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Dear Binghamton Camp Cabin Owners and Supporters,

Greetings in the Wonderful Name of Jesus, THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES! We have just come through a wonderful Easter Celebration! Jesus Christ is alive and Well. **“HE AROSE a victor from the dark domain and HE LIVES forever with his saints to reign!”**

As Binghamton Camp constituents, you have had a vital part in the continuation of the camp for many decades. In 1905, a 16-acre plot in Hillcrest, called “Macomber Grove” was purchased for one thousand dollars. It was in August of that year the first camp meeting took place. Since then, memories have flooded the minds of many. The camp has impacted lives, making an indelible mark upon “all that partook” that will not be soon forgotten. It was in 1984 at Binghamton Camp where God called me to Bible College and also where I was ordained a preacher of the gospel in 1992. If we had time and space, I know all of you could share your story. Simply put, Binghamton Camp has been a vehicle that God has used for the salvation of many, many souls. To God Be The Glory!

Unfortunately, in the past decade, the attendance has decreased dramatically, and the financial strain has increased substantially. Per action taken by the Annual Conference in July of 2021, (*refer to the annual conference minutes, page 38, under Annual Resolutions #5*) The Binghamton Camp committee along with other key advisors met with the inspectors on August 26, 2021. After the inspectors left, the committee discussed, prayed and voted. It was determined that it was not feasible for the Camp to continue. Since then the property has been in the hands of the Council.

In a later meeting the Council voted to get a market assessment of the property. After inquiry it was determined that the property was valued at \$400,000 (last assessment in 1990). In January of 2022 a potential buyer was contacted only to find out they were willing to pay ten cents on the dollar of the assessed value. We have been told that the decaying buildings on the property have lowered the

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property value. Recently the assessed value has been *"in question"* and the Council is actively seeking answers. The property right now seems to be more valuable to us than anyone else. We really need God's help and wisdom in decision making here! **PLEASE PRAY!** At this time the Council has decided to put a hold on selling the property *as we look at all of our options*. Could it be that God would have us to invest in the improvement of the property in measuredly installments to be used for *"our children and our children's children?"* Only God knows at this point! **PLEASE PRAY!**

It has also been discussed of having a *"Zone Rally"* and/or a *Council Meeting* on the grounds in the warmer months to keep the property *"in use"*.

In the meantime, vandalism continues to occur. Several individuals, including the County Sheriff's office, have contacted the Conference President expressing their concern for the security of the property. The Council is asking all Cabin Owners to actively remove all your personal items/belongings from your Cabin as soon as possible if you have not already done so. Some Cabin owners have expressed interest in removing their cabin from the property. If you are interested in doing that please contact the Conference President stating your intentions to do so, and the effort can be coordinated. The deadline to have all personal belongings/Cabins removed from the property is August 31, 2022. Whatever is left after that date will go with any potential sale of the property if God leads that way.

Please note that on April 19, 2022, there was a damaging (very wet and heavy) snowstorm in the Binghamton area. A record breaking 14.2 inches registered at a local airport. Thousands of people in Broome County were without power. Many downed power lines, trees and branches and Binghamton camp was significantly affected. In the last week Rev. Jonathan Fall has made several trips to the Camp to ensure that it is safe for everyone to come on the grounds. Please contact Rev. Fall before you plan to go to the camp so that you may be able to obtain any specific instructions from him pertaining to your safety and the success of your visit. You may call or text him at 570-687-6835 or email gre8fall@gmail.com

I want to thank you and all who have gone before you for all your support and interest in the camp meeting that went on for over 115 years. As a Conference, we must not let these challenges that we face dim our vision as to God's will for us today and in the future. Remember, methods (vehicles) may change (wear out or rust out) but the message never does! Holiness Unto The Lord! Let come what may, we must keep focused on Kingdom

Building as we pass the torch of Holiness from this generation to the next. *"Let all those who come behind us find us faithful!"*



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If any of you have any further questions about this letter, or the deadline that has been set, or thoughts that you would like to share or discuss, please feel free to contact the Conference President at johnpeabody776@gmail.com, or call or text at 609-425-8336.

Happy In The Service Of The King,

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