



## See you in Grand Rapids, Michigan!

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Greetings from Michigan, fellow NEAFCS Members. My name is Georgina Perry, and I serve as Michigan President and a co-liaison for the NEAFCS 2021 Annual Session planning committee. It brings me great joy and excitement to invite you to attend NEAFCS 2021, November 2-5, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, which happens to be my hometown! The planning committees are busy planning an amazing conference that you do not want to miss. So, mark your calendars, clear your schedules, and get ready to join us in Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2021 “Great Depths, Greater Impacts”. Stay tuned for upcoming newsletters as we gradually unveil everything we have planned for your enjoyment. As a proud Grand Rapidian, I want to share some fun facts with you about Grand Rapids, Michigan.

### Grand Rapids, MI - Did You Know?

- Grand Rapids is the second largest city in Michigan.
- The name Grand Rapids comes from the Grand River, the largest inland river in Michigan.
- Grand Rapids used to be known as “America’s Furniture Capital”.
- Grand Rapids was the first city to add fluoride to its drinking water in 1945.
- The Fifth Third Riverbank Run, America’s largest 25k road race takes place in Grand Rapids.
- 38th President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford, was raised in Grand Rapids.
- Gerald R. Ford and his wife Betty Ford are buried on the grounds of the Gerald R. Ford museum.
- The Gerald R. Ford International Airport is the second largest airport in Michigan and the 86th largest airport nationally.
- Grand Rapids was voted Beer City USA and named Best Beer Town and Best Beer Scene by USA Today. Grand Rapids is home to over 80 breweries.
- World Boxing Champion, Floyd Mayweather Jr. was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Grand Rapids, Michigan has a plethora of Arts and Culture – home to Art Prize, Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park, and six museums in the downtown area that are within walking distance of each other.
- Grand Rapids Medical Mile – Specializing in Medical Research and Healthcare is where you will find the Nationally Ranked Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital, The Van Andel Institute, the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine Secchia Center and Biomedical Research Center, and a host of other universities of higher learning.

Grand Rapids, Michigan is a diverse and growing urban city, full of unlimited possibilities and I am looking forward to seeing all of you here in 2021!