



September 2, 2020

Dear District Colleagues,

We have an exciting line-up of speakers and topics for our annual District Conference, *Sent to Make Disciples*, scheduled for September 29 – October 1. In the wake of and amid on-going concerns for COVID-19 we are implementing the following safety measures:

- Observe Social Distancing; every other row in the sanctuary will be closed off and couples or groups of people 2-3 may sit together, allowing 2 empty seats between other groupings.
- Masks: wearing face masks is recommended (masks will be available) but not mandatory while in the sanctuary.
- A masked only seating section will be available during all sessions.
- Be aware that the worship team and speakers will not be wearing masks.
- Once you enter the sanctuary for the day's events, please use that seat the entire day so that sanitizing in the sanctuary only needs to be done before and after the evening service.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided at various stations; high touch areas and lobby areas will be sanitized between sessions.

As we desire to meet, our **meeting carries a risk**. We ask you to consider the following:

- If you are in an at-risk group medically;
- If you have a fever or are being tested for Covid-19;
- If you have been in contact with someone who tested positive for Covid-19; then

We are asking that you do not attend.

Not attending? Please keep in mind that those not attending must submit a request in writing to the district superintendent in advance, as attendance is required per district bylaws.

A nursery and nursing room is available for parents to use during the day and evening services. All sessions will be live-streamed into the nursery areas. However, no childcare staff is available.

Lay delegates' credentials for those willing to serve on committees are due no later than *September 4* this year so that placements may be made before committees meet early.

District committees will receive detailed instruction for committee work. These instructions will replace committee work folders; work will be conducted prior to attending district conference via Zoom or phone conferencing as much as possible, thus lessening the need for close contact in meeting rooms. Those committees whose work must be conducted on site are encouraged to follow safety guidelines.

Conference packets will not be distributed this year. All reports will be made available through the district web site and/or via a link as we approach the scheduled date. Handling of materials will be as minimal as possible.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

In Christ,

David A. Nagel, District Superintendent