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## **PRESIDENT'S CORNER – PASTOR GORDY HARMON**

### **Merry Christmas to “the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ” (Jude 1)**

I am grateful to report to you, brethren, that we (the Executive Panel) had a wonderful experience at our Planning Meeting on November 1st. Though there are still many details to work out, we were all greatly encouraged by the way the Marriott NW management team embraced our conference. It was evident to us that they are looking forward to hosting us in June, and doing all they can so that we can to make our time together profitable.

We are working on putting a schedule together that will include YCON 2022, led by Pastors Kevin Yoder and Rob Cover. They too are putting the pieces and parts together so that we can collectively put a schedule in your hands as soon as possible. Our schedule will likely look very similar to last year's schedule. Expect to see information regarding Children's Conference from Pastor Dave Blevins. There will be a Ladies Luncheon open to all ladies, as it was last year. Our Foreign and Home Mission Reports will again be strategically placed within the schedule. That was well received by conference attendees last year. As things stand, there will be at least one Men's Meeting, a golf outing with prizes, and maybe another scavenger hunt!

One of the things you will thoroughly enjoy about the hotel is the fellowship areas. This hotel is loaded with many places for you to grab a soft chair, or a couch, and chat. The main fellowship area is right outside the ballroom where our main sessions will take place. There is a huge area just beyond the doors that is sunken, which will certainly aid in keeping little ones hemmed in. If you are wondering about places to eat, there are 15 restaurants within 1500 feet of the hotel. If you are willing to drive a mile or two, you will find plenty of things that are familiar along with places that are new and different. The hotel's website is [www.columbusmarriottnorthwest.com](http://www.columbusmarriottnorthwest.com) The website contains a map with some of the area's dining, shopping and other helpful information relating to our hotel.

One very important detail that you need to be aware of: we highly recommend NOT USING A CHECK CARD / DEBIT CARD when making your reservation. Your bank will charge your card a daily amount during conference week, and possibly hold those funds for 5-7 days after conference. That is a bank policy, NOT the hotel's policy. If you have any questions, please email me at [bffpastorg@gmail.com](mailto:bffpastorg@gmail.com) We are excited about being together! Conference will be here before you know it!

We dear brethren, are so rich in the Lord. I am praying for our time together to be sweet, challenging, encouraging, and convicting. Let us be found faithful, always abounding in the work of the Lord! Any day now we will witness the Lord Himself descending from heaven with a shout,

with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.!

To the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever...Amen

**Make plans to join us for:**

## **“EARNESTLY CONTEND”**

**(Jude 3-4)**

**Conference 2022 at The Marriott N.W.**

**5605 Blazer Parkway**

**Dublin, OH 43017**

**Nightly rate - \$119 + tax**

**June 17 – 21, 2022**

**888-801-7133**

***We will soon have a link that will make it very easy to make your reservation online.***

### **YCON 2022 – PASTORS KEVIN YODER AND ROB COVER**

Greetings brethren! We are happy to announce that we are making plans for YCON 2022! It has been way too long since we were able to see each other. We are looking forward to our time together in Ohio this summer. Be sure to put YCON on the calendar for 2022. Stay tuned for more information! Please pass this along to parents, grandparents, friends, young adults, pastors and youth group leaders. Be thinking of ways that we can encourage and help support the next generation of the church. We are so thankful that they are our future. It is our privilege to help prepare and encourage them for the world ahead.

## HOME MISSIONS

We have found it necessary to move the NET 22 dates. The new ones start close to where the old ones ended. If you happen to have a NET 22 application that says June 11-26, 2022 on it, get out your pen and cross those dates out and write in June 25-July 10, 2022. The ministry focus week will be July 3-9 at Cornerstone GBC in Mansfield, OH. We are looking forward to having good connection with our brothers and sisters there. We were there for our training week on NET 20 and made many friends.

One of our NET 20 members is now serving for a year with Encounter Revival Ministries. Shannon Steiner of Orrville Grace Brethren began training with Encounter this past August and will be with them for one year. Over the years NET has benefitted from some of the concepts and presentations that the Encounter team uses. In 2017 NET was able to stop at their headquarters in Harrisburg, PA and spend a little time with some of their summer camp staff. We were even able to present a skit that some of you have seen called "The New Umpire." We were blessed that Shannon and the entire team (about the same size as a NET group) were with us at Orrville for 4 days recently (Oct. 24-27). We are always blessed to hear how God is using past team members in His work. Thanks for your interest and your prayers for the ministry of NET. Please be praying about the details of NET 22. Lord willing, we will have more of those details to share with you next month.

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