

TO: The Rossville Church of Christ
FROM: The Lads to Leaders Committee
DATE: March 19, 2020
RE: 2020 Lads to Leaders Convention
SUBJECT: Cancellation of 2020 Lads to Leaders Convention

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with a heavy heart that we must inform you that the Lads to Leaders Convention in Nashville, Tennessee for 2020, has been cancelled by the Lads to Leaders governing body in response to the present crisis in public health because of COVID-19/Coronavirus. The decision to cancel this year's convention was made only after much prayer and discussions with local government and health officials, to determine the safest course of action for the Convention Participants, Event Coordinators, Staff, and Families who would be traveling to support the young people as they strive to grow stronger in their walk with the Lord.

The public message from Lads to Leaders Executive Director Roy Johnson may be viewed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ZOFalgquZI&t=326s>

The Lads to Leaders Committee recognizes that each participant, parent, and event coordinator has made considerable investments in time, energy, and probably a few tears as well, to prepare for this year's convention. The Eldership and the Committee greatly appreciate the efforts of each participant, parent, and event coordinator. The Eldership and the Committee wish to recognize the efforts of all those who have given generously for their time, energy, and wisdom, by providing each young person the opportunity to display their accomplishments, whether in art, song leading, the giving of speeches, or the other ways that you have chosen to glorify God in preparation for the 2020 Convention. The Congregation will at a date and time to be determined, hold a mini-convention so that the young men and young ladies may demonstrate the fruits of their hard work and earnest desire to grow in Christ.

The costs of the hotel rooms for the 2020 Convention are presently still being held in the Congregations account. **The costs of the hotel will be refunded**, to each family that has already provided those funds. We ask that patience be given as we begin this process. Unfortunately, the registration fees that have already been paid for the 2020 Convention have already been spent by the Lads to Leaders Executive Body for awards and other materials, and cannot therefore be refunded.

The Cancellation of this Year's Convention has caused a significant financial short-fall for Lads to Leaders. Anyone who wishes to provide a donation may do so by texting L2L1968 to 44321, or by visiting the Lads to Leaders Website www.lads2leaders.com.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Alan Norton, and he will be happy to discuss this situation with you and answer any questions, or address any concerns you may have.