

## *Wee Kirk™, Small Church Conference*

*To inspire, equip, motivate and encourage small Presbyterian Churches and to provide rest and refreshment for the clergy and lay leaders of those churches.*

June 29, 2020

Dear Saints and Friends of the Wee Kirk Conference,

On behalf of the planning team, I would like to thank you for your passion for the Wee Kirk (small church) and for your past participation in the annual Wee Kirk Conference held at Laurelville. It is a blessing to be in partnership together and to have this opportunity for those of the Wee Kirk to gather together in a spirit of fellowship, support, and equipping.

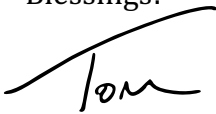
Many of you have received the brochure for the 2020 Conference and you may be wondering whether the conference will be held this year. As you are aware, the reality of Covid-19 continues to be a factor in our country. We've been rethinking Church, pastoral care, Christian Education, fellowship opportunities, and the like for many months now. When the planning team met in February of 2020, we did so with the full intention to have a conference this fall. Sadly, we recognize that this is no longer possible.

After meeting last Monday, the planning team voted to postpone the 2020 conference until 2021. I doubt that this will be a surprise to many, but please know that each and every one of us made this decision with a heavy heart. Nevertheless, we also recognize that there is a moral responsibility as brothers and sisters in Christ to care for one another. It would be irresponsible to move forward in a space and context where we could not ensure everyone's wellbeing.

We look forward to gathering together again in-person during our 2021 retreat, which will be held October 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> at Laurelville. In the meantime, we've set up a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Wee-Kirk-Conference-109635817292629/>) as a place for connection and fellowship. We're also discussing ways of providing inspiration that will encourage and motivate you this fall. So visit our website (<https://wee-kirk-ne.org/>) in September and beyond, where we hope to have videos available to you.

Thank you, again, for your faithfulness in the ministry of Jesus Christ and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all until we meet again next fall.

Blessings!



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