

FAMILY REUNION INSTITUTE'S

STICKY REUNION SITUATION

PLANNING FOR A 2021 REUNION

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The Situation:

Do you think it's okay to start planning for a 2021 reunion?

The Fix:



Dr. Ione Vargus

I think it is not too early to start planning for a 2021 family reunion. In fact, this is a good time. Much of the work involves communicating with other family members. We have a *Letter Kit* that can help with the varying issues that you will run into, with examples of what to include in the communications. The kit contains a variety of sample letters that help generate information and maintain interest about the reunion. Designed for beginning as well as advanced reunion committees, the *Letter Kit* includes a sample survey and registration letter and form; sample letters for getting the committee together, photographers and other professional services; and briefly described letter alternatives.

The Fix:



Doug Harris

My suggestion is to plan, but with caution, and include a Plan B. Any commitment to venues and hotels should be made with the condition of a refund within a reasonable time. At this point we do not know what state we will be in concerning the Virus, but we can't just stop altogether either. There will be an end; we just don't know when it will come. When announcing any plans be sure to say that they are tentative assuming an end to COVID-19. Plan B should be to plan a virtual reunion using Zoom or another platform. This would be a good time to involve younger members of the family in planning and setting up an alternative virtual reunion and/or an online pre-reunion that may prove to be a model/test for a virtual reunion should the Virus continue to be with us.
