



## Important decision regarding AGC National Conference 2020

Dear AGC Family of Churches,

We are living in unprecedented times as COVID-19 continues to affect our world and more specifically our own nation here in Canada. It will be some time before life returns to any kind of normalcy and the recovery for families and organizations financially impacted by this crisis will extend well beyond those projected dates.

Yet, in all this chaos, we can have confidence in our God to sustain us through this trial. We are encouraged to hear incredible reports of churches being creative in continuing to gather virtually for worship services and how the gospel is reaching many more people than ever before through online messages from our pastors. God is using this pandemic to build his Kingdom!

Unfortunately, as churches close, the reality of this pandemic has led to significant cancellations of church and ministry activities. Similarly, the AGC has had to adjust its Ministry Leaders Gatherings and Pastor's Cafes in both our Regions. These will now take place by video conference.

**In light of the uncertainty of when large groups might be able to meet again, the AGC National Board met on April 2, 2020 and made the difficult decision to cancel our 2020 National Conference in Kelowna, BC scheduled for May 28-30, 2020.** We plan to reschedule our National Conference to take place in 2021. We will share details once we have determined a location and venue.

The AGC will be offering reimbursement for the registration fees to all churches and delegates. For those who have already purchased airline tickets to travel to Kelowna, most airlines are offering full refunds in light of the COVID-19 travel restrictions.

While National Conference is cancelled, the AGC has a legal obligation to have an Annual General Meeting every year. We are planning to proceed with our AGM through a video conferencing program and will provide more details regarding the date and procedure for how your pastor and church delegates can participate in that meeting in the coming weeks.

May God bless you and your families in these challenging times.

***So do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. <sup>36</sup> For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.***

Hebrews 10:35-36 (ESV)

On Behalf of the AGC Staff & National Board,

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