

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF THE CHURCH OF GOD
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TO: All Senior Pastors, Ministers, Directors and Officers of the FSA of the COG

FROM: Rev. Dr. Thomas Scott, Chairperson of the Florida State Association of the Church of God
Rev. Carol Smith, Chairperson, Board of Christian Education

SUBJECT: SURVEY TO REFOCUS THE FSA-COG 2009 ANNUAL CONVENTION & BEYOND

At our recent meeting with Rev. Dr. Thomas Scott, the District leaders and the FSA Board of Christian Education the mandate to recast and update the vision, purpose and function of the FSA Annual Convention was established.

Several questions and areas of consideration were raised including the following issues:

- Who is the target audience of the convention? Who are the main people who we hope will benefit from the speakers, workshops and other activities of the event?
- What is the primary purpose of the convention? Is it mainly for fellowship, inspiration, family vacation or the training and equipping of clergy, ministers and leaders that do ministry in the congregations across Florida?
- It's been observed by some within the FSA that the FSA annual event should be more biblically and ecclesiastically knowledge based than inspirationally based.
- When should the FSA annual event take place? How long should it be scheduled for & for what days of the week? Where should it take place?
- What experiences should this one state event offer that will encourage clergy and leaders to attend?

This communiqué is one of the most important and far-reaching surveys we have ever sent out from the FSA. Much prayer has preceded this beginning process as we seek to make the ministry of the FSA an excellent and relevant one. We now need your partnership, beginning with your thoughtful responses, ideas and suggestions. The stakes in reframing how we do ministry in Florida are high as we seek to bring back into worship our adult children and their friends and families and as we seek to acquaint our unchurched neighbors with the message of hope and deliverance.

This survey is being sent to all pastors, ministers, officers of the FSA and other key persons who have been involved in some way with the FSA. We will need your responses no later than Friday, May 9th. This is a short turn-around time, but we ask that you make the completion of the Survey an urgent priority for the sake of the Kingdom and the ministry of FSACOG. We will appreciate your completing the Survey and placing it in the self-addressed stamped envelope and returning it to Minister Jeffrey Gresham at 4701 NW 47th Avenue, Lauderhill, Florida 33313 (phone 954-600-7874). Your responses on this survey will be shared in a FSA Executive Meeting scheduled for Friday, May 16th.

Thank you for caring and partnering with us, and may God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Thomas Scott, Chairman, Florida State Association of the Church of God



Rev. Carol Smith, Chairperson, FSA Board of Christian Education

5. Funding an event that will to pay for quality speakers and resource leaders is expensive. A generous registration fee will be needed to cover the expenses. Please indicate the per person registration fee you think will be affordable.
 __ a) \$150 __ b) \$200 __ c) \$250 __ d) Share your thoughts _____

6. Would you recommend we change the name of the FSA-COG convention to one of the following:
 __ a) FSA Conference __ b) Convocation __ c) Institute __ d) Workshop
 __ e) Your recommendation(s) _____

7. Please list any resource persons you believe persons in your church will be willing to hear.

8. Please indicate any other topics or areas of focus we should consider.

9. How often should the FSA have a major Convention/ Conference?
 __ a) Once a year __ b) Once every other year __ c) twice a year
10. Please share any other thoughts or ideas you may have concerning the FSA Convention of the future.

Thank you so much for your assistance in completing this survey. **Feel free to copy this survey and solicit comments back from your leaders and other key persons in your congregation.** Please continue to pray for this process that God will be glorified and the mission of the church will be enhanced. Thank you for placing your completed survey(s) in the enclosed envelope.



Rev. Dr. Thomas Scott, FSA Chairperson
 Rev. Carol Smith, Chairperson, BCE