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Greetings to our CFL Family!

Although your Inbox may certainly be flooded with responses regarding COVID-19, we believe it's essential that we, as well, provide you with an update, specifically pertaining to the **2020 Committed for Life Marriage Retreat**. As federal, state, and local government entities have been issuing guidelines that have directly impacted our jobs, schools, travel, social interactions, and even our corporate worship, we feel obligated to share our intentions for this year's retreat.

After prayerfully deliberating as a planning team, consulting with church leadership, and discussing options with the event coordinator at **Potawatomi Inn**, we remain hopeful that the retreat can still be held on the weekend of **June 5-7, 2020**. Nevertheless, we do invite you to keep the following considerations in mind:

- As followers of Christ, He invites us to displace worry with peace. *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 4:6-7) Regardless of how circumstances develop, we encourage you to remain steadfast in your faith, gratefully trusting in The Lord's care for us.
- While we continue to develop plans for the retreat, we will also be monitoring news about the Novel Coronavirus. Your personal well-being – as well as your marriage – is our concern, so if COVID-19's designation as a **pandemic** has not been lifted by **April 17th**, a decision to cancel the retreat will be announced at that time.
- The cut-off date for fully-refundable cancellation will be extended this year so that – even after May 1st (if the retreat is still held) – any who feel reluctant to participate can withdraw their registration for any reason without financial penalty.
- If your travel arrangements include air fare and/or car rental expenses, please check with your providers and take their rescheduling or cancellation policies into account accordingly.

As the Scriptures say in Proverbs 16, *"The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from The Lord"* (v.1) and *"The heart of man plans his way, but The Lord establishes his steps"* (v.9). Therefore, we plan in faith and look to our sovereign God for wisdom, discernment, and direction that align with His will and purpose.

Take care and be safe! Grace and peace to you through Christ!
In His service –

- **Committed for Life Marriage Retreat Planning Team**