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Bonner's Ferry ID Convention Shut Down

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To Our Dear Friends,

Many prayers, tears, and copious consideration have gone into our decision not to have convention at Bonners Ferry, Idaho, this year. We have been made aware of the depth of our crisis as many criminal acts (especially in relation to child sexual abuse and sexual abuse) have been committed and we feel that one criminal act is too many.

We now understand that allowing access to our personal property could provide unfettered access for abuses to occur. We simply cannot stand by and ignore the pain or contribute to the pain of any victim of abuse. If we are to move forward and have convention in the future, we must prioritize working together toward a safe path of transparency. We feel that there is currently discord on how and where information is provided regarding convicted perpetrators and those with allegations. In some cases, there is a refusal to acknowledge or accept responsibility for these actions that protect perpetrators rather than the victims.

Due to our geographic location, we have a somewhat unique situation where we have many international attendees. With the current lack of communication between the countries and states, there are too many possibilities for perpetrators to come onto our property and we cannot move forward blindly. We will need to have transparent communication internationally to feel that all attendees would remain safe.

Transparency is the path forward.

Eric and Eileen Madson