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NACCC MISSION STATUS UPDATE

THE PINEY WOODS SCHOOL

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC) continues to assess the mission entities affiliated with the National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC). As always, this assessment is based on a set of clearly defined criteria that is regularly communicated to all mission groups. The criteria are based on the MOMC examining the ministry activities of a particular mission and approving sending money to support those ministry activities. Further, as described in the Handbook for the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council, missions associated with the NACCC must:

- provide timely and complete program and financial reports to the NACCC.

The defined criteria form the basis of the covenant relationship between our mission partners and the NACCC.

If, for any reason, a mission no longer meets the established and agreed upon criteria or changes the nature of its ministry, the leadership of the NACCC and MOMC will make multiple attempts to communicate with the mission leadership to gain clarification and to resolve the issue. Sometimes, unfortunately, if the issue cannot be resolved, the council with the guidance of the NACCC may be compelled to terminate the relationship with the mission.

That has happened recently with **The Piney Woods School**.

The Piney Woods School, located in Mississippi, is doing good work to fulfill the Great Commission. However, it has repeatedly failed to provide timely and complete financial reports for evaluation, as required under US law. Because of this, MOMC with the guidance of the NACCC has decided to remove this mission from our approved lists.

Certainly, decisions like this are never easy. As good stewards of the moneys donated through the NACCC to missions, our established mission policy, which is in line with applicable laws and regulations, needs to be followed. **Therefore, effective immediately, the NACCC will no longer accept donations in support of The Piney Woods School.**

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