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'Wide' no idle boast

MOUNT POCONO — The name World Wide Church of God is not an exaggeration by any means.

If anyone is a "Doubling Thomas" about the faith's far reaches, all he has to do is look at the people flocking to Mount Pocono for the church's "Feast of the Tabernacle".

An estimated 14,500 World Wide Church of God members from Pennsylvania, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont, and the Canadian provinces of New Brunswick, Ontario, Nova Scotia and Quebec have arrived for the church's annual "Fall Festival" in Mount Pocono.

The eight-day festival, which began Sunday night, is being held in the huge metal Festival Center building located one mile north of Mount Pocono on Route 196.

The faith's members are jamming the area with 9,000 members staying in area hotels and motels. An additional 1,800 members are housed by private citizens of the area who have rented their rooms to Church of God members.

Over 125 hotels, motels and lodges in the Pocono resort area are filled with members of the World Wide Church of God during their eight-day stay in the Pocono Mountains.

It is estimated that guests have acquired accommodations from Newfoundland to Stroudsburg, East Stroudsburg and Marshalls Creek.

Seventy-five per cent of the housing for the 14,500 member assembly will be concentrated in a 15-mile radius from the festival site.

The campers from the World Wide Church of God, are expected to fill the three major Pocono camping areas at Mount Pocono, Scotrun and the Toboggana State Park.

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