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A Message from Washington Conference Leadership about Camp Meeting

Camp Meeting has been one of the most meaningful traditions in our conference family. Many of us grew up attending it, serving in it, and finding God through its worship, teaching, and fellowship. We know what these gatherings have meant to you because they have meant so much to us too.

Over the past year, our leadership team has prayed earnestly and listened carefully. When we invited your feedback through the conference-wide Camp Meeting questionnaire, you responded with honesty and hope. We also took time to reflect on the steady decline in Camp Meeting attendance over the past 15–20 years, a trend that has made it increasingly difficult to offer the kind of experience our members have cherished. We heard your gratitude for the tradition, your desire for deeper connection, and your longing for gatherings that are more accessible to more people across our territory. Your voices mattered — and they guided our decision.

After much prayer and reflection, the Executive Committee has voted to transition from a single annual Camp Meeting to regional convocations beginning in 2026. We know this news may bring feelings of sadness or loss for some, and we understand that. Change can be tender when it touches something beloved. Please know: we did not make this decision lightly. We made it with you, and for the sake of our mission.

Your feedback showed strong support for smaller, regional gatherings held throughout the year — events where more families, seniors, and congregations can participate without long travel, and where communities can experience spiritual renewal closer to home. These regional convocations allow us to steward our resources wisely while expanding opportunities for worship, learning, fellowship, and evangelism throughout the conference.

The 2026 regional convocations will be held on the following dates:

- **Southern District: April 24–25**
- **Central District: June 19–20**
- **Peninsula District: August 7–8**
- **Northern District: October 9–10**

As we move from Pentecost 2025 into Beyond Pentecost 2026, our vision remains the same: to seek a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We also warmly invite you to join the Pentecost Prayer Train — a time for united prayer, renewal, and intercession for our churches and communities.

We enter this new season grateful for our past and hopeful for our future. Thank you for praying with us, journeying with us, and continuing to lift up Jesus in western Washington. We look forward to worshipping with you closer to home, and closer to the mission God has given us.

With appreciation and love,

Washington Conference Leadership Team

