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Dear Superintendents,

My name is Zach Fleming. I am the Pastor of Youth & Family Ministry at the McPherson Free Methodist Church, in McPherson, Kansas. I have been serving students and families in McPherson since 2005.

This past March (right before the world got really crazy, really fast) I took over as the director of FM:Infuse. FM:Infuse is a ministry of the Free Methodist Church (USA) which seeks to resource, equip, and encourage Free Methodist Youth Workers across the United States.

One of the ways we accomplish this is by putting on an event called FMYC. FMYC stands for "Free Methodist Youth Conference." This high school event takes place once every four years and is traditionally held in Ft. Collins, Colorado.

Upon taking over leadership of FM:Infuse in March, the major task that was before me was FMYC 2021.

In the brief time since early March, COVID-19 really began to impact all of life (and it continues to do so). The FMYC executive planning team had been meeting weekly on platforms like ZOOM since March.

Around mid-to-late July it became apparent to not only our team, but to the Free Methodist Board of Bishops, that because of the realities and uncertainties surrounding COVID-19, that the wise decision is to postpone FMYC until the Summer of 2022.

This announcement was first released in a video to the Free Methodist Youth Workers (USA) Facebook page. If you'd like to view that video, you can do so here: <https://youtu.be/5jv2b0l08g4>

I would also invite you to share the existence of this Facebook group with all youth workers in your conference. It is a space that is frequently updated with resources and announcements, as well as a great space for FM youth workers to connect.

My current goal is to restructure FM: Infuse to reclaim what it was originally intended to be: FM:Infuse exists to see a new generation of youth leaders that are fully committed to the call to reach teenagers for the cause of Jesus Christ through the resourcing and encouragement of the FM denomination.

Our mission is to network and equip youth pastors and volunteers with the necessary resources and training needed to fulfill our shared vision.

I'm working now to not only rebuild the CORE leadership team of FM:Infuse, but also our network of local youth workers in the United States. It would help me immensely if you would pass on/ forward the churches in your care (especially those who have a youth worker).

In addition, please pass on my contact information. I'm working hard to reestablish this network and can use all the help I can get.

Youth Workers, I invite you to reach out to me (introduce yourself, etc.) at your earliest convenience. *

Grace & Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Zach Fleming". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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