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To: Members of the Concordia Class of 1970

Fm: Members of the Reunion Sustainability Sub-Committee (Ev (Homdrom) Hanson-Florin, Gary Noren, Cindy Sillers, and Erik Svenkerud)

**RE: Sustainability Measures being taken by Motels in Fargo-Moorhead**

There are blocks of rooms reserved until September 1 for the “Concordia Class of 1970.” You are welcome to stay at any of the motels. In an effort to focus on making our 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion environmentally friendly however, we surveyed the motels about what sustainability measures they were taking. We are sharing the results with you here in case you want to refer to the information when you choose the motel where you want to make room reservations for the Reunion. Please contact Cindy Sillers (701-261-5683) if you have any questions. Thanks!

**ELEMENTS** is the motel that takes the most aggressive/intentional sustainable measures. This motel uses semi re-cyclable paper, and has low-flow bathroom facets and toilets; sensors in the guest rooms that adjust the lights and temperature when the room is unoccupied central air; and large windows with the purpose of offering more natural light. Most of the materials, used, in the motel, are environmentally friendly and/or are post-consumer re-cycled; and **ELEMENTS** has four bicycles available for guests to use, has electric charging stations available for Teslas and generic electric cars, and a process for separating garbage and materials that are re-cyclable.

**Four Points by Sheraton** has a “Green Choice Program” which means that if guests choose to participate in it, they place their used towels in a certain place so that they will not be washed until the guest checks out of the motel. If guests choose to participate, they receive an “extra” 250 points on their credit towards a free night at the motel. The motel also re-cycles.

**Home 2 Suites by Hilton** re-cycles soap and plastics left in the guest rooms, as well as asks guest to place towels in a certain place if they are willing to re-use the towels without having them washed.

Several motels (**Holiday Inn, Ramada Plaza Suites, Microtel Inn & Suites, Hilton Garden Inn, Hampton Inn and Suites, Candlewood Suites, Homewood Suites by Hilton and Courtyard by Marriott**) reported that they ask guest to place their towels in a certain place if they are willing to re-use them without having them washed.

**The Red Roof Inn** reported that they change the sheets only every three days if guests are staying in the room for a few days.

Several motels reported that they have no sustainable measures in place, but that they have re-cycling containers behind the check-in-counter and that guests can ask to have things re-cycles if they wish to do so.