12th World Congress
THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

23 - 27 July



# Toward Insight and Wholeness:

150 YEARS
Theosophical Society
Founded in 1875

# OUR ROLE IN SHAPING THE FUTURE

100 YEARS
Theosophical Society
in Canada



### 12th WORLD CONGRESS 2025

"Toward Insight and Wholeness: Our Role in Shaping the Future"

5<sup>th</sup> TOS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2025 "The Role of Service in Shaping the Future"

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#### Dear Members and Friends,

We are just a few months away of the 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Vancouver, Canada, which will be a special event to meet fellow theosophical friends and to celebrate the 150 Anniversary of the TS and 100 Anniversary of TS in Canada. This will be followed by the 5<sup>th</sup> TOS International Conference, at the University of British Columbia (UBC).

The 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress will have a 5-day program (23-27 July).

- Arrival 22 July or earlier
- Checking into the World Congress on 22<sup>nd</sup> (4-8 PM), or 23<sup>rd</sup> (7:30-9 AM) w breakfast
- Opening at 9:00 AM
- Closing will end on 27<sup>th</sup> July by 5.00 PM

#### The 5<sup>th</sup> TOS International Conference with a 2-day program (27-29 July).

- Checking into the TOS Conference on 27 July at 6 PM w dinner
- Opening 7 PM
- Closing will end on 29<sup>th</sup> July by 5 PM

#### **WEBSITE**

The World Congress related information is accessible at: <a href="https://worldcongress.ts-adyar.org">https://worldcongress.ts-adyar.org</a>

#### A. PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

#### Guest speakers:







Michael Gomes
Theosophical Historian and Author



Elizabeth May Author, Activist, Lawyer, in Canada



Mitch Horowitz

Historian, PEN Award-winning Author

#### Special celebrations:

150 years of the Theosophical Society – lecture and documentary Centenary of the TS in Canada – talks and cultural evening

#### WC program includes:

Lectures, talks, dialogues, workshops, discussion groups, cultural evenings Book releases, Award, Half-day outing

Meet theosophists from all over the world. The World Congress is only every 7 years. Do not miss this one in beautiful Vancouver, Canada.

Delegates have so far registered from the following countries: Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Congo, Costa Rica, Dem. Republic of Congo, France, Ghana, Hungary, India, Italy, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Mauritania, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States, Zambia.

Be among us!

#### **B. TRANSLATIONS**

During the World Congress, translations into multiple languages will be available using mobile phone based on live artificial intelligence (AI). Delegates are advised to bring their own earphones if they wish to listen to the audio translation, or they can read the live translations on the phone screen. A chosen language may be reflected to the big screen at the hall showing the captions. On the side one example is shown.



#### C. REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION RESERVATIONS SEPARATELY

Note that there are two forms to be filled.

The first form is to register for the congress and pay for it. Only by paying you will get the Confirmation email from UBC, and you can request the Invitation letter for Visa purposes.

The second form is to reserve accommodation which you will pay only on arrival. We recommend to reserve soon to make sure you get a room with reduced rates (subject to availability).

#### (1) FIRST FORM: EVENT REGISTRATION

Register for TS WC and/or TOS IC using the link provided on the website: <u>LINK 1</u> Costs are in Canadian dollars.

	Registration fee	Meals	Remark	
World Congress	200 CAD	560 CAD	D Meals from 23 July breakfast, lunch & dinner & 2 snacks	
			daily, until snacks on 27 July 4:00 PM	
			(5 breakfasts and lunches, 4 dinners, 10 snacks)	
TOS Conference	20 CAD	240 CAD	Meals from 27 July dinner until snacks on 29 July 4:00 P	
			(6 meals & 4 snacks)	

#### Notes:

- Children < 4 years no charges.
- Sightseeing tours (optional) after the scheduled events are mentioned in the registration form with the costs. Register to your choice if you want to join.
- The half-day outing on 25th July will have 4-5 options to choose from; these options the delegate can choose when checking in to the Congress venue.

#### (2) SECOND FORM: ACCOMMODATION RESERVATION

Book for a room using the link provided on the website: LINK 2

The credit card details will be asked, but the payment will be charged only when you arrive at UBC. Indicate how many will be in the same room. The rate is for the room.



Also note the two tabs: Suites and Budget Rooms



Canceling accommodation reservation has no cost when done before 1 July 2025.

#### D. ACCOMMODATION ROOMS

The rates below apply for the duration of the Congress, as well as 3 days prior the commencement and 3 days after the conclusion, which allows some flexibility.

Extra days are subject to availability. Therefore, we recommend booking your reservation time in advance (payment on arrival only).

LINK Pictures of the rooms are shown when you reserve a room. They are also on the WC website.

No	Room Type	Number of guests	Rate per room per night (*)	Remark
1	Gage: West Coast Suite	1-2 3 4	259 CAD +25 CAD +25 CAD	Rate based on single or double occupancy; \$25.00 charge, per night, for each additional guest. Hotel suite with king bed in bedroom, queen sofa bed in living room and private washroom. Features include luxury linens and amenities, fully-equipped kitchen with microwave, flat-panel TV, AC, complimentary coffee, wireless internet, telephone, and in-room safe.
2	Gage: One Bedroom Suite	1-2 3 4	245 CAD +25 CAD +25 CAD	Rate based on single or double occupancy; \$25.00 charge, per night, for each additional guest. Hotel suite with king bed in bedroom, queen sofa bed in living room and private washroom. Features include AC, telephone, flat-panel TV, fully-equipped kitchen and complimentary coffee. Wireless internet.
3	Gage: Studio Room	1-2	175 CAD	Studio with queen bed, private washroom, sitting area with telephone, flat-panel TV, fully-equipped kitchen, AC and complimentary coffee. Wireless internet.
4	Gage: Signature Studio	1-2	170 CAD	Studio with queen bed, private washroom, sitting area with telephone, flat-panel TV, fully-equipped kitchen, AC and complimentary coffee. Wireless internet.
5	Gage: Premium Single Room with shared living room, kitchen, washroom	1	77 CAD	Private bedroom with single bed in a four-bedroom shared apartment. Guests share a washroom, and lounge with flat-panel TV, breakfast bar, equipped kitchen and complimentary coffee. Wireless internet.  Rooms are not air-conditioned.
6	Orchard: Two Bedrooms with shared Washroom (semi-private double)	2	152 CAD Unit rate is for 2 single bedrooms	Semi-private two-bedroom unit, each private bedroom has a single bed with a shared washroom between the rooms. Multi-level floor lounges offer seating, TV, fridge, sink and microwave. Wireless internet.  Sold as unit occupancy only (2 bedrooms).  Rooms are not air-conditioned.

#### (\*) Taxes not included

- For room types 1-2, non-family members under the age of 19 are not permitted to share a bed.
- The two accommodation buildings are located at a walking distance from the Congress Hall. It takes 8 minutes for Gage rooms "1" to "5", and 13 minutes for Orchard rooms "6".

#### E. FLIGHT DISCOUNT

It is possible to benefit from a discount when booking flights with **Air Canada**, by using the promotion code: **TCYA7AY1** 



- The booking is to be made to the city Vancouver, YVR (Canada)
- o The travel period can be between July 16, 2025 and August 5, 2025
- o For International travel discount of 10% applies on standard fares & higher
- o For North America's discount 5% applies on standard fares, 10% on flex fares

More information on the terms and conditions can be found here:

https://www.aircanada.com/ca/en/aco/home/plan/special-assistance/meetings-and-conventions.html#/

#### F. VISA TO ENTER CANADA

You can find out if you need a visa to travel to Canada HERE.

The 12<sup>th</sup> World Congress and 5<sup>th</sup> TOS Conference have been recognized as a Special event by the Government of Canada. Consequently, the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) assigned us the event code for visa purposes. It is valid when applying visa through the IRCC Portal. However, this is no guarantee of visa approval, as each applicant must submit all the necessary documents to support their visa application. If visa application is made with other portals, the code has no value.

#### Steps:

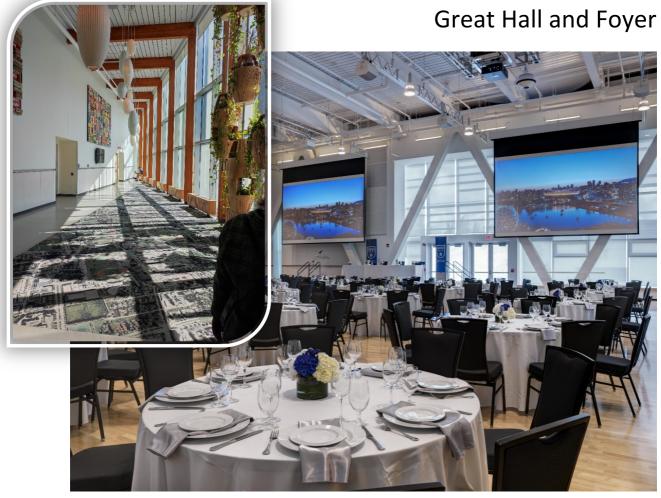
- 1. Register for the World Congress and/or TOS Conference and pay the registration fee.
- 2. Request the **visa invitation letter** (one per delegate) by contacting the Congress team at <u>worldcongress@ts-adyar.org</u> by giving the following details:
  - Name and Surname (as in passport)
  - o Address
  - Passport number
  - Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)
  - Nationality

Note: please verify that the passport will be valid for the expected date of travel, so that you can apply for visa with that document.

- 3. Apply visa: If the delegate chooses to use the event code, he/she should apply for visa (visa or e-visa) via this **IRCC Portal** following the instructions HERE.
- 4. If using IRCC Portal, then after generating the visa application, contact the Congress team to inform about the **visa application number** (the reference number generated after initiating the visa application). The Congress Team will share this number with the IRCC, so that they can track the application numbers.

## **UBC – University of the British Columbia VENUE: THE NEST**





### **UBC MAP**



