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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, Healer of our Brokenness and Hope of the World!

Out of an abundance of caution and guidance from the Pennsylvania Governor’s office we have decided to postpone the General Conference Prayer and Informational Sessions until further notice. Gov. Tom Wolf asked that religious leaders and organizations use their discretion when having events and services and deciding whether an event is essential. We have determined that these events are not essential at this time. Over the next few weeks we will monitor the situation as it develops and assess how to best present the information about General Conference Plans to you and your congregations.

We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

One of the critical pieces of our gathering was to spend time in prayer for our denomination, the General Conference, our churches and our delegates. We have attached a few prayer resources with this email. We earnestly hope that you and your congregation will use these resources over the next several weeks to continually be in prayer for the future of the United Methodist Church.

As we are a praying people, let us also continue to pray for all people in our country and around the world during this current and serious pandemic. May we hold boldly to hope in the face of fear and search for new and different ways to show the ever-present love of Christ for such a time as this.

In Christ's ministry with you,

Jeremiah Park