

May 7, 2020

Pastors and Members of the Kansas City District:

Greeting in the name of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ.

Due to present circumstances with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic, the District Advisory Board (DAB) has made the decision to cancel the 2020 District Conventions and Assembly scheduled for July 18, 21-23 at Olathe College Church. The work of the assembly shall be transferred to the Kansas City District Advisory Council (DAC): elected DAB members and elected auxiliary chairperson and presidents (NYI, SDMI, NMI), district secretary, and district treasurer, with the approval of the General Superintendent in Jurisdiction, Dr. Eugenio Duarte.

The DAB recommends that all elected district positions have terms of office extended one year.

As given authority by General Superintendent, Dr. Eugenio Duarte, election of General Assembly delegates for the summer of 2021 shall be handled by the DAC, after receiving an election ballot from the District Nominating Committee.

The DAC shall be empowered to review and approve all district assembly business including the Finance Committee report and Board of Ministry report with the approval of Dr. Duarte.

All annual reports and board reports shall be submitted to the District Secretary, Rev. Wayne Nelson, to be processed, reviewed, and approved by the DAC. The district secretary shall, upon receiving all information, compile the annual delegate handbook to be delivered to each church electronically. The delegate handbook will include a one-paragraph report from each local church pastor focusing on a highlight from the last year. Video recordings of those pastors who were asked to report this year will be postponed until next year.

The DAB recommends that the ordination service be postponed to a later date when General Superintendent, Dr. Eugenio Duarte, will be able to conduct a one-night celebration/ordination service.

The district superintendent will prepare his annual report and present it by video to the district, including greetings from the General Superintendent in Jurisdiction, Dr. Eugenio Duarte. The vote on the reelection of the district superintendent will be postponed until the 2021 District Assembly.

Due to the difficulty of local churches to have annual meetings, the term of each local church board member will be extended for one year. In the case of a vacancy, church board members shall be elected in the manner prescribed by Manual 139, 144, and 113.8.

We, the Kansas City District Advisory Board, recognize that this is a time of crisis. We appreciate the leadership of the Board of General Superintendents, the flexibility and consideration of local congregations, pastors, and staff as we seek to prayerfully fulfill our responsibilities as effectively as possible in a way that brings glory and honor to God.

On behalf of the Kansas City District Advisory Board,



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