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Good Morning everyone. As I am writing this fce Flash dawn is just waking up, the sun is coming up, the birds are singing making this a new and glorious day. The air is calm, for the time being, and the birds are enjoying their morning meal at the feeders in the backyard giving them cause to sing. We have much to be thankful for even with this strange virus invading our country. Many heartfelt prayers and hugs go out to all of you at this time with the coronavirus (COVID-19) affecting all us in one way or another. Maybe you know someone that has gotten sick, maybe there has been a loss of life, businesses have had to close or figure out a new way to do business or maybe you have even been laid off or furloughed due this strange virus causing havoc with all of us.

With all of this going on your national FCE board and conference committee has had a few conference calls to make a very hard decision. **We have made the decision to cancel the 2020 National Conference in Portland, Oregon.** This was a very hard and sad decision to make, but we felt for the safety and well being of our FCE members it was the thing to do. Many of us are in that, what they call, the vulnerable age so travel would have been a safety concern. We want all of you to be safe and healthy and will miss seeing all of you for national was the time to renew friendships, meet new members and a time of learning.

Oregon will be the site of the 2022 National conference for we are headed to Cincinnati, Ohio for the 2021 conference.

We know that there are many things to sort out yet with the conference being cancelled. We are working on those aspects and as soon as all the bugs are worked out we will pass the information on to you. Be watching for the fce Flash to arrive in your email inbox for that is the media that will keep you up to date. So, if you know of someone that has not been receiving them please make sure that the headquarters office has their correct email or pass this on to them for it is very important for all FCE members to be informed.

Today is **MAY DAY** which is a holiday rich in folklore, celebrating the return of spring. As a child, maybe you remember grandparents, parents, or friends leaving delightful little May Day baskets and dancing around the Maypole at school. Kids would make May Day baskets with flowers or candy, ring the doorbell, leave the basket and run away so that the receiver of that basket did not know who had left it.

Maybe today is the day that you send a basket of flowers in the form of card or letter full of wishes to a relative, friend or neighbour just to let them know that you are thinking of them at this time of social distancing and not being able to visit like normal times. Let us also fill our May Day basket with patience, kindness, blessings, sunny days, and goodness as we learn to live with a new normal at this time in our country.

Please watch the website www.nafce.org for updates as they become available and remember to take advantage of the May special of 20% off your order. Judy Jones is working from home due to Kentucky's shelter in home order, but the orders emailed into the headquarters office will be honored when she is able to return to the office.

2020 NATIONAL FCE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Below is my May Day basket full of sunshine to all of you today.

Everyone Stay Safe and Healthy!

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NAFCE President

