TASK FORCE STATUS for Feb 2019 AWSC Meeting Panel 58 Submitted: 20190123
ALTERNATIVE VENUES AVAILABLE IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA:
Researched by Kimberly S. (Data as of January 2019)

TAMPA CONVENTION CENTER:

ASSEMBLY EVENT (approx. 200 people)

Assembly Rooms (Room 14 and/or 15 available)	$1,200 per room, per day
Breakout Rooms [Rooms 5, 11, 12, 13 (approx. 4 needed)]	$1,175 per room, per day

HOTELS:

The Barrymore Hotel Tampa Riverwalk (3-star hotel, including free Wi-Fi, art gallery, outdoor pool, free local shuttle, casual eatery/bar) --- rates vary from $91/night through $94/night (plus taxes and fees)

Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa Downtown Convention Center (3-star hotel, including coffee shop, outdoor pool and bay views) --- rates vary from $166/night through $209 (plus taxes and fees)

Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina) (4-star hotel, including waterfront, outdoor pool & dining, plus meeting and event space) --- rates vary --- from $198 to $234 (plus taxes and fees)

Sheraton Tampa Riverwalk Hotel (3-star hotel, including waterfront bar & grill, fitness center, outdoor pool) --- rates vary from $179/night to $199/night (plus taxes and fees)

FRANCISCAN CENTER:

BASED ON 150 GUESTS, 23 ROOMS AVAILABLE (double occupancy)

Facility Fee	$238.00 per day

Center Conference Room accommodates theatre style 150 guests but only for a 2-3 hour program (does not include meals)*

Rooms (single occupancy): $102.00 overnight (includes 3 meals)
Rooms (double occupancy): $96.00/person/overnight (includes 3 meals/person)

We are welcome to bring in snacks and beverages.

NOTE: We have a group in District 7 that utilizes this facility once per year, using the conference room pretty much all day with breaks for meals, etc. So, though not indicated here, I know it is available. Kimberly S.

Additionally, Diane M. contacted the mega-churches in the area and they can accommodate us only during the week. No weekends.

Our Task Force will continue looking into other areas in Area 9 and hope to present a final report at the August AWSC meeting. Suza-Chair, Kimberly S., Diane M., Toni J., Ellie B., and Robin P.