

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS DURING NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Tuesday, May 24

- Pray for safety as pastors and lay delegates travel to Messiah University.
- Ask the Lord to open our ears and hearts to the messages we will hear during the days of National Conference.

Wednesday, May 25

- Pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit as National Conference begins with Rev. Randy Sizemore's Consecration Service, followed by Holy Communion. Pray for all those participating in leading that service.
- Pray for Bishop Sizemore as he presents his first Episcopal Address in the opening business session of Conference.
- Pray for the Praise Team and for Dr. Doug Buckwalter of Evangelical Seminary, as he leads us from God's Word during Conference.

Thursday, May 26

- Pray for the Lord's leading during the morning business session.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will bless our "Equipping Experiences" as pastors and lay delegates learn from, and review assessments intended to enhance their lives and ministries.
- Pray for the Lord's blessing over the celebration of Bishop Emeritus Bruce (and Gloria) Hill for his faithful service and leadership as Bishop for eleven years; and for the Holy Spirit to lead Bruce in this next season of life and ministry.

Friday, May 27

- Praise the Lord and pray for candidates who have responded to God's call and are seeking ministerial credentials at National Conference.
- Ask the Lord to bless all the members of National Conference with a sense of the grace and unity that only God's Holy Spirit can provide.



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Dear Friends in Christ,

The theme of this year's National Conference gathering is "**Overflowing Hope**."

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Hope, in the New Testament, is defined as, "favorable and confident expectation." It has much to do with the unseen and the future. In Romans 15:13, God is spoken of as the, "God of hope," declaring that He is the author of hope, not the subject. Hope is the result of our salvation and finds its expression and endurance as we join in God's mission movement, actively "waiting" for the coming of Christ. Our hope is not based on the present conditions of our country, our circumstances, or even our church. Our hope is based on who we are! **We are the Church of Jesus Christ!** As our 100 year-old heritage proves, we are *Evangelical*; that is, we are the bearers of the Good News of God's saving grace to our world. We are *Congregational*; strategically gathered and connected locally for direct engagement and impact with our culture. We are a movement of the people of God, positioned together with Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, **overflowing with hope** for the sake of a hopeless world to know Christ and to make Him known.

I am so excited to gather with you at our National Conference sessions May 25-27 to share the hope and direction God has given me for the Evangelical Congregational Church; to thank and appreciate all you do as the pastors and lay delegates of our congregations; and to celebrate the excellent leadership of Bishop Bruce Hill over these last eleven years. Pray with me that God's Holy Spirit overflows our entire experience with His hopeful presence!

In preparation for all that we are expecting God to accomplish in and through us, would you join me in a month of prayer for our National Conference? Please use this prayer guide for the month of May. Thank you in advance for your prayers as we prepare and conduct our National Conference.

In Christ's Service,

Randy

Bishop-elect, Randy Sizemore



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Prayer Guide
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A MONTH OF PRAYER FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE - MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Ask the Lord's blessing on the Messiah staff serving our Conference.	Thank the Lord for our missionaries who are praying with us.	Pray the Lord's blessing on all our District Field Directors.	Pray for those presenting reports and casting ministry vision.	Thank God for EC churches around the world joining us in prayer.	Praise the Lord for opportunities to renew old friendships and make new ones.	Pray for the Worship Team and their ministry in music.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Ask the God of hope to fill us with joy and peace so that our hope overflows!	Pray for the Holy Spirit's empowerment within us as we commit to be a movement of God.	Pray for God's direction for each local EC Church.	Ask the Lord to bless our camps: Camp ECCO, Rock River and Twin Pines.	Thank God for our dedicated staff at Church Center and their service to us!	Pray for God's blessing for StoneRidge Retirement Community and Evangelical Seminary.	Pray for wisdom as we consider Ministerial Candidates.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Ask the Lord to continue to encourage our local congregations.	Pray for God's leading in Randy's first Episcopal Address.	Pray for our Associates as they share updates and resources.	Ask the Holy Spirit to move us in our times of prayer and worship.	Pray for the Equipping Experiences planned for pastors and delegates.	Pray for Bishop Bruce and Gloria as they transition to new ways of serving the Church.	Pray for the opening Bishop Consecration and Communion Service.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Special Day of Prayer for the renewal and refreshment of our local pastors.	Pray for our special speaker, Doug Buckwalter	Pray for the safety for all traveling this week to NC2022.	2022 National Conference Messiah University			
29	30	31	 <p>OVERFLOWING <i>hope</i> Romans 15:13</p>			
Thank the Lord for all those who served to make NC2022 a great experience.	Pray for Bishop Randy as he officially begins his service to us.	Pray that the Holy Spirit would empower His Church.				