



## 2020 Virtual General Conference

(Streaming from Goodfield, IL on August 6, 2020)

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Greetings to all,

*"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand."* (Psalm 95:2-7)

The future is in God's hands, but 2020 has clearly been a memorable year, filled with many moments and incidents that have given us opportunities to turn our faces expectantly toward our God. We are reminded of the words of Jesus. *"And seek not what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."* (Luke 12:29-32)

The invitation to "come before His presence with thanksgiving" isn't meant to remind us of being deprived of coming together in a person-to-person conference together this year. Instead, it should give us joy and thankfulness that we can do just that in a virtual way, and enjoy the encouragement and fellowship of the body. The plan of your body of Elders, Lord willing, is to be together in person in Goodfield, IL on Wednesday, August 5-Thursdays, August 6. We will be exercising prudent safety protocols related to the coronavirus. The national church body is invited to join our "Virtual General Conference" live at 6 pm CDT on Thursday, August 6, as we sing together and hear hymns pre-recorded from our churches throughout the land. We trust the Holy Spirit to work through two of our elder brothers as they remind us that, ***"The God whom we trust...is the God we desire to obey."*** We will also be blessed to hear a discussion led by two other elders from our Vision Working Group who will lead a round table conversation about how to internalize and apply our scripturally based Guiding Principles to current events. Our desire is for Jesus and the Word to "wash us" (Eph. 5:26) in such a way that we are all equipped to minister and serve in our churches and communities, even in challenging times such as we have witnessed over the past months.

Whether you "attend" with us or not, please pray for the Conference. For it to be edifying to the church, we need the Lord's blessing. Although we are living in a time of restrictions, we are looking forward to each one of you being in "attendance" at the Conference! May the Good Lord bless us all. *"(We) thank (our) God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."* (Philippians 1:3-6)

*The Agenda Committee*