

Clever MO convention cancelled

Aug 13

WINGS Note: The first letter is from the owners of Clever convention grounds. That is followed by a message from overseer Craig Winquist.

Aug 12, 2023

Dear Friends,

We are sorry to announce Clever Convention will not take place this year.

As many of you know, we have been in conversations with Craig Winquist to make sure the grounds are safe for all during convention time. Craig and the two of us have made progress and agreed on a number of protocols.

We (Lecil and Gaby) feel moved to protect our Friends from those, including workers, who have knowingly allowed predators to continue to cause harm. We can only open our home to these people once they have taken actionable steps to right their wrongs and have re-earned the trust of our fellowship and those they harmed. Craig wants to make exceptions for some people. As such, this year's convention will not proceed.

Instead of convention and preps, we have offered Craig our home as a gathering place for workers to discuss the ongoing SA and CSA crisis. We urge the ministry to use this as an opportunity to develop and implement solutions that atone for the decades of abuse in the Truth.

Our commitment to our faith and our fellowship remains strong, and we are hopeful Craig and other workers will take the necessary steps in time for Clever Special Meeting in April and next year's convention. We will continue working with them to find solutions that do not compromise the safety or well-being of the fold.

We encourage those who have knowingly allowed a predator to continue to cause harm to step forward, apologize both publicly and privately, and join the effort to find safety, justice, and peace in the Truth. There is still a chance for you to be a part of the solution.

In solidarity,

The Townsends

Subject: Important notice of cancellation of Clever for 2023

Dear all,

Another development in a strange and difficult year. We have decided it is better to cancel Clever this year. We can still plan on the pre-preps having a week or so of preps at Clever to take care of a few items that will be a help through the year. Lecil and Gaby both welcome us there. In it's place this year we plan on adding a Rogers 2 the week of Clever so that those from Missouri who would like to attend a convention will have access to one. We have been in touch with Joe and he is aware of the need and is planning on hosting it. So our visitors that were to be at Clever will now be attending Rogers 2. Thanks for all you do A brother, Craig

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