



Dear Retreat Leaders,

Guided by our fundamental commitment to the safety of those whom we serve, we have made the difficult decision to cancel our fall 2020 retreat season.

Please know that this decision comes after prayerful deliberation of the many factors involved. Those factors include: 1) the sustained rise of COVID-19 cases in Georgia since May 25th, indicating increased risk to personal safety and for viral spread; 2) the challenges of mitigating a still-emerging pandemic in a retreat center setting, particularly given increasing cases combined with insufficient rapid testing availability and reliability; 3) the impractical amount of time that would be required of retreat leaders and volunteers to spend in on-site training prior to retreats in order to ensure consistent implementation of mitigation efforts necessary to keep everyone safe.

We deeply regret having to take this measure, yet trust that you understand, and hope that you find our willingness to be proactive as evidence of our faithful partnership with you in ministry. Directly related to that, fall retreat groups are entitled to a full refund of payments and deposits made to this point. Groups also have the option to transfer deposits to a 2021 booking. At your earliest convenience, please email Carrie Ann Sienkiewicz at carrieann@glisson.org to confirm your receipt of this letter and to inform us of how you would like to proceed. Once we receive written confirmation of your selection via email, we will initiate your refund or transfer. If applicable, checks may take up to three weeks to arrive and will be mailed to the address we have on file for your booking.

We know you and your group are already grieving the loss of so many experiences – and it pains us to be adding your fall retreat to that list. We grieve alongside you. We long for groups to be able to gather together again at Glisson to grow closer to God and to one another – safely. To that effect, we are constantly monitoring emerging guidance for camp and retreat centers, and will continue updating and adapting our existing policies and procedures in preparation to reopen for retreats this January.

We hope to see you and your group at Glisson in 2021. Until then, we pray you and yours stay safe and well.

Sincerely,

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