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Dear Findley Family,

The Committee on Camp and Retreat Ministries (CCRM) and the Upper New York Conference Executive Staff Team has spent significant time in prayer and conversation regarding our current situation at Findley Camp & Retreat Center. We write today to share with you that we will not be offering traditional summer camp programming for the 2016 season. Although this was a difficult decision, we believe it is the best decision at this time.

The rich tradition of camping ministry on these grounds will have a lasting impact for generations to come. There have been many decades of faithful, fruitful ministry through Summer Camp at Findley. Over a number of years, however, camper numbers have declined and in 2015, we received a total of 154 campers during the summer. We have also seen a significant decline in guest group usage throughout the non-summer months over an extended period of time. These factors, combined with increased operational costs, have resulted in significant deficit.

During this time of transition, the committee and conference leadership are studying our options and seeking God's guidance for strategic direction of this Holy Ground. While the future is not vet clear, it is our plan to continue hosting Family Bible Camp July 24 - 30, 2016, and we encourage you and your family to consider attending this wonderful week-long program.

To assist in meeting the camp needs of our Findley camper families, enclosed with this letter you will find a discount certificate to attend a week of camp at our other Camp & Retreat Centers in Upper New York. This certificate may also be used at Wesley Woods (Wesleywoods.com,) a camp and retreat center operated by the Western Pennsylvania Conference and located approximately 40 minutes south of Clymer, N.Y.

Registration will be opening within the next several weeks. If you have questions or need assistance, please feel free to call our Camp & Retreat Ministries Registration office at 855-414-6400.

May you find joy, hope and peace in the New Year.

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