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Dear Pastor:

Grace and peace be unto you from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Savior. I trust that this letter will find you well, continuing to enjoy the goodness of the Lord.

As you are aware, our country remains in the midst of the Coronavirus pandemic. This outbreak has caused illness and death among many and we pray mightily for those that have been affected and impacted by this virus.

As a result of this situation, we still have been able to equip our churches using a virtual platform. I applaud President Reverend Dr. James Banks, Vice at Large Reverend Dr. Damone Johnson, Dean Reverend Dr. Edward Williamson and the officers and staff of the Congress for a job well done on their Virtual Church Conference held in June. The response of our churches was outstanding. Therefore, in light of their success, we will continue with virtual sessions this year. In this regard, the Young People's Auxiliary and the Bridge Ministry Session scheduled for August will now be held in September. Also, the Quasquicentennial 125th Annual Session scheduled for August 3 -7, 2020 in Rochester, NY has been postponed. A condensed three-day Annual Session will be held "virtually" Tuesday, October 20 - Thursday, October 22, 2020.

The Young People's Auxiliary and the Bridge Ministry will hold "Empowerment Virtual Weekend 2020" Friday, September 18- Saturday, September 19, 2020 and can be accessed via Facebook, Instagram, and the Convention's website. The theme for the first "Virtual Youth Conference" is "Don't Worry. . . Pray" from Philippians 4:6. YPA is partnering with the Bridge Ministry during this "Empowerment Weekend" to encourage growth and community across the generations within the body of Christ. Over the next few weeks, correspondence will be sent via social media and email to provide a glimpse of what the virtual conference will look like as well as information needed to register.

The virtual Annual Session can be accessed via Facebook and the Convention's website at www.empirebaptistconvention.org. Churches must register for the Annual Session, but the registration fee is waived. The Session will feature the Annual Address of outgoing presidents Lady Georgia B. Dixon, Ministers' Wives and Widows Auxiliary President and Sis. Walterine Stribling, Women's Auxiliary President as well as the third Annual Address of our Convention President, Reverend Dr. Carl L. Washington, Jr. Our seminarians for this session will feature Empire pastors. Additionally, as this is an election year, elections will be held electronically on Wednesday, October 21, 2020. Churches eligible for voting must have registered with the Convention for the past two years (2018 and 2019). The enclosed booklet provides additional details concerning the Session as well as information concerning registration and the election process.

We are excited about this first ever virtual session and solicit your participation and prayers.

Because of Christ,

Reverend Dr. Carl L. Washington, Jr.

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