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Greetings Friends!

What a blessing it is to virtually be with you all. This past year made us really understand what is truly important in life - family, friendship, and faith. Although we are unable to be in the same room at this time, I am so grateful we are able to engage in an amazing online conference that promises to uplift and encourage you. A big thank you to the Missouri PAUMCS Chapter for taking this challenge on and delivering what I know will be my favorite virtual meeting!

Since our 2020 conference was postponed, we did not celebrate the class of 2019. The 2019 class had a total of 27 participants from all over the United States presenting such topics as “What Happens When a Church Closes” and “How to Assist Struggling Churches.” The class focused on issues leading up to the General Conference when many felt the uncertainty of denominational issues. It was interesting and uplifting at the same time to virtually connect with this class. They also suffered the sudden loss of a Christine Gilbert, California District Administrator and classmate, in the middle of the course work. I look forward to celebrating with this class in person one day and encourage you to keep them in your prayers.

Despite the many challenges we faced over the past year, I am happy to report that we had 16 participants complete the PAUMCS Online Course in 2020. The course started in June, which was near the beginning of the pandemic. Many group projects were cleverly developed and centered around current pandemic issues. They truly made it interesting and educational for our connection. We will also celebrate the class of 2020 for their hard work in such trying times.

In the meantime, the Advanced Certification Course has been put on hold due to Covid restrictions to meeting in-person. Like you, my daily prayers are for an end to this pandemic and a return to the blessings in the normal activities we thought we would never miss. Thank you for being part of this awesome organization. I look forward to the great fellowship and sharing of great ideas to grow us individually and as an organization.

“The one thing that you have that nobody else has is you. Your voice, your mind, your story, your vision. So write and draw and build and play and dance and live as only you can.” - Neil Gaiman



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