



OCEAN GROVE
CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION
GOD'S SQUARE MILE AT THE JERSEY SHORE

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Title: Awarding of Residential Leases

1. The purpose of the tradition of tents, cottages and other summer residences maintained by OGCMA is a means to achieving OGCMA's mission of spiritual birth, growth and renewal. Tent and cottage residents, as a vital part of the body of Christ, act as ambassadors for Him in achieving that mission. Leaseholders are expected to demonstrate continued commitment to the Camp Meeting Association through prayer, regular attendance at worship and CMA programs, using gifts and talents in a volunteer capacity, and financial giving.
2. The group charged by the Trustees with awarding leases shall consist of the President of the Board of Trustees and the Chair of the Operations Committee in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer.
3. All applicants and leaseholders are expected to be active participants in a Christian church, and be able to provide a reference from their pastor who can speak to their active support of Christian ministry.
4. To be considered for a lease, an applicant must have shown consistent financial support (more than token support) of OGCMA for at least three years.
5. Trustees will be given priority due to their service to OGCMA. Children of trustees who meet the criteria above will also be given priority in the awarding of leases.
6. Each applicant under active consideration for a lease will be interviewed by a group consisting of at least: one trustee, one current member of the tent/cottage community and one staff member.
7. It is anticipated that the leaseholder be in residence the majority of the time the residence is occupied. At no time may the residence be sublet or loaned to persons not listed on the lease as residents.
8. The residence is intended for regular use by the immediate family of the leaseholder only. Guests, when present, should not bring the total number of persons in residence above seven (7). The CMA may ask for an annual summary of the commitments outlined above.
9. The leaseholder is responsible to maintain the facility in good condition. Consideration may be given to applicants willing to go beyond maintenance and invest in improving a tent or cottage in a manner which is desirable to the CMA.



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10. To add an immediate family member to an existing lease the following criteria must be met:
 - a. The leaseholder must request in writing that the individual(s) be added to the lease as joint leaseholders. All current leaseholders must be in agreement about the request.
 - b. The family member desiring to be added must have an active application on file and meet all of the criteria established above.
 - c. No person may hold a lease for more than one residential facility.
11. Leases are mailed annually to the primary leaseholder only. It is the primary leaseholder's responsibility to obtain the signatures of additional leaseholders and return the completed lease to the OGCMA office with payment. All of the leaseholders can be held responsible for the full rental amount; occupancy of the unit will not be allowed unless the entire rent has been paid by the agreed upon date.
12. Rules and Regulations for the tent and cottage community are reviewed annually by the Operations Committee and may be amended as necessary. Rules and Regulations are binding to the leasees.
13. Failure to comply with any of the rules, regulations or terms of this policy may result in the forfeiture of the lease.
14. Exceptions to the policy may be made with an acknowledgement that an override is taking place and with the approval of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

OCEAN GROVE CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION

The mission of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, rooted in its Methodist heritage is to provide opportunities for spiritual birth, growth and renewal through worship, education, cultural and recreational programs for persons of all ages in a Christian seaside setting.

APPLICATION FOR TENT OR COTTAGE RENTAL

Tent Cottage

Last Name: _____ First Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: () _____

Email: _____ Number in Family: _____ Children's ages: _____

Occupations: _____

Name of Church: _____

Name of Pastor: _____

Church/ Pastor contact information: _____

Describe your current involvement in your church: _____

Check all Ocean Grove programs you are currently involved with:

- Auditorium Services Bible Hour Pavilion Praise Children's Programs
 Choir Ushers Ladies Auxiliary Summer Stars
 Organ Recitals Saturday Night Family Entertainment Informal Music Hour
 Other (Please list) _____

Are you a frequent visitor to Ocean Grove? _____ When was your last visit? _____

Are you acquainted with anyone who presently rents a tent? _____ Who? _____

How would renting a tent or cottage advance your participation and / or support of OGCMA?

Describe your relationship with Jesus Christ: _____

How much time will you spend in your tent? _____

Name and **contact information** for (3) personal references:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Are you acquainted with any Trustee or Employee of OGCMA? _____
Who? _____

- ❖ Are you in full sympathy with Ocean Grove's mission (see top of reverse page)? _____
- ❖ Are you in full sympathy with and will you support the rules and regulations of The Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association? _____
- ❖ Will you support and uphold the Camp Meeting Association, the worship services and other events which are made available to you on a regular basis? _____
- ❖ Will you support and uphold the Camp Meeting Association with your prayers, gifts and services? _____
- ❖ Will you participate in the total life of the Community of Ocean Grove? _____

Please understand that it is the applicant's responsibility to notify the Association in writing of any address changes in order to keep this application active.

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

Please answer ALL questions, sign this application and return to:
Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association
PO BOX 248
Ocean Grove, NJ 07756

SELECTION CRITERIA FOR TENTS AND COTTAGES
Leases will be offered to applicants based on the stewardship of their time, talents, gifts and services to the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, not necessarily in that order, and not necessarily in order of date of application received.