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Dear Friends

We're writing to inform you that the NCCC Family Convention will unfortunately not be held in 2019. Despite our desire and best efforts to keep the convention running, several factors have combined to convince us that we are unable to do so. These include:

- Attendance numbers at the Family Convention have followed a downward trend over the last few years, raising a question mark over general interest in the convention and also placing considerable strain on the finances available to run the convention.
- Organising the NCCC Family Convention is a significant undertaking and it has become increasingly difficult to find people willing to commit to the NCCC organising committee and to the many roles required to make the convention viable.
- The Presbyterian Churches of the Northern Rivers (which have been the mainstay of the convention since its inception) are currently experiencing the departure of several pastors and are working hard to support each other during some challenging times. This means that there is less time and energy available to devote to extra ministries such as NCCC.

Please understand that this decision was not taken lightly and was made after much prayer and deliberation. We are aware that many of you look forward to NCCC each year and the opportunity that it provides to feast on excellent bible teaching and to catch up with Christian brothers and sisters from around the North Coast. Many of you have been faithful supporters of the Convention for over 20 years and will have memories of gathering under the big tent at Koinonia way back in the 90s! The decision to stop doing something good is always a difficult one but sometimes necessary.

We are also mindful that 18 months ago we made a financial appeal for the support of NCCC and about \$5,500 was generously donated. This money contributed to the running of our four conventions this year and will allow us to continue running the Men's, Women's & Youth Conventions in 2019 and hopefully well into the future.

We don't know what the future holds for the NCCC Family Convention beyond next year, but are open to the possibility of reinstating it at some point down the track if the opportunity arises. In the meantime, our focus will be on building up the ministry of our other three conventions and we look to seeing you at one or two of them in 2019.

In Christ

The NCCC Committee