



GENERAL COUNCIL OF PASTORS AND ELDERS

Superintendent Michael Eaddy, Chairman

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Greetings to the Pastors and Elders of the Church of God in Christ,

My prayer is that you and your families are all well, as we are all navigating through this unprecedented COVID-19 Pandemic.

Let me begin by commending the consistent actions of our Presiding Bishop, Charles E. Blake Sr. He has effectively and conscientiously exercised courageous and bold leadership to make the decisions, which exemplify an appropriate Christian witness which must be both biblical and responsible. Immediately upon our nation being alerted of this devastating pandemic, Bishop Blake convened the members of the General Board and the numerous representative leaders of our national organization, to deliberate the feasibility of convening our many national gatherings. It was immediately decided to postpone the Spring Call Meeting which was to be held in Memphis, TN in April 2020. Following that decision, the heads of the Men's Conference, Women's Convention and AIM Convention announced the cancellation of their meetings. It is the consensus of all that care and concern for the constituents far outweigh a requirement to confer or convene.

As Chairman of the General Council of Pastors and Elders (GCPE), Church of God in Christ, I am announcing today that the 2020 Shepherds Conference and Elders Academy, which was to convene in Grand Rapids, MI is OFFICIALLY CANCELLED. It is the consensus of the elected officials, appointed vice-chairmen, regional chairmen and members of the executive committee that priority be given to the health and safety of our constituents.

The cancellation will deny the opportunity for a physical interaction for instruction, inspiration and access to resources, but creates an ideal moment for innovative thinking and action. Therefore, planning efforts have already been initiated for a ONE DAY VIRTUAL SHEPHERDS CONFERENCE AND ELDERS ACADEMY. Full details of the selected social media network, date, scheduled sessions, presenters and cost are being finalized. With this in mind, the GCPE is offering 2 options to those who have pre-registered: 1) All Pre-paid registrants to the 2020 conference will receive the difference of the original registration fee over the discounted fee for the Virtual Conference as a refund, or 2) Pre-registration fees paid can be applied to the 2021 conference with all the amenities applicable to one's level of registration. Please refer to the GCPE FAQ page for details. More information for the 2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE is forthcoming.

Please know, that the prayers of our Executive Tier leadership team is being constantly extended to our Presiding Bishop, General Board Members, General Supervisor, Chairmen of the General Assembly & Board of Bishops, National Officers, Department Heads and the esteemed Pastors and Elders of the Church of God in Christ, that God's favor and protection be extended to you all for continued health and safety.

I leave you with this, ... BE BLESSED...BE ENCOURAGED...BE STILL...and know that I am God, I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth, The Lord of Hosts is with us, The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. Psalms 46:10-11

Sincerely,

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