



# Community of Christ

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## Announcement Regarding the Next World Conference after 2023

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Dear Friends:

Like many aspects of our lives, the 2022 World Conference was delayed one year because of the global pandemic. When the announcement was made to delay until 2023, the First Presidency initially anticipated the next World Conference would be in 2026. This was based on the normal three-year cycle.

As described in *The Way Forward* messages, the World Church Leadership Council has been discerning and planning. The many topics include church mission, structure, leadership, and finances. Through this process, it became clear that waiting until 2026 would defer timely consideration of various strategic opportunities and projected leadership transitions. It also would create unplanned delays in implementing long-range financial plans.

Two World Conference Resolutions (WCR) speak to how and when the World Conference date is established. WCR 1320 *Dates for Future World Conferences* authorizes “the First Presidency to set the dates and locations for future World Conferences in compliance with WCR 1288.” WCR 1288 *World Conference Interval*, passed in 2007, includes a series of whereases establishing the rationale for using a three-year interval. It resolved “That beginning with the upcoming inter-Conference period, World Conferences will be scheduled to meet every three years.”

However, these WCRs do not address what should happen if a scheduled World Conference is delayed for reasons outside church leadership’s control. This was the case for delaying the 2022 World Conference to 2023. Once the 2022 World Conference dates were set in accordance with WCRs 1288 and 1320, the expectation for the next scheduled Conference was 2025.

With the strong support of the World Church Leadership Council, the Presidency believes it is in the best interests of the church to consider the dates of the 2023 World Conference as an anomaly for scheduling the next World Conference. Consequently, the World Conference after 2023 will be in 2025 as originally scheduled.

After discussion with the World Church Leadership Council, the Presidency has set the dates as **Friday, May 30, through Friday, June 6, 2025.**

In Christ’s Peace,  
The First Presidency