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**Evangelical Friends Church**  
EASTERN REGION

June 5, 2020

Dear Pastor and Presiding Elder/Moderator,

EFC-ER pastors and churches have been given unique opportunities to creatively minister to others as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our world is hungry for peace and hope that is only found through Jesus Christ. We have all adapted to meet those needs in new ways. You have shared stories of online prayer groups, virtual Bible studies, live-streamed hymn sings, video testimonies, and digital or drive-in church services.

This Yearly Meeting is another opportunity for innovative ministry during a unique time. Due to concerns about COVID-19 and social distancing, **the Oversight Board has prayerfully made the unanimous decision to host Yearly Meeting online this year. The one-day conference will be streamed online on Saturday, July 18.** Yearly Meeting will include teaching sessions, Oversight Board and Ministry Team reports, guided prayer, and worship. Matthew Cork, Superintendent of EFC-SW, will be the main speaker. You will not want to miss this special, one-day event. We will also provide resources and equipping workshops on our website. Details will be added as they are finalized.

This year's theme is **"Momentum: Fueling A Spirit-Led Movement to Change Lives."** Momentum, or motion, does not occur without action. The church gains movement as a result of the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and applying the teachings of Jesus. We continue to pray for you as you lead your church in innovative ways and prayerfully consider how we move forward together in ministry. Let's pray that we will apply the preached word and move with momentum into all the world in our day.

Attached you will find the delegate sheet for the 2020 Yearly Meeting as well as paragraph 430 from the *Faith & Practice* 2018 Edition. Delegate forms should be returned to Julia McDonald at [jmcdonald@efcer.org](mailto:jmcdonald@efcer.org) or mailed to the Evangelical Friends Headquarters c/o Julia McDonald at 5350 Broadmoor Circle NW, Canton, OH 44709.

**Please return your church's delegate list before June 26, 2020.**

Information about how to participate in Yearly Meeting will be available soon on our website at [www.efcer.org/ym20](http://www.efcer.org/ym20).

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Crawford". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tom Crawford  
EFC-ER Executive Director



**2020 YEARLY MEETING DELEGATES**

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**430 YEARLY MEETING DELEGATES AND DELEGATE BODY COMPOSITION**

- a) A delegate represents the local church at Yearly Meeting sessions. The local church determines the delegate selection process.
- b) The lead pastor of each local church and one full-time associate pastor will serve as delegates. All other staff pastors may qualify to serve as part of a church's delegation if selected by the local church.
- c) Additionally, each church will send one delegate for each fifty members or major portion thereof as reported to the Evangelical Friends Headquarters at the end of the previous calendar year.
- d) A church with fewer than twenty-five members may have one delegate in addition to its lead pastor.
- e) A developing church may seat a delegate who represents that church.
- f) Churches should select delegates who are:
  - i. Active members in the local church;
  - ii. Open to participate in the business sessions and discussions while being supportive of decisions made by the delegate body;
  - iii. At least eighteen years of age.
- g) The local church will forward the names and contact information of delegates and alternates to the Evangelical Friends Headquarters by the deadline established by the Oversight Board.
- h) Alternate Delegates
  - i. Each local church should appoint as many alternate delegates as necessary. The alternate delegates should be selected on the same basis as regular delegates.
  - ii. In the absence of a lead pastor delegate, a person may be appointed to be a delegate in that seat.
- i) EFC-ER Missionaries as Delegates
  - i. All active EFC-ER missionaries in attendance at Yearly Meeting will serve as delegates.
- j) Financial Assistance to Delegates
  - i. The local church is expected to contribute to the expenses of delegates attending Yearly Meeting.