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New York Conference Communication/Update

Greetings and blessings to you in the name of our soon coming Lord and King, Jesus Christ.

As we pass the midway point of the year we have many things to thank God for. We also have many things to lift up before the Lord.

Camp Meeting 2022 - Once again the Lord blessed with great speakers and inspiring messages. This year the emphasis was on the need of the Holy Ghost. I was blessed as many shared how they were encouraged by the music, the fellowship and the messages. We were also blessed to witness so many baptisms on the second Sabbath. It is a reminder that the window of grace is still open. Also, it's important that God's church take advantage of the time to extend the invitation of Christ to those around us.

Camp Meeting Cabins - As you have probably already heard, we are at a crucial point regarding the future of the cabins that we have historically used for our annual camp meeting. The new Health Department review, the condition of the cabins, the availability of the Pavilion for uses other than Camp Meeting, all make it imperative to either rebuild or re-think how we manage that resource. Lord willing, one solution will be to have a Maranatha project in 2023 to begin a large-scale renovation of the cabins. This will upgrade what we have and allow us to make them available for other events such as, lay training, multiple camp meetings throughout the year, etc. For those interested in updating/renovating the cabins themselves, please visit the Conference website (nyconf.org) for more information. The tentative time frame is early October 2023. You are cordially invited to join us and be part of the renovation project.

160th Anniversary of the New York Conference - On October 22nd we will be having a conference event at the Roosevelt SDA Church where we will have a service to commemorate our 160th anniversary as a Conference. The Roosevelt Church is an important part of our history. It was the first Adventist Church built in our Conference, it was also where the New York Conference was organized. We will have a presentation from a representative of the E.G. White Estate and also from the Atlantic Union President, Dr. Pierre Omeler. For more details check out the Conference website and Facebook page.

Constituency Sessions in Sister Conferences - We have several conferences that will be having their Constituency Session this year. (Bermuda, Greater New York, Southern New England, Atlantic Union) We ask for continued prayers for the Lord's leading as they look to the future and make decisions on leadership and direction.

New York Conference Constituency 2023 - We will be having our own Constituency Session in April of 2023. We have already started planning for that meeting. Your participation and input will be needed as we make decisions for the next quinquennium. Please keep this meeting in prayer and be looking for the different communications that will be coming out on this.

Recent NY Legislation - The State Legislature has passed some new regulations regarding the designation of 'sensitive spaces'. **As of September 1, 2023, houses of worship are now designated as 'sensitive spaces'**. This new designation effectively bars CCW permitted individuals from bringing concealed firearms on church property. You may check out the following links to get more information.

<https://ag.ny.gov/new-york-gun-laws>

<https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2021/s51001>

At the recent General Conference Session, I noticed that the theme that they were using for the event was, "Jesus is Coming, Get Involved", I like that. Jesus is coming! I pray that your connection with Jesus remains strong. I pray our churches find renewed motivation and passion to finish the work.

All signs point to the final fulfillment of the prophecies relating to the end times. May the merits of Jesus' shed blood cover us and save us.

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

Miguel Crespo
President