



CHURCH OF GOD STATE OFFICES
Office of the Administrative Bishop

Dear Fellow Ministers:

Recently, the Administrative Bishop and the State Council met online to discuss the feasibility of going ahead as planned with the State Ministers Meeting in the middle of October. After much deliberation, a resolution was unanimously passed to postpone the State Ministers Meeting from the Fall of 2020 until the Fall of 2022. It was a difficult decision, but after considering the health and safety of those who would be attending in light of the ongoing health crisis in our nation, it seemed a prudent choice. This will also keep Alabama in sync with the decisions that have been made on the national and international levels in the Church of God. As you already know, the International General Assembly was postponed until 2022 for similar reasons.

In keeping with the precedent set by the Executive Council and Executive Committee, the tenures for all elected and appointed boards will be frozen until the State Ministers Meeting can safely convene in the Fall of 2022.

The first item of business at the 2022 State Ministers Meeting (prior to the elections of the State Council, Youth and Discipleship Board and USA Missions Board) will be to decide whether the two years of 2020-2022 will count toward the tenure limitations of those currently seated on these three boards.

The State Council (just like the Executive Council) did not feel that it had the authority to make a decision on tenure. They are only making the decision to postpone the State Ministers Meeting due to health and safety concerns.

Please take a moment to review the enclosed resolution from the State Council, as it includes the rationale used in making this difficult decision.

We are looking forward to the day when COVID-19 is behind us. Until then, we pray for all of those who have been adversely affected by this disease. We also pray for a covering of safety upon our ministry and laity that comprise the Church of God in Alabama.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Terry Hart".

Terry Hart
Administrative Bishop
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