
RENEWAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Central America 2025 - Renewal for Women

Where: near Panama City, Panama

When: March 10-14, 2025

Application Deadline: January 17, 2025

Renewal site: Site details will be included in participant confirmation letters. The airport closest to the renewal site is Tocumen International Airport (PTY). *Please wait to receive your confirmation letter from the registrar and confirm your participation before making your travel plans.* Participants must arrange their own transportation to the site, including airfare and any ground transportation.

Cost: Lodging, meals, and materials will be provided free of charge, thanks to our generous donors. We will provide double-occupancy rooms. You will need to bring spending money for additional expenses such as snacks, shopping, or special amenities at the renewal site.

Arrival and departure: Plan to arrive at the renewal site after lunch on Monday, March 10. Registration will begin at 3:00 p.m. Come before Winter will pay for lodging Monday through Thursday nights. All participants will check out on Friday, March 14, the last meal being lunch on that day. Participants should be present when the renewal begins at 3:00 p.m. on Monday and should remain for the entire event, which will end by 1:30 p.m. (after lunch) on Friday. *We do not accept applications from those unable to commit to the entire program.* All sessions, including the first and final events of the renewal, are significant to the program, so we thank you in advance for making travel arrangements to ensure your full participation.

To apply: Fill out and submit the application form. (See Renewal Application Instructions on p. 4.) You will be advised when your application has been reviewed and accepted. Spaces are limited to 42 participants. After all spaces are filled, we will begin a waiting list in case of any cancellations. Direct any additional questions to our registrar at cbwregistrar@protonmail.com.



CANCELLATION POLICY:

Spaces are limited. Because of this, we must maintain a strict cancellation policy. When you submit an application, you are indicating your understanding that, once you have been offered and have accepted a space at the renewal, **by canceling your reservation after January 25, 2025, you will be billed** for expenses incurred on your behalf by Come before Winter.* This may up to \$750.00 USD, depending on the date of your cancellation, as the hotel does not allow cancellations to our contract after that date.

Once you have confirmed your participation, **please ensure that all visa/vaccine requirements for entry into Panama have been met prior to your departure.** Come before Winter's cancellation fee may apply in cases in which a confirmed participant did not take responsibility for fulfilling entrance requirements in a timely manner.

* Exceptions to the cancellation policy may be made in the case of a family emergency or the appearance of symptoms of COVID-19 or another contagious illness.

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- 1 Corinthians 15:3F

Come before Winter's Unity Covenant

In a spirit of common faith and unity in One Lord, we ask each participant to join us in a common commitment that has become a fundamental aspect of a Come before Winter experience:

We come together recognizing our common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. During the days of the renewal, we will set aside our differences, focusing only on what the apostle Paul termed "of first importance" in 1 Corinthians 15.3f: "We believe first and foremost that Jesus Christ lived, died and was buried, that he was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve and more than five hundred others," thus uniting those who believe in him.

By applying for participation in this event, you commit to maintaining your focus on Christ, who unites all Christians in his love. Let our thoughts, our conversations, and our actions reflect this commitment.

COME BEFORE WINTER'S ILLNESS PROCEDURES

Come before Winter (CbW) is committed to providing safe, welcoming places for women in ministry to receive spiritual renewal. We do everything in our power to ensure that participants' experiences are filled with meaningful Bible study, worship, prayer, and reflection. As with any in-person gathering, there are also some risks that come with being together, especially when international travel is involved. Among those risks is the possibility of being exposed to and/or contracting an illness. CbW does our best to reduce the risk of illness in the following ways:

- 1) We strongly recommend that all participants be vaccinated against current strains of illnesses, including COVID-19 and flu.
- 2) Participants and team members are welcome to wear masks for their own comfort or protection.
- 3) Participants and team members who develop symptoms of contagious illness may be asked to mask and/or isolate until symptoms improve. These symptoms include but are not limited to:
 - a. Fever (100.4° F/38° C or higher)
 - b. Excessive coughing
 - c. Vomiting or other intense gastrointestinal distress that is out of the ordinary

CbW will do our best to continue including any person who has been isolated due to illness as much as possible. The ill person and CbW leadership will decide together how to best respond to illness on a case-by-case basis, keeping in mind the individual needs of the ill person as well as the collective needs of the renewal. It will be up to the participant to make other arrangements and to cover the costs if they need to isolate after the renewal or leave the renewal early.

Other things to keep in mind:

- Please stay home if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or another contagious illness (e.g., fever, excessive coughing, unusual gastrointestinal distress, etc.) See our cancellation policy for more information.
- CbW will follow any local ordinances that may be in place and any COVID-related procedures that may be required by the conference facility designed to protect the health and safety of staff and attendees. Any additional health protocols will be communicated as soon as possible prior to the renewal.

RENEWAL APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Thank you for taking the time to complete the renewal application. Your Come before Winter team will review and discuss each application in order to prepare for our time together. We will be praying for you specifically from the time you are confirmed for participation until the event itself.

Your team will complete a similar form prior to the renewal so that you will have the same opportunity to know about and pray for us.

1. Complete the application: We require the completion of all required fields before we can consider your application. Answers need not be lengthy, but please be specific. All information will remain confidential among the Come before Winter team and be stored in a secure location. We realize this is a long application; however, we use all this information to prepare a renewal that will meet the needs of those attending.

If you have any difficulty accessing the online application, email us at cbwregistrar@protonmail.com. In your subject line, please use these words: "Difficulty with Application."

2. Save and Continue Later feature: The application will take at least 45 minutes to complete. If you find that you cannot complete it in a single sitting, please make use of a feature that will save your application form and allow you to complete it later. At any time, you may scroll down to the bottom of the form and click on the words "**Save and Continue Later**" (located next to the "**Submit**" button.)

When you click on the words "**Save and Continue Later**," a dialog box like the one below will appear. You will have to **SCROLL DOWN** on the page to see the dialog box.:

Please use the following link to return to your form from any computer.

https://www.cloakandscrolls.org/applycyprus/?gf_token=e280706dbc854da7aa4a6ba53f500fbe

This link will expire after 30 days.

Enter your email address to send the link by email.

email address

↑ Your link will look similar to this.

The second line of text (see arrow) is the link to your unfinished form. **DO NOT LOSE THIS LINK**; no one but you (not even the registrar) has access to it. **SAVE THE LINK** in one of two ways: 1) Use your cursor to highlight the entire line, then copy it and paste it somewhere on your computer, or

2) enter your email address in the blank provided to have the link emailed to you. (If you don't find the email with the link in your inbox, try checking your SPAM or junk folder.) Use the link to complete your application within 30 days, after which the link will expire. Please note that the registrar cannot access an unfinished form without a link and will not receive your form until you complete all questions and hit the **"Submit"** button. Contact the registrar with any questions about this process.

3. Submit your completed application: Click the **"Submit"** button at the bottom of the form when you have completed all questions. This should take you to the "Application Submitted Successfully" page. This page is your indication that we have received your application. If you do not see this page, please scroll down and check your application for required fields left blank. If you experience an error when attempting to submit the form (and have left no required fields blank), be sure to SAVE your application by clicking on the words "Save and Continue Later." (See step 2 for details on how this feature works.) Then copy and send the link that appears to cbwregistrar@protonmail.com.

Upon successful submission of your application, you will receive an email confirming that your application has been received and is under review. (If you don't find the email in your inbox, try checking your SPAM or junk folder.) Within a week, the registrar will contact you regarding the status of your application and may ask additional questions for clarification. Once your application has been evaluated, and provided you are accepted, you will be asked to "confirm your space," indicating your commitment to attend and your willingness to follow CbW protocols such as our unity covenant, illness procedures, etc. *We ask that you please wait until this confirmation process is complete before making your travel plans.*