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Greetings NUCUAA Family:

As the world faces the COVID-19 pandemic, we the **National Board of Directors** truly understand the very real ways this has already affected our NUCUAA families and communities. In addition to the disruption of daily life and concern about our own well-being, many of us fear for friends and loved ones who we already know are susceptible to the virus.

Given the uncertainties surrounding the virus as it relates to large gatherings, a Special Committee with legal and Parliamentary advisement, was formed to address the feasibility and best approach to managing the 2020 National Convention.

The committee unanimously agreed and the Board by unanimous vote, confirmed that it would be in the best interest of our delegates to postpone this year's National Convention for the following reasons:

1. **The health of our delegates** is of the utmost importance, particularly our older delegates, who are the majority and, those who may have pre-existing health conditions.
2. **We have already received feedback** from several states confirming they would not be in attendance which supports this decision.

Therefore, this update serves as official notification that the National United Church Ushers Association of America, Inc. 2020 National Convention in Orlando, Florida has been Postponed until further notice.

To remain in good standing with the Rosen Hotel, the Board will very shortly determine an alternate year to return to Orlando. The decision will be based on both the hotel's availability and what works best for the National. We will of course keep the members informed.

Members, **it is the Board's responsibility to ensure NUCUAA remains financially solvent** throughout this crisis and unexpected change. There are still operating expenses that must be met such as insurances,

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attorney and accountant fees, etc. **but, we cannot do it without your help.**

- **To each State President, we still need you to pay your annual dues and assessments.** Remember, these assessments are associated with your commitment as members of NUCUAA and not attendance at the convention. The Board will share additional information on assessments in the very near future.
- **We are asking each member,** especially those who were planning to attend the convention, to please **give a sacrificial, tax-deductible donation of \$50 (or more)** to support the operating fund. Checks may be sent to our National Financial Secretary, Roslyn Moore at: 4720 English Court, Suitland, MD 20746 or may be donated via our web site.

Your hotel reservations will all be cancelled at one time. We are asking that delegates allow the hotel to manage this process. They are asking that we DO NOT all call in to make cancellations. If you have any hotel related concerns, please contact Director Sadie P. Boles first at: spbolesaa04@sbcglobal.net | (773) 488-3385.

Pre-registration fees, event and food function tickets – While we would appreciate these as a donation, please contact Chairman Melinda Wilkins at (301) 385-0709 if you desire reimbursement.

Finally, while we will not physically unite in fellowship this year, we would like to **thank each of the Committee and Department Chairpersons** for their diligence in submitting plans, budgets, and set-up requirements in a timely manner. This is always helpful in the Board's planning and preparation of the convention and operating budgets. **We also thank each of you** for your patience during this time and your trust that we will continue to make decisions that are in the best interest of our National organization.

Let us continue to shelter in place, take very good care of ourselves and pray for one another during this time and in the days to come.

Submitted by,
The National Board of Directors
Melinda H. Wilkins, Chairman