

2007



Norcross, GA



FCPO National Conference

September 21-23

After three years at a hotel-resort-vacation site destination, FCPO is returning to a Christian retreat setting. Simpsonwood, a beautiful wooded facility near Atlanta, is a quiet setting where registrants can relax, meditate and grow closer to God and His Word.

Conference goals are:

1. To give you a better understanding of Islam, terrorism and how fast these are changing the world's spiritual and moral dynamics.
2. To strengthen you as an "Ambassador for Christ, cleverly disguised as a law enforcement officer!" We will work our way through Gregg Laurie's little book, *How to Share Your Faith*, so you can feel more comfortable in opportunities to discuss your Christianity with others.
3. To share ideas on how to keep the FCPO ministry relevant in a culture where "no time" and "no interest in spiritual things" characterizes nearly everyone, even Christians. If we're truly serious about being "salt and light" in our workplace, we need to make it a

personal priority, not just wait on someone else to get things started.

Workshop sessions will "cut to the chase" on how to be an effective witness to the lost around you, including giving your personal testimony. Most of us don't witness because (1) we don't know how, and (2) we've never been taught. We'll take a good look at Gregg Laurie's little book, *How to Share Your Faith*, spending time together to make witnessing both real and an urgent priority in our lives.

As always there will be time in God's Word, worship in music, the annual business meeting, and good fellowship with old and new friends!

Fortunately we were able to keep costs at last year's rates in our efforts to give you the best bargain possible. So, take steps now to request time off and make plans to come.

It won't be the same if you aren't there!



The Simpsonwood Retreat Center



Traveling to Simpsonwood you may think you've made a wrong turn as you drive through block after block of pleasant suburban homes. Then you see the Simpsonwood sign and make a right turn onto a private lane. Within moments you find yourself deep in a forest glen, and you wonder "how did this come to be?"

The informal dining room hosts three meals daily, served buffet style. All food is prepared on the premises.



Simpsonwood was once a 227-acre farm where school teacher Ludie Simpson was raised. As Ms. Simpson saw the farm being surrounded by urbanization, she looked for a way to keep the land intact so future generations could enjoy its serenity.

A special feature at Simpsonwood is "non-stop" beverage service including coffee, tea, juices and fresh fruit. Fresh-baked pastries are served during the morning, and cookies during the afternoon. Bottled water and soft drinks are available for a small additional charge.



When the North GA Conference of Methodists learned of her desire, they agreed and began building the retreat center.

Simpsonwood's professional meeting facilities come fully equipped, and wireless internet service is available at many locations.

Today Simpsonwood consists of several first-class sleeping lodges, conference rooms, a dining facility, chapel, walking trails and other accommodations in a wooded setting. This provides completely modern conference/lodging accommodations in a 1900s setting.



All facilities are within easy walking distance of each other. You also can enjoy quiet walks along three miles of trails and beside the Chattahoochee River to gain an idea of the flora and fauna you might have experienced 100 years ago.

Attractive, comfortable guestrooms feature two double or queen beds, climate control, and private baths. Larger and handicap accessible rooms are also available.

On the site of "Miss Ludie's" family home is The Elizabeth Jane Sanders Simpson Chapel, an "English Style" field chapel built with 100-year old hand-hewn timbers and containing an elegant stained glass window.



see even more at <http://www.simpsonwood.org>



Our Special Guest Speaker...



Our main platform speaker will be **Jim Hammond**, former Chief Deputy Sheriff of the Hamilton County (TN) Sheriff's Department and past-president of *FCPO*. Jim has just completed three years in Amman, Jordan as head of Training for Iraqi police cadets. His insights into the Muslim world and their cultural and religious differences with the West will give you greater understanding as to why the war on terror is so insidious and misunderstood by so many.

This will be a fascinating and timely conference for all!
Conference Program Schedule

Friday, September 21st

- * Mid-afternoon registration with Simpsonwood and the *FCPO* registration desk.
- * 5:00pm - 7:30pm Dinner Buffet in the Dining Room
- * 7:20pm Opening Session

Saturday, September 22nd

- * 7:00am - 9:00am Breakfast Buffet in the Dining Room
- * 9:00am - 12:00n Morning Session
- * 12:00n Lunch Buffet in the Dining Room
- * Afternoon No formal sessions to provide time for sight-seeing, relaxation, etc.
- * 5:00pm - 7:00pm Dinner Buffet in the Dining Room
- * 7:20pm Evening Session

Sunday, September 23rd

- * 7:00am - 9:00am Breakfast Buffet in the Dining Room
- * 9:00am - 12:00n Closing Session (including Open Communion)
- * 12:00n Lunch Buffet in the Dining Room

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Conference fee includes the following:

- Two nights lodging
- Friday night banquet
- Saturday & Sunday meals
- Breaks & Snacks
- FCPO registration fee
- Welcome "goodie" bag

September 7th is our "close out date" with the hotel, and late reservations will be on a "space available" basis.

To register please use included form or download the form from our web site

<http://www.fcpo.org>

Please note that this is an "adult-focused" conference, so there are no special provisions for children's activities.



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10 Good Reasons to Attend the **2007 FCPO Conference at *Simpsonwood*** **September 21-23, 2007**

1. **Chief Jim Hammond is an outstanding speaker.** After three years deep in the heart of Muslim territory as Chief of Training for new Iraqi police cadets, Jim is intimately familiar with the Muslim culture, conflicts between the sects and the dangers we all face in an increasingly terroristic world.
2. **You'll receive tools to help make your personal evangelism efforts more natural and less stressful.** Each participant will receive a copy of and be trained how to use Greg Laurie's excellent booklet, *How to Share Your Faith*.
3. **You'll be encouraged in the "whys" and "hows" of the FCPO ministry.** As you meet members from other chapters we hope you'll share both your challenges and your successes. In the process we feel you'll make new friends of Christian LE personnel from around the country with objectives similar to yours.
4. **You'll find a good balance of time.** We try to provide enough content to make the conference worthwhile, together with time to relax in a beautiful natural setting.
5. **The FCPO Conference is "different."** From our greeting when you register to conference end, you'll feel "special." Our goal is to make you feel like the honored guest you are!
6. **You need the break.** Summer's over, school has started, life's as crazy as ever and you realize it's going to stay that way. Time to leave the kids with grandma, chuck the cell phone and pager, and get away with your spouse.
7. **Country setting in a big city location.** You'll feel like you're miles away from the hustle and bustle of humanity, yet the *Simpsonwood* location is easy to reach by car, plane or metro transportation. It truly is "an oasis in the desert."
8. **What's a conference without great music!** Group singing and specials are always an integral part of an *FCPO* conference.
9. **You'll meet the FCPO national leadership and learn their vision for the ministry.** Our board is drawn from all over the U.S. and represents many different law enforcement agencies. These Godly Christians pay their own expenses to attend two board meetings each year and are very much "in tune" with the challenges law enforcement personnel face in their work and lives.
10. **The cost is very reasonable.** If you register before August 17 the cost for a couple is only \$395 (see attached registration form). Compared with the usual cost of most conferences, we believe we give you good value for your money: two nights lodging, six meals, coffee breaks, conference registration fee and materials, etc.

Finally... all you have to do to register is complete the attached registration form and send it to us (enclose a \$50 deposit for each registrant). We'll get confirmation back to you ASAP and look forward to seeing you September 21 at *Simpsonwood!*

Registration Form

2007 FCPO-USA Annual Conference

September 21-23

Simpsonwood Retreat Center, Norcross, GA

(Please fill out and mail with \$50 per person deposit to FCPO, P.O. Box 3686, Chattanooga, TN 37404-0686)

Name _____ Spouse (if attending) _____
 Address _____ Agency _____
 City _____ State ____ ZIP _____ E-mail _____
 Home Phone (____) _____ Work (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

My conference registration, including three meals and two-nights lodging at the *Simpsonwood Retreat Center* is for:

_____ Couple _____ Single (Private room) _____ Single (share w/one other)

<u>Before August 17</u>	<u>Registration fees</u>	<u>After August 17*</u>
\$395	Couple	\$430
\$335	Single (Private)	\$365
\$235	Single share (per person)	\$250

- **Late Registration deadline: September 14, 2006***
- **\$50 per person deposit required**
- **Make checks payable to FCPO-USA**

**Our room confirmation to Simpsonwood is due by September 7. Reservations received after that date will be on a "space available" basis.*

Total Owed \$ _____

Less Deposit _____

Balance due to FCPO at check-in \$ _____