



July 16, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

“Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to The Lord with a whole heart...” – 1 Chronicles 29:9 NASB

I wish to thank God for His keeping of all of you through these strange and stressful times. None of us living today have witnessed times like these where there is a highly contagious, pervasive and potentially deadly novel virus among us that has completely upended the affairs of people worldwide. It has overburdened health systems, mortuary systems, social systems, educational systems, and ecclesiastical systems. It has challenged everyone to adjust and adapt to its dictates. Yet, we are kept by the grace of God.

Because of concerns for the health of those who would be in attendance, in light of COVID-19, CMBSC was forced to cancel the annual session of our Congress of Christian Education. A request was made that we send monetary support to the Congress to continue its work. Thank you for your response to that request; and because it was a generous response, the Congress will now be able to offer some classes online **free of charge** to all our constituent pastors, church delegates and others who would like to further their Christian Education. Thanks to the proficient and efficient leadership of President Richardson and Dean Smith, Congress courses will be announced soon, and information will be given as to the dates, time, and how to access the classes.

The Annual Session of our Convention in November will necessarily **not be an in-person event**. Plans are being made for a virtual session. More details will be shared at a later date. Please anticipate Congress communication right away.

Blessings upon all,

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