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From: Allegheny Synod  
Fall Festival Committee  
To: Members of the Allegheny Synod

September 11, 2018

Dear Allegheny Synod,

The Fall Festival Committee has discerned that we need to cancel the Allegheny Synod Fall Festival which was scheduled for Saturday, September 22, 2018.

Unfortunately, we have not seen an expressed interest in the Festival this year. We contacted our leaders and asked if they had members who were planning to attend. The majority of the respondents shared that they did not have members who would be coming. Of the leaders who responded affirmatively, they said they might have only a few people attend. We do not feel it is the best stewardship of our resources and people to push forward with this event which might only bring a handful of participants.

We sold a small number of tickets for the chicken dinner. Individuals who purchased tickets will be reimbursed.

We will be regrouping and evaluating this situation. The one part of last year's festival that we repeatedly heard was meaningful to people was the evening candlelight worship service. Perhaps we could have a stand-alone Synodical outdoor service in the future.

To those who were planning to be a part of the Festival we apologize. We believe that this is the best course of action. We appreciate your understanding.

Thank you and God bless you.

Allegheny Synod Fall Festival Committee