

# Woodstock 2023 convention cancelled: Punishment?

Another update from Bob and Stacy Bainbridge, May 7, 2023. They have asked that this be shared publicly. \_\_\_\_\_

Email from brother worker to Bob and Stacy:

Hello Bob and Stacy,

After talking about it a bit more among ourselves, we still feel that it is better not to have the convention at Woodstock this year. Hopefully things will be better next year, and we will be able to have it again. Take care. Your brother, (redacted).

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**Response from Bob to the brother worker:**

**They call this Group Punishment. It's a tactic used by the military to enforce strict discipline. It has no place in God's fellowship. Why should all of the friends suffer because we criticized you. This will cause hurt and division. What we need is kindness and healing. We believe that this is a deliberate effort to ostracize us. This also sends a threat to anyone who would want to speak up about abuse or corruption to be silent or else. The fact that you told us Thursday night that convention was cancelled and then later told others that it was undecided was deceitful and wrong.**

**It is staggering that you would hurt us in this way. All we asked is that Morgan's request be honoured: (Redacted) needs to step aside from the work temporarily and get mental help. A code of conduct needs to be written so that new workers understand clearly what is expected of them. Older workers need to know how to behave in a Christ-like manner. How to teach the younger workers with kindness. All workers should be aware of what behaviour is inappropriate. Why is that so much to ask? Morgan read to us today some emails and text messages from two brother workers who previously were criticizing the overseer and encouraging her to keep pushing for change but now are dismissing her abuse.**

**Wonder what happened?**