

# Hawaii Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE | Postponement of Hawaii Conference Constituency Meeting July 9, 2020**

The Hawaii Conference Executive Committee voted to postpone for one year the 2020 Constituency Meeting. This means that all other related or accompanying meetings are also being postponed: Area Town Hall Meetings, Organizing Committee, Nominating Committee, as well as, of course, the planned September 27, 2020 meeting. This decision has been a difficult one to make.

Below is the Executive Committee action that was taken:

Whereas, the 2020 General Conference session has been postponed for one year due to the prevalence of Covid-19,

Whereas, the Hawaii Conference Executive Committee voted to postpone all 2020 convocations until next year,

Whereas, some churches have indicated they will not be sending any members to attend the Hawaii Conference Town Hall Meetings, neither delegates to the Organizing Committee nor to the Constituency Meeting, due to Covid-19,

Whereas, conventional wisdom is discouraging airline travel due to risks in contracting Covid-19,

Whereas, some churches are still not physically meeting on Sabbaths and most, if not all, have significantly reduced their Sabbath School and Worship times in efforts to reduce Covid-19 exposure,

Whereas, a significant amount of individuals continue choosing to "attend" Sabbath School and Worship services through Zoom or other electronic platforms,

Whereas, the State of Hawaii is presently experiencing a surge in Covid-19 cases,

Whereas, the Hawaii Conference takes its role seriously in seeking to protect the safety of members and of the community at large,

Whereas, the constituency meeting process involves multiple meetings such as Town Hall Meetings, an Organizing Committee, a Nominating Committee, as well as the constituency meeting itself,

Whereas, it is the desire of the Hawaii Conference to safeguard the dignity, purpose, and integrity of its constituency meeting and to thus ensure the largest possible participation of its delegates,

**VOTED**, that the Hawaii Conference postpone its regularly-scheduled 2020 constituency meeting for one year.