



**FACILITY USE POLICIES AND PLANNING PROTOCOLS**

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The Mission of Church of the Palms is *To Love God and Love Neighbor* and our Vision is *To become more and more the most loving and inclusive place in town*. Allowing non-profit community groups to use our campus whenever possible, helps us to live into both our mission and vision. Priority use is the ministries of Church of the Palms and our local community partners, using the following protocols: ***(Please see the last page for current COVID-19 special protocols)***.

1. Our highest priority use is Church of the Palms worship services, including weekly and special worship services.
2. The next priority is major church-sponsored community events and those of our local community partners.
3. The third priority is non-profit community groups. Except for a major event (which includes 50 or more participants), most of these requests can be accommodated in smaller venues available on our campus.
4. Each outside community group who uses our facility needs to understand that church-wide events take priority and a specified date may be unavailable, even if it is already on the calendar. Unless there is an emergency use, your organization’s contact will be give plenty of advance notice.

**PLANNING PROTOCOLS**

Any ministry or non-profit community group that is planning a Major Event must compete the following questionnaire and submit it to the Executive Director of Operations for discussion at the weekly Leadership Team Meeting. If he/she needs more information for discussion, he/she will contact you. The Leadership Team must approve Major Events before submission for calendar scheduling. Community Non-Profit and Local School requests cannot be scheduled earlier than six months in advance of the date needed. Regularly scheduled on-going church meetings (such as Deacon Gatherings, regular Wednesday Night Life, etc., are exempt from this protocol). A major event is classified as one that (only one of these needs to apply):

- Involves 50 or more attendees
- Involves multiple spaces/venues on campus • Involves food service
- Involves ticket sales or fundraising activities
- Involves/requires the support of multiple departments

COP Ministry     COP Ministry Partner     Community Non-Profit     Local School

Name of COP Ministry or Ministry Partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Community Non-Profit or Local School: \_\_\_\_\_

If your organization is an approved 501(c) (3), please explain your mission, vision or purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Event Name: \_\_\_\_\_

a. For a one-time request, please list date and time needed: \_\_\_\_\_

b. For a reoccurring request, please lists all dates and times needed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name, Phone Number and Email address for this event: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Spaces:     Sanctuary  Campus Center             Chapel  Entire Palms Center  
                                  Gym Only  Palms Café                     Meeting Room  
  
                                  Music & Arts Building                     Other (please write below)

Is Food and/or Drink involved in this event:  Yes  No            **(No food or drink in Sanctuary or Chapel)**

If yes, please describe \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is this event a fundraiser:  Yes  No

If yes, what is the purpose of the fundraiser: \_\_\_\_\_

Will ticket sales be involved:  Yes  No

How will payment be collected: \_\_\_\_\_

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**OUTSIDE COMMUNITY GROUPS, PLEASE READ**

- Your event cannot be scheduled more than six months in advance of the requested date.
- Your organization agrees to sign a Facility Use Agreement prior to your event and agrees to add Church of the Palms as an additional insured during all dates and times your group will be using the Church Campus.
- Alcohol is not permitted on church property.
- Use of any tobacco products, including e-cigarettes, is prohibited on church property.
- Minors under the age of 18 are not permitted on church grounds without adult supervision. Two unrelated adults need to be present at all times and at least one of the adults must be at least 5 years older than the oldest youth present (for example, one adult can be over 18 and the other adult must be over 22, if the oldest youth present is 17 years old).
- Your organization assumes full responsibility for the character, acts, and conduct of persons admitted to your event, including damage to any portion of the Premises or any equipment.
- Please do not post anything on walls or any furniture without prior approval.
- Facility Use Rates found on page 3 of this document.

Request received on \_\_\_\_\_ submitted to Leadership Team for approval on \_\_\_\_\_

Approved             Not Approved            Notified event contact on \_\_\_\_\_

**CALENDAR SCHEDULING PROCESS**

- Small church events or meetings may be scheduled on the calendar by submitting the request through the calendar software.
- The Executive Director of Operations may approve use by an outside non-profit community event or local school that does not meet the criteria for a Major Event.
- The Leadership Team must approve Major Events prior to submission through the calendar software.
- Conflicting events will be scheduled based upon the priority protocol listed at the beginning of this document.
- There will be times when ministries will be asked to move to another location than the one originally scheduled. We ask for your understanding and cooperation when this happens.
- Only one Major Event will be scheduled in any one-week (7-day) period.
- A maximum of two Major Events will be scheduled in any one month, with the exception of the Lenten Season and Advent.
- All events and/or activities that involve minors must have at least two unrelated adults supervising the event.

#### **FACILITY USE RATES – AUGUST 2018**

*The Leadership Team may waive or reduce facility use rates on a case-by-case basis.*

- A. Sanctuary – no food or drink allowed in the Sanctuary (max capacity is 725)
  - a. Four hour minimum at \$975, each additional hour \$100
  
- B. Palms Center – with the exception of drinks and snack items, all food service for the Palms Center must be provided by an outside professional caterer.
  - a. Entire facility – Four hour minimum at \$600, each additional hour \$100
  - b. Gym – Four hour minimum at \$500, each additional hour \$100 (max capacity 457)
  - c. Palms Café – Two hour minimum at \$200, includes kitchenette area, each additional hour \$25 (max capacity (85)
  
- C. Campus Center – food service may be provided by the church’s Food Service Coordinator, if available and after consultation. She/her will establish food cost. If an outside caterer is used, the church’s food service coordinator must still GIVE permission.
  - a. Two hour minimum at \$300, each additional hour \$50 (max capacity with tables and chairs is 180)
  
- D. Chapel – Two hour minimum at \$150, each additional hour \$50
  
- E. Other Areas
  - a. Small Classroom – one hour minimum at \$50, each additional hour \$25
  - b. Large Classroom/Conference/Music Room – two hour minimum \$75.00, each additional hour \$25

**Please Note:** The church does not supply any personnel for parking assistance or security for outside groups using our facilities. The group who is using our facility may provide their own parking or security volunteers or paid professionals. Security providers may not carry arms on campus, unless they are currently active members of the Sarasota County Sherriff's Department. In addition, each group representative will meet with our Executive Director of Operations or his/her designee at least two weeks prior to your event to go over your particular needs.

#### **SPECIAL COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

During this time of the pandemic, we ask each group meeting on our campus to follow the protocols listed below:

1. Any outside community non-profit group who has been given permission to use any church facility must provide the church with the written safety protocols in response to COVID-19.
2. Advise all of the members of your group that if they feel ill or have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 to stay home for a minimum of 10 days.
3. Facemasks must be worn on campus, except in the following circumstances:
  - a. If you can socially distance in a small group, and every member in attendance agrees, you may remove your facemasks.
  - b. While participating in a recreational activity. Facemasks must be worn when not actually participating.
  - c. Parents and/or guardians whose children are part of a recreational activity, who are not active participants of the event, should drop their children off and not congregate in the facility. For example, youth league sports.