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Greetings In the Name of Christ Our Lord;

I wanted to reach out to the constituents of our beloved convention to give you some updated information. As you know the COVID19 Coronavirus is wreaking havoc and plaguing our society. We are daily watching as well as praying, while believing that our God whom we serve is yet showing how able He is. We are living in a paradox. Because of Corona lives are being lost, and for this same cause lives are being SAVED! Sinners are looking to the church, and we must stand ready to give testimony of our hope in Christ.

The mounting challenges of this season has forced us to call an Executive Board meeting of the VBSC officers. After a conference call meeting on March 30, 2020 we decided to officially cancel our 2020 Annual Session slated for May. To this end, the unanimous vote to cancel the session causes us to retain our current officers as they presently stand until that time of meeting according to our Constitution.

There are some churches and individuals who took advantage of pre-registration. We are asking that each church and organization who can, still pay your annual registration fee which will maintain your church as an active registered member. This will further allow us to continue the great work assigned to our beloved Convention in this season.

I look forward to continuing as your President and am excited about seeing you in November at our Mid-year Session in Roanoke hosted by Dr. Dwight O. Steele, Sr. and the Pilgrim Baptist Church. This promises to be a session like never before. Finally, I am praying for Pastors & churches daily to engage their congregations in ways that are meaningful and that the presence of God keep each of you safe and secure from all alarm.

Yours In Christ, I am,

Charles R. Whitfield, President  
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