

## DO YOU HAVE FINANCIAL CONCERNS?

If you or someone you know has financial concerns, please email us at [amagi2009@gmail.com](mailto:amagi2009@gmail.com) and we will get back to you with information about scholarships. Scholarship priority is given to those in full-time Christian service.

## The 52<sup>nd</sup> Women's Conference Who We Are

The Women's Conference began as a gathering of female missionary workers in 1957 and has grown to embrace all women who want to share in it. Its program themes are rooted in the love that is learned from Jesus the Christ. There is no formal organization; each year the conference entrusts this understanding to the next planning committee, and each year hearts are warmed and spirits are renewed in blessings and friendships.

### Amagi Sanso address:

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### Addresses for

#### Registration, Questions & Information

Website: <http://wocon.net>  
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2-3-18-Room 51 Nishi Waseda,  
Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 169-0051

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE (may change) JANUARY 23-25

### FRIDAY

14:00-16:15  
Before dinner  
After dinner

Registration  
Welcome  
Session in Chapel

### SATURDAY

Morning  
Early Afternoon  
Later Afternoon

Sessions in Chapel  
Workshops  
Onsen/freetime  
Session in Chapel

### EVENING

### SUNDAY

Morning

Worship service  
with Holy Communion  
Bento provided.

Lunch

### Getting home:

Free chartered buses from Amagi Sanso will be reserved to meet trains (including the Odoriko fast train to Yokohama/Tokyo) leaving Shuzenji around 12:30.

If you do not wish to rush home right after the service, we expect to have the option a more relaxed ending to the conference, involving eating Bento together at Amagi Sanso. To enable this option we hope to have a chartered bus to meet the 15:30 Odoriko from Shuzenji. Alternatively we may catch the regular bus to Shuzenji station.

**If you have received two brochures, please share one with a friend.**

## WOMEN'S CONFERENCE AMAGI SANSO JANUARY 23-25, 2009

## Storytelling: where are you going, where have you been?



The Conference and Retreat is being organised around the theme of Storytelling. Our aim is to contemplate our ideas of home, journey and exile, with opportunities to share our experiences in various ways such as music, art or drama, as well as storytelling.

We will have as our facilitator, **Megan McKenna** who is the author of more than 30 books, many focusing on the stories of women from the Bible. Megan has specialised in leading weekends and is a renowned storyteller. <http://www.meganmckenna.com>

The focus of our story-making will be the Exodus from the Old Testament. We hope that this story can provide us with a metaphor to reflect on our own stories, where we are in our lives and our place in the world. In this story we see a people in exile in a foreign land as slaves; we see them as free people struggling with homelessness and hunger; and we see them facing life in the promised land, facing the challenge to do God's will and live by the promises they have made.

As well as the main sessions with Megan in the chapel at Amagi Sanso, we also have available other facilities for meditation and refreshment. On Saturday afternoon there will be choice of a number of workshops and a trip to the local onsen. We will have available throughout the weekend a Labyrinth, which is a replica of one laid in the floor of Chartres Cathedral in France, and is used as a walking meditation and a path to prayer. In addition it is possible to take walks in the woods or stroll to the nearby waterfall.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION & CONFERENCE COSTS

This per person fee covers lodging, six meals, conference program, and a free onsen. Please register as soon as possible.

### **EARLY BIRD** (if paid before Dec 1)

Y23,000 – shared Japanese style room

Y29,000 - Western style room for 2 with bath

### **REGULAR** (if paid by January 10)

Y25,000 – shared Japanese style room

Y31,000 – Western style room for 2 with bath

### **LATE** (after January 10 – include copy of payment)

Y29,000 – shared Japanese style room

Y35,000 – Western style room for 2 with bath

### **Bring your daughter at a cheap rate**

(Age 14-18)

Y15,000 – shared Japanese style room

Y21,000 – Western style room for 2 with bath

## How to Register: Two parts

**1) PAYMENT:** Use the enclosed Postal Money Order (furikae) to remit your money or pick one up at any post office and send it to the following account:

**Acct #:** 00240-3-29031

**Acct Name:** Women's Conference

Be sure to write your name and address in Roman letters. Please remember to allow 5-7 days for the money to reach our treasurer and be recorded.

**2) REGISTRATION FORM:** Fill out the enclosed registration form and send by fax or mail. For address and fax number see the **Addresses for Registration, Questions & Information** box overleaf.

**Or, save paper and register on-line at**

<http://wocon.net/>

### CANCELLATION POLICY

If you cancel in writing by January 15 all your money will be returned (less postage.)

**WHAT TO BRING:** Casual dress, warm socks/slippers, towel, washcloth, Bible, a bag to carry your materials and a coffee mug. If you desire, bring extra money for the Sunday offering. You can also bring books or other items for the Sharing Table to display or give away. You need not bring a snack unless you agreed to do so on your registration form.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We regret that there is no childcare available; only nursing infants may come with you. The conference will be conducted in English; translation will not be provided.

## Getting there:

**Train:** The nearest railway station to Amagi Sanso is Shuzenji. The nearest Shinkansen station is Mishima. The ride from Mishima to Shuzenji takes 37 minutes on the Izu Hakone Tetsudo line. Visit <http://www.hyperdia.com> to work out your route. From Tokyo or Yokohama the easiest route is to take the JR "Odoriko" which travels along the To-kaido line direct to Shuzenji.

**From Shuzenji station to Amagi Sanso:** Tokai bus to Amagi Sanso (30min/¥800). Buy ticket in Bus office. Bus stand #4. Takes around 30 minutes, and stops just outside the sanso. If you are late and miss the bus you can take a taxi. Ask at Izu Hakone Taxi to left of station.

**Car:** Tomei Expressway to Numazu I.C., exit straight ahead on Route 161 to Route 1 (follow signs to Shimoda all the way), continuing onto Route 136. Turn right at 'GOTO' onto Izu Chuo Do Toll Road; OR Straight ahead past Shuzenji (about 1 hour). Take Route 414. Amagi Sanso is about 20 minutes beyond, on right. (Numazu I.C. to Amagi Sanso 37 km.)

