

Church of God Southeast Regional Fellowship



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RE: COVID-19 and the Cancellation of the 2020 Southeast Regional Fellowship (SERF) Conference

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Attention: All Southeast Regional Fellowship (SERF) states, delegates & families

Greetings in the matchless name of Jesus Christ:

As you know, the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an evolving situation and has been designated a global pandemic by the World Health Organization. As this pandemic unfolds from day to day, we see that life as we know it is changing. The bible directs us to be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving to let our requests be made known to God. And in doing so, the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will **guard our hearts** and **our minds** in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:6-7).

As your SERF president, and along with the Executive Committee and Board of Directors leadership; we took it upon ourselves to pray collectively. We also consulted with our Church of God International office, General Overseer Dr. Tim Hill and the Western North Carolina Administrative bishop, Dr. Ken Bell as well as monitor the activity in the different states that make up the SERF corridor.

After carefully monitoring events relating to the COVID-19 pandemic around the world and within your states; we unanimously agreed that SERF 2020 scheduled April 16-19 in Kannapolis, NC be **cancelled**. This decision was not done out of fear (2 Timothy 1:7) but out of a faithful and loving responsibility to each of our brothers and sisters; ensuring we uphold the highest standards and priority: **service** to you, **safety** for you, and **sensitivity** involving you, God's people.

We have processes in place to support our decision to cancel. All matters pertaining to SERF registration will be addressed without any issues. Please note, if you reserved a hotel room at one of the conference hotels, please cancel as soon as possible. Let us continue to pray in response to God's Word as to what we, the body of Christ should do during these trying times (2 Chron. 7:14).

Sincerely and in the Bond of Christ,

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