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RESCHEDULING OF THE 2ND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT NORTH CAROLINA AND WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCES

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"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

After prayerful consideration the **North Carolina Annual Conference scheduled for April 28–May 1st** and the **Western North Carolina Annual Conference scheduled for May 5-9th**, will be rescheduled until further notice, because of the continued Public Health threat of the COVID-19.

As we continue to track the day-to-day status of the Pandemic, we then will be in a better position to reschedule those conferences. We are not prepared to give a definitive reschedule date(s) for the Baltimore, Washington, Virginia, North Carolina and Western North Carolina Annual Conferences. However, prayerfully and in consultation with Conference Leadership, we will send a schedule to you as soon as possible. We will consider alternative plans so that we can handle the essential business of the Conference and our obligations to the General Church. Our paramount objective is to keep everyone as safe as possible. We will take all precautions that will assure the safety of all the people.

Each local congregation under the leadership of pastor and church leadership should make the decision, how best to operate, during this testing period. We ask that we open our minds and hearts to receive all information to make an appropriate and proper judgment call for the good of the congregation.

Although we are in the midst of stormy times, the church continues to need your financial support to do the work of ministry. Thus, we urge all members to please continue paying your tithes and offerings through the various ways that are offered by your church for giving.

Pray with us that God will intervene in what is a difficult situation at this time. It may seem that God may not be acting as quickly as we'd hope; nevertheless, we know that in His time, God intervenes in the lives of His people.

Stay hopeful! Stay faithful! Stay prayerful! "I Dare You to Trust God!" May we look to the Lord during these times have faith in Him who has sent His Son to die for our sins and His Holy Spirit (the Comforter) that indwells each of us.



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