

President's Piece for Peace

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Finally, the sun has come out and is warming the air for us. As nice as that is, it also adds YARD WORK to our weekends (but what else would we rather be doing? Right?). This is also a reminder that this summer we have the IDE Convention approaching which is everyone's favorite weekend event (at least once every three years).

Our theme this year is "Life Together: Laity and Clergy". The presenter is going to be Rev. Dr. David P. Scaer, and he will speak on the book of James with its pastor and sheep relationship. I never know exactly what Dr. Scaer is going to say, but it is always worth listening to.

As we prepare for Convention I encourage you to read the book of James, and it would be fitting for the pastors to bring their Greek New Testaments. I know Dr. Scaer will make frequent reference to it and you can assist your layman on what is meant with the language in the Greek. We are also expecting President Harrison to arrive on Saturday and to share his report with us. Prepare any questions you may have for him or responses to his report. We don't have him very often in the district so we need to take advantage of his presence while he is here.

We are using a new venue this Convention, primarily because we could save a little on the cost. We will need to keep the Convention on schedule, according to the agenda time, since The Hotel At Kirkwood Center has informed us we must be finished and out of the room by 3:30 PM Saturday afternoon.

We should be able to remain on schedule since we are using electronic voting again which tends to speed things up. The workbook has less than ten resolutions for consideration so we should be able to get through them in proper time. It will be beneficial to have read the workbook well enough that if you have comment on any issue, you can be ready to make them in good order.

I anticipate another blessed Convention as we have had for so many years here in IDE. I am always impressed with the brotherhood that has been fostered among us, including the relationship with the laymen. This is a gathering of the Church to carry on with the work of the Church, which is simplified to these two things: 1) to seek and save the lost; and 2) to feed the found.

All rostered workers who attend will register as either voting delegate or advisory. This means that all rostered workers will have access to a microphone and lend comment if need be. Only the laymen who are a registered voting delegate will have access to the microphone. I look forward to seeing you all as we come together beneath the Word and are showered with the Grace of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. We are His Body in need of Him and each other for the sake of the Kingdom.

God be with you and bless the yard work!