

Case Study

Experient Employs Creative Ways to Save Over \$600K in Attrition Fees for CNIH

Background

The Church of the Nazarene International Headquarters (CNIH) is dedicated to the mission of making Christ-like disciples everywhere through its ministry and administrative responsibilities. At the end of 2008, the CNIH had over 1.8 million members in almost 23,000 congregations in 151 different world areas.

Every four years, the Church holds a global convention, the General Assembly. The Church's most recent event, held June 24 through July 3, 2009 in Orlando's Orange County Convention Center, attracted more than 22,000 attendees from around the world.

Challenge

In the midst of a lagging economy, hotels outside CNIH's block started dropping room rates below those of the block and CNIH's blocks started dropping. CNIH was headed for a significant attrition situation.

Solution

The Experient team dedicated to the event went into immediate action to reduce room blocks and limit CNIH's liability at contracted hotels long before the meeting. It settled the attrition penalty with one hotel by applying that cost to additional food and beverage for an evening reception.

Results

The overall initial attrition penalty for CNIH would have been well over a half million dollars, but the prompt actions of the Experient team reduced this fee by 70%, saving CNIH an excess of \$600,000.

Moreover, Experient performed these actions as one with the CNIH team, taking on the culture, ethics and worldview of the group, which built trust and proved that Experient can conduct business that will leave the church in a positive light.

Experient is now working with CNIH to centralize all their meetings and tie registration to housing to proactively control future costs.

About Experient

Experient is the source for integrated meeting and event solutions. Experient is recognized as the industry leader in providing full-service, customized registration, housing, event management and lead retrieval services. With a vision to perfect the event experience and a mission to help bring people together to drive business, this year Experient will create memorable event experiences at more than 3,000 events attended by more than 2.8 million people who will occupy more than 4.4 million room nights.



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