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DATE: September 1, 2020

TO: Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc.

FROM: President Joe B. Maddox

SUBJECT: Keeping in Touch (3)

Hello Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc.

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I miss seeing you face-to-face but I am grateful to God that things are as well as they are. In that COVID-19 still has us shut down I want to encourage us to continue with the work of the Convention. I speak especially to our ministry leaders. We must be innovative in our thought and action. Many of you are quite familiar with social media and related communication opportunities; but if you need help with using the tools to continue with Convention business, please let us know.

My hope and prayer were to get back to some sense of normal by October 2020. Obviously, that is not going to happen. For that reason we had a virtual Board meeting on July 20, 2020 and decided to cancel the regular Annual Session that was to be held in Chattanooga in October 2020. However, we are planning a virtual Annual Session. As we make further plans we will provide details of the Annual Session at a later date. We are making plans to have you to participate in the Annual Session from the comforts of your home. The meeting will take place October 19-20, 2020. So please mark it on your calendar.

During that July 20, 2020 meeting two other important decisions were made:

1. The election of our Convention President will be postponed until October 2021. (The Election Commission will provide details of the election under a separate heading.)
2. President Maddox is to serve as the Interim President from October 2020 until the election in October 2021

So, my siblings in Christ, we have to and are developing ways to deal with the effects of COVID-19 without ceasing to do the work of the Convention. Therefore, in light of the fact that we are not meeting, we are not raising funds via registrations and offerings. Because we still have financial obligations, I appeal to you for financial help:

1. Please send in your assessments although we are not meeting.
2. Pastors / Churches who can please give us an additional \$200. 00 for this year to help make up the shortfall of others.
3. Members please send a portion of the funds that you would have spent in travel, lodging and offerings if we had attended our regular meetings.

You may make your check to TBMEC and mail your financial contributions to:

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Your efforts will help us tremendously and we thank God for your continued service to the Convention.