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UFCM BOARD AND BISHOPS MAKE THE UNPRECEDENTED DECISION TO NOT GATHER FOR CONVOCATION 2020

But keeping with the theme "PROACTION," we will move forward!

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With no actual end in sight and for the greatest good of the membership of UFCM, Inc., the governing body of UFCM, Inc., in conjunction with the leadership of the House of Bishops, and following the unprecedented actions that have canceled major events around the globe, has determined it best to not assemble for National Holy Convocation 2020. We take special concern, given various facts and figures around pre-existing conditions and the uncertainty of how we as a country prepare to move forward in public spaces.

Having said that, we are looking forward to working through various ideas of workshops possibly still be available online and the House of Bishops offering evening services, as well as the New Voices speaking in the morning. These details are still be fleshed out AND we need your input. Additionally, we still have candidates to ordain, who have done the work and who are needed now more than ever. With all this in mind, we will continue to press on towards our commitment of "Good to Great!" Under separate cover, we will distribute information about the process of the virtual components of Convocation 2020 and how to gain access. We are also mindful that some have already paid for Convocation 2020 and so options are being offered that include either a full refund of registration for Convocation 2020 or advancing payment to Convocation 2021.

Most importantly, as we press our way forward, we are asking each UFCM to consider sowing a seed into Convocation 2021 by donating whatever you would have given in offering OR your transportation costs OR a night's stay at your hotel as preparation for 2021, that we might move forward financially sound. If we can do this, for the first time in UFCM, Inc., we will be assured of going into our national gathering with more than sufficient resources as we prepare for the world ahead, ministering in these new times and how we support the works we do on a local, national and global level.

We pray that you and your families are each and all well and that 2020 still brings power, possibility and holds rich potential. We press forward knowing that no game is ever won or lose in the first quarters, but goes to the finish. We PROACTIVELY ask that each of you consider this a new day and a new way to continue the work that our founding prelate The Archbishop Carl Bean began in 1982 and we will do greater works indeed in the days and deed to come.