

Memo

To: The Lafayette Great Banquet and Awakening Community
From: Pam and Mike Winings
Subject: Postponement of the Fall Banquets and Awakenings
Date: July 16, 2020

We have disappointing news to share with you today – namely that the Banquets and Awakenings scheduled for this fall have been postponed due to the uncertainty surrounding the coronavirus.

The Great Banquet Board made this difficult decision at its July 13 meeting as a result of the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. We had hoped the restrictions would have been relaxed and that we would have seen evidence of the number of new infections continuing to decline by now but that isn't the case. While businesses have been allowed to reopen, the uptick in the number of new cases has caused many to take a step back.

We all know how powerful Banquet or Awakening experiences are in bringing us closer to Christ – whether as a guest or as a team member if you have served on a team. Social distancing requirements, lodging, food service and other restrictions that, by design, make human interaction more sterile, would make it very difficult if not impossible to create the environment where that would be possible. As a result of these and other considerations, the Board decided to postpone the Banquets and Awakenings.

The fall teams have already been informed of the postponement of the fall Banquets and Awakenings. Because we were able to make the decision before they started their team meetings, we also decided to retain the same team members for the spring banquets. Similarly, if you have invited guests who expected to attend the Women's Banquet last spring or if you have a guest who is already registered for the fall Banquets, we will reserve a space on the next Banquet or Awakening.

Please continue to hold the Banquet and Awakening communities up in your prayers and ask for God's blessings for the teams and guests. We know that God remains on His throne and has a plan for His kingdom to prevail.