

## DIRECTIONS TO CENACLE RETREAT CENTER

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Transportation to the Conference is the responsibility of the attendee. Chicago is serviced by two major airports, as well as Amtrak Rail service, and a variety of bus services which either go to the major airports; or end up close to downtown Chicago.

Both Midway and O'Hare International Airports serve the City of Chicago. Both offer access by local train, bus, and shuttle into downtown Chicago, and to the Cenacle Center. O'Hare Field is closer to the Cenacle Center.

### GETTING TO CHICAGO: (see also the "getting here" page of the Cenacle Center)

- 1) Driving: (30 parking spaces at the Cenacle Center)
  - a) From the East: Interstates 80, 90 and 94 feed into Chicago
  - b) From the South: Interstates 65, 57, and 55 feed into Chicago
  - c) From the West: Interstates 80, 88\*, 90\* and 94\* feed into Chicago (\*toll road in IL)
  - d) From the North: Interstates 90\* and 94\* feed into Chicago (\*toll road in IL)

Once into Chicago Proper, watch for the mergers into I-90/94, get on it.

<http://virtualglobetrotting.com/map/interstate-90-94-and-290/view/google/>

From the north or west, exit the Fullerton/Western Ave. exit 47A, and go east (left) onto to Fullerton Ave. Take Fullerton about 2 miles east to the Cenacle Center.

From the south and east, exit the Fullerton/Western exit 47A, and turn east (right) when you exit onto Fullerton. Go another 2+ miles on Fullerton to the Cenacle Center.

- 2) Amtrak: (Guesstimate: 60-90 minutes total time by public trans to Cenacle Center)
  - a) Arrive Union Station Chicago
  - b) Take an eastbound bus (there are several: e.g., Jackson St. #126 EASTBOUND; #151 EASTBOUND), a cab, or walk about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile east to State Street.
  - c) Go to any of several entrances to the CTA Red Line train; go downstairs.
  - d) Purchase a CTA transit card from the machines available. We would suggest putting between \$5 - \$10 on the card, depending on if you intend to see sites in Chicago or not.
  - e) Take the Red Line CTA train NORTHBOUND towards Howard Street.
  - f) Exit at "Fullerton".
  - g) You can walk or take a cab for the  $\sim \frac{3}{4}$  mile east to the Cenacle Center

### 3) Flying:

**O'HARE:** (Guesstimate: 60-90 min. by public trans; traffic dependent by cab)

- a) Taxi: Take a taxi from the taxi line. Cab fare can be as much as \$50.
- b) Public Transit: **Blue Line** CTA train line (available under Terminal 2)

- Purchase a CTA transit card from the machines available. We would suggest putting between \$10-\$15 on the card, depending on if you intend to see sites in Chicago or not.
- Take a Blue Line CTA train line (available under Terminal 2) to the “California” stop.
- Exit station on California Ave., and walk two blocks north (right) to Fullerton Ave.
- Using your CTA card, take the Fullerton #74 bus EAST to Lincoln Ave. You’ll have to get off, and walk the remaining 4-5 blocks east to the Cenacle Center (or take a cab for the short ride).

**MIDWAY:** (Guesstimate: 90-120 min. by public trans; 60-90 min., traffic dependent by cab)

- a) Taxi: Cab fare can be as much as \$40 or more.
- b) Public Transportation: take the **Orange Line** CTA train into downtown Chicago
  - Purchase a CTA transit card from the machines available. We would suggest putting between \$10-\$15 on the card, depending on if you intend to see sites in Chicago or not.
  - Take a Orange Line CTA train to the “Harold Washington Library” stop.
  - Exit station, and walk one block east to State Street.
  - On State Street go to any of several entrances to the CTA Red Line train; go downstairs.
  - Take the Red Line CTA train NORTHBOUND towards Howard Street.
  - Exit at “Fullerton”.
  - You can walk or take a cab for the ~ ¾ mile east to the Cenacle Center

**TARDIS:** (NOTE: “Time And Relative Dimension In Space;” doesn’t anyone watch Dr. Who anymore?)

- Point-to-point instantaneous arrival and departure
- Leave anytime, present, past or future

**CHICAGO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION – BUSES AND TRAINS:** While a bit more time consuming, Chicago’s public transit system is solid, dependable and cheap, even on evenings and weekends, and largely 24-hour operation. Trains will be a much better and faster choice if you arrive during “rush hour” traffic periods. Upon arriving at the airport, you can **purchase fare cards and passes** in various denominations, depending on how much you intend to use the system while you’re here. Without a card, individual rides will cost \$2.25 cash for trains and buses, with no transfer ability. Fare Cards let you transfer from one ride to the next for 25¢ for the first transfer, free for the second, if done within 2 hours of the start of the ride. Passes are for unlimited rides during the period of purchase (1-day \$10, 3-day \$20, 7-day \$28).

Maps and fare information can be found at: <http://www.transitchicago.com/>

### ***Airline Information***

While Chicago is served by all major airlines, we’d like to point out that Southwest Airlines flies exclusively into Chicago Midway, which is farther from the Cenacle Center than is O’Hare Field. Southwest frequently has sales running; and they do not charge for the first piece of checked luggage.

### ***Local hotels and accommodations***

Accommodations are the responsibility of the attendee. Chicago hotels are pricy. That said, we're going to try to help you get the least expensive, most comfortable stay possible.

- 1.) **Chicago hostels**: Chicago has a number of [hostels](#) which are very reasonably priced, and which lay on or near the public transit routes you need to get to the Campus.

One of the most reasonable and widely used is [H.I. Chicago Hostel](#), 24 East Congress Parkway, Chicago. Phone Number: 1-312-360-0300; Fax Number: 1-312-360-0313; Email Address: [reserve@hichicago.org](mailto:reserve@hichicago.org). This hostel is located in the south portion of the downtown area, and situated near CTA Red Line trains and bus routes to get to the Cenacle Retreat Center easily, day or night. Rates will vary with room type, and number of people.