat or get a snack on E. 55th Street and more places a short walk up S. University Avenue to E. 53rd Street. Our first meal together is after *Just Speaks* and the Opening Ceremony at 6:00 PM.
* You are welcome to leave your luggage in the closet at the main reception desk and hang-out on LSTC’s campus.

**HELPFUL AIRPORT MAPS**

* **Finding Baggage Claim and the LVC Shuttle: There’s a Map for that:** [**Midway Airport MAP**](http://www.flychicago.com/SiteCollectionDocuments/Midway/AtMidway/MDW%20Concessions%20Map%20AirChicago%208-8-2014%20H.pdf)
* Getting **Public Transportation** from Chicago Midway to Lutheran School of Theology: There’s a Bus for that – [**55 GARFIELD towards Museum of Science & Industry**](http://www.transitchicago.com/bus/55/)

**AIRPORT SHUTTLE SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 6, 2016**

**There is only one baggage claim area at Chicago Midway**. LVC Staff, Maya Gaines, will be at the airport to answer questions and direct you to the Shuttle Bus. Maya and an LSTC student will be stationed in the baggage area near the down escalators. Look for the enthusiastic people wearing LVC t-shirts.

**11:15AM Shuttle**: Volunteers with flight arrivals between 08:00AM – 10:30AM

**01:00 PM Shuttle**: Volunteers with flight arrivals between 10:30AM – 12:00PM

**02:30 PM Shuttle**: Volunteers with flight arrivals between 12:00PM – 02:00PM

**03:30 PM Shuttle**: Volunteers with flight arrivals between 02:00PM – 03:00PM

* ***If your flight is delayed or cancelled, call Enger Muteteke at 443-962-5660 or Deborah Shepard at 410-332-0093*** ***immediately after you become aware of the delay. We will not be able to guarantee a shuttle after 3:30 pm, but there are other ways to get to LSTC.***

**CTA PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: MIDWAY AIRPORT TO LSTC**

You can take **public transportation to LSTC** instead of waiting for a shuttle from the airport; it’s easy. The [**55 GARFIELD Bus towards “Museum of Science & Industry"**](http://www.transitchicago.com/bus/55/)**”** travels **from Midway Airport directly to LSTC**; you will not need to transfer.

* Once you arrive and pick up your luggage, follow the terminal signs for CTA / TRAIN. *The signs* ***will not*** *say CTA BUS*.
* **You will need to purchase a VENTRA CARD before you get on the bus**. You can purchase a VENTRA CARD **at the CTA Train Terminal before heading out to the bus**.

NOTE: If you are using cash to pay for the bus, the cost is $2.25. Check out the cost of CTA at this link – [**CTA Fares**](http://www.transitchicago.com/fares/)

* The Bus Terminal is directly outside the Train. The [**55 GARFIELD Bus towards Museum of Science & Industry**](http://www.transitchicago.com/bus/55/)departs from the last bus stand in the lot, a 30 second walk, depending on luggage (see Packing List for Orientation Below).
* The bus ride is about 45 minutes, depending on traffic.
* The bus has a stop right in front of LSTC, at 55th and UNIVERSITY. NOTE: **LSTC** is just past the University of Chicago, which is also located on E 55th Street.
* **This is a city bus and can therefore get crowded**, as it winds through various neighborhoods. Riding the bus can be an excellent way to see parts of a city.
* For your convenience, [**HERE**](https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Midway%2BAirport%2C%2BChicago%2C%2BIL/1100%2BE%2B55th%2BSt%2C%2BChicago%2C%2BIL%2B60615/%4041.7899719%2C-87.7384144%2C12z/am%3Dt/data%3D%213m1%214b1%214m14%214m13%211m5%211m1%211s0x880e310791530883%3A0x60cbf0d80fe8d23f%212m2%211d-87.737875%212d41.78661%211m5%211m1%211s0x880e296aab607753%3A0x9604a0cc3ad664ce%212m2%211d-87.5988913%212d41.7956199%213e3) is a google map showing public transportation from Chicago Midway to LSTC.
* NOTE: LVC will not reimburse you for the cost of a cab or Uber, should you choose to use one of these services on your own. If your plane arrives late and there are no additional shuttle buses scheduled, the bus is a good option.

**ARRIVING IN CHICAGO OTHER THAN AT MIDWAY AIRPORT**

* Those arriving other than at Midway Airport, such as by train or bus, will need to make their own arrangements to get to LSTC by 3:30 pm on August 6.
* LVC will not reimburse you for the cost of a cab or Uber, should you choose to use one of these services on your own.
* ***If your planned arrival is delayed, call Enger Muteteke at 443-962-5660 or Deborah Shepard at 410-332-0093*** ***immediately after you become aware of the delay.***

**PACKING LIST FOR ORIENTATION**

* **Bring only the items you need for National Orientation**, not everything for the entire program year. **There is limited storage space in the rooms and large or excessive baggage cannot be accommodated**. One medium-size suitcase per person can be easily accommodated.
* Casual, lightweight clothing, walking shoes, and an umbrella
* Cash ($25-$50, including small bills and coins) - for transit & free night activities
* Notebook and a pen or pencil
* Towel, toiletries, etc.
* **For Chicago volunteers: sheets/blanket, pillow, etc., as you will be staying at your volunteer house and should plan to be at registration prior to going to your volunteer house**.

**For reminders about packing list of the year, renter's insurance, etc., please review the** [**Beginning of Year Travel Information and Packing List.**](http://lutheranvolunteercorps.org/current-volunteers/)