

**Mary Black Foundation  
Conference Center and Plaza Policies**

**It is the user's responsibility to read and understand these policies.**

**Use of Conference Center and Plaza:**

- A. Organizations exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and governmental entities will be granted permission to use the Conference Center rooms or the Plaza (collectively, the "Facilities") **on a first-come, first-served basis, provided they have completed the application process and had their reservation confirmed by the Foundation.** Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, the Foundation reserves the right to decline, accept, or condition applications for use of the Facilities in its sole and absolute discretion.
- B. For-profit businesses or individuals conducting business may not use Foundation Facilities.
- C. The Facilities may not be used for the following: any religious worship, celebratory services, or any other religious activities; partisan political campaigns or activities; promotion of specific candidates for political office; personal social activities; and/or fundraising events.
- D. Users of the Facilities may charge for registration or materials used in the program or allow membership fees to be collected. Money may not be collected for any other purpose. Sale of services or goods on site is prohibited unless approved in advance by the Foundation.
- E. Users of the Facilities may not use the Foundation as a mailing address. Publicity announcing the meetings must state, "This program is sponsored by [name of user organization]." The Foundation will not take registrations for non-Foundation sponsored or co-sponsored events.
- F. Ongoing use of the Facilities may only be booked up to 3 months in advance. Reservations for single events or meetings may not be made more than 12 months in advance.
- G. The Foundation reserves the right to move a meeting from a reserved room to another suitable location within the Foundation, if needed.
- H. The Foundation expects Facility users to conduct themselves in a respectful and professional manner.

I acknowledge and agree to the above outlined policies regarding use of the Mary Black Foundation Facilities.

**Parking:**

- I. The Foundation's office building is a multi-tenant building with limited adjacent parking. Therefore, please communicate with attendees that they **MUST** use the parking lot located on Kennedy Street between The Piedmont Club and the Episcopal Church of the Advent. **Failure to adhere to this policy may inhibit your ability to use this space in the future.** Please see parking map on page 4 with parking spaces designated in red.

I understand the parking restrictions in place users of the Mary Black Foundation's Facilities.

**Equipment:**

- J. The Assembly Room is the only meeting room in the Facilities with dedicated technology. The Assembly Room is equipped with wireless Internet access, a Windows PC, a 4:3 format projector/screen, audio, and a wireless presentation clicker. The Windows PC has Word, Excel and PowerPoint version 2007. **It is recommended that facility users bring a USB flash drive for use with the Windows PC.**
- K. Facility users may bring their own equipment or ask MBF staff about borrowing a laptop and/or projector from its lending library. MBF staff does not provide any technical support on this borrowed equipment. If users bring their own equipment, there is an HDMI and a VGA connection and 1/8 audio connection; **however, Facility users are responsible for making sure any equipment brought into the Facility is compatible and works.** (It is strongly encouraged that Facility users schedule a time prior to the meeting to test AV equipment.)
- L. Only dry erase markers are to be used on white boards in Assembly Room. Damage to the white boards due to failure to do so will result in facility user being charged with a replacement fee.
- M. Prior to beginning your meeting, see MBF staff to “check-out” any accessories needed to operate equipment, and return all “checked-out” items after the meeting has ended.
- N. Facility users are responsible for damage, loss, or theft of audio visual equipment. If any of the equipment is broken or missing after your event, you may be assessed a replacement fee.

I acknowledge the equipment that is available and that I am responsible for proper use of it.

**Food & Drink:**

- O. Food & drink, but no alcoholic beverages, may be served. A coffee maker is available, as well as filters. Users are responsible for providing everything else (i.e. sugar, creamer, stirrers, cups, coffee). An icemaker is also available.

I understand alcohol may not be served.

**Care of the Facilities:**

- P. **Facility users, not Foundation staff, are responsible for the setup of meeting rooms.** Rectangular tables and round tables are available. Please notify Foundation staff if you need access to the storage room for additional tables and chairs. Please do not remove tables or chairs from rooms that you have not reserved.
- Q. Facility users are responsible for removing all meeting materials and leaving the Facilities orderly. No materials or equipment may be stored in the Facilities before or between meetings without the Foundation’s prior approval.
- R. Please make note that the Foundation recycles. Ask meeting participants to dispose recyclable materials in the appropriate bins, located in the lower level Conference Center.

I acknowledge the responsibilities of meeting organizers in setting up the Facilities and leaving them in a clean and orderly condition.

**Cleaning:**

S. The Foundation will provide cleaning services; however, we ask you to pour liquids into the sink, put all trash in the trash can, and place all recyclable materials in the recycling bin. A cleaning fee may be charged if the Facilities require cleaning that exceeds the Foundation’s usual cleaning service

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**Responsible Parties:**

T. The person(s) or organization(s) conducting the meetings accept full responsibility for proper conduct of those attending the meeting and for any damage to Foundation property by those attending.

U. When the Facilities are to be used by groups or organizations of young people (under age 18), an adult sponsor must make the reservation, and at least two adults must be present at, and responsible for, the entire meeting.

V. Organizations or individuals using the Facilities shall indemnify and hold harmless the Foundation and its trustees and staff from any and all claims or actions attributable to the use of the Facilities. Depending on the proposed use, the sponsors may be required to provide a certificate of insurance naming the Foundation and its trustees and staff as additional insureds.

I understand that by signing below I accept responsibility for the use of the Mary Black Foundation’s Facilities and equipment.

**In summary, by signing below, I acknowledge that I am at least eighteen years of age or older, have read the Conference Center and Plaza Policies, and agree to comply therewith. I agree to be responsible to the Mary Black Foundation for the use and care of Foundation property and facilities.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_