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## CIRCULAR LETTER

**Re:** Decision to postpone the next General Conference World Assembly

Dear brethren, leaders of our Fields, Unions, and Divisions, and dear members of our church,

May the peace of the Lord be with you. Greetings with the word of God found in Psalm 115:12:

*“The Lord hath been mindful of us: He will bless us; He will bless the house of Israel;  
He will bless the house of Aaron.”*

With this letter, we wish to inform you about the latest decision of the General Conference Full Board made on March 7, 2022 related to the upcoming General Conference World Assembly. Considering the challenge of COVID-19 travel restrictions and the requirement to be vaccinated has created a significant difficulty to have the quorum since there is a possibility of having less than 50 percent of the delegates present in our next World Assembly.

We authorized our Division leaders to investigate country by country the possible participation of their delegates and their willingness to comply with the requirements for international travel. The result was that three of our Divisions would not have the majority of their delegates in our World Assembly if the restrictions applied by the airlines and countries continue being the same until October this year.

Since the official resolution of our church is, “We do not recommend the use of vaccines...,” we wish to honour the personal decision on this matter. Even if we had 50 percent and more present in the next World Assembly, while a significant number of delegates are not able to attend, this would not be fair, which we want to avoid.

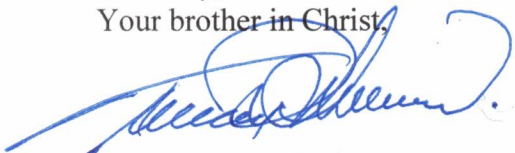
Considering all of the above-mentioned issues, the General Conference Full Board decided that the best for these circumstances is to postpone the General Conference World Assembly by up to one year. If the circumstances related to travel restrictions improve during the coming months, we will immediately proceed with the planning and organization of the next World Assembly. In addition, the Full Board considered that the place for the next General Conference shall continue to be the country of Peru, where our members and visitors are awaiting the upcoming international event. For further information, please expect further official announcements.

Let us pray for the successful organization of the next General Conference World Assembly. We

hope that the Lord will continue holding the winds of war and that soon the travel restrictions may be lifted.

May the Lord bless you.

Sincerely,  
Your brother in Christ,



Pastor Tzvetan Petkov  
President of the General Conference

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