FIRST ANNUAL
CENTRAL ONTARIO
SACRED HARP CONVENTION
—formerly the 15th annual Central Ontario All-Day Sacred Harp Singing—

Saturday, August 25, 2018
FRIENDS HOUSE
60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ontario
&
Sunday, August 26, 2018
DETWEILER MEETINGHOUSE (1855)
—the only surviving meetinghouse built by Mennonite pioneers in Ontario—
3445 Roseville Road, North Dumfries, Ontario

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day
—with midday dinner on the ground—

Singing School
Friday, August 24, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
FRIENDS HOUSE
60 Lowther Avenue, Toronto, Ontario
with special guest
Bridgett Hill Kennedy

Evening Social
Saturday, August 25, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
RSVP to Pleasance Crawford
416 922 7997 pleasancecrawford@rogers.com
There will be food at the social, but snack and beverage contributions are welcome.
Toronto, although the fourth largest city in North America and possibly the world’s most multicultural, is a city of
neighbourhoods. The Friday-night singing school and the Saturday singing and social will be in The Annex: a
central neighbourhood immediately north of the University of Toronto; the Royal Conservatory; the Royal Ontario,
the Gardiner, and the Bata Shoe museums; and a wide variety of shops and restaurants. Unfortunately, free on-
street parking in the area is limited and municipal Green P Parking is expensive. Fortunately, the St. George subway
station of the Toronto Transit Commission’s citywide system is just a few minutes’ walk from both venues.

Detweiler Meetinghouse, in the Town of North Dumfries in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo, is 105 km (66
mi.) southwest of Toronto (from Highway 401, take exit 268). Although surrounded by the cities of Waterloo,
Kitchener, and Cambridge, its immediate countryside remains primarily agricultural. The Stratford Festival, North
America’s largest classical repertory theatre, is 45 km (28 mi.) to the west. The Shaw Festival, producing the works of
G.B. Shaw and Shavian playwrights, is in Niagara-on-the-Lake, about 120 km (75 mi.) to the southeast. To learn
more about the Province of Ontario, visit ontariotravel.net.

We are offering limited housing accommodations for out-of-town singers. Please contact Frank Griggs
bfgrthefourth@gmail.com for more information.

As hotels and Airbnbs in Toronto’s downtown core can be expensive, budget-conscious travelers might consider an
Airbnb in a nearby neighbourhood. If you search “Midtown Toronto” on Airbnb, there are units available for
reasonable rates. Midtown is a safe and quiet neighbourhood not far from the singing location with good transit
accessibility and plenty of parking. If you prefer to stay in a downtown hotel, consider the Super 8 at 222 Spadina
Avenue (647) 426-8118 or the Marriott Yorkville (416) 961-8000.

In the Waterloo region near Detweiler Meetinghouse there are many hotel options, but the Kitchener Inn and
Suites (519) 650-6090, Comfort Inn Cambridge (519) 658-1100, and Holiday Inn Kitchener (519) 893-1211 come
recommended by other singers.

For more information about the convention, please contact Jan May janmay@sympatico.ca. For information about
shape note singing in Ontario, please visit torontoshapenote.org or facebook.com/groups/torontoshapenote