



South Florida Area 15

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Area 15 Member,

Your Area 15 Officers along with the Quarterly Coordinator Committee and Hosting District Chairperson have been monitoring weather conditions since the middle of last week. We have remained in constant contact since that time as the storm developed from Invest 98 L, to TD #9, to Tropical Storm Ian, and continue to be in contact as the storm likely will become Hurricane Ian. (Please keep our friends in District 19 in your prayers as they will be the first to feel the impacts of the storm.)

At this point, indications are that Ian will make landfall along the west coast of Florida late Thursday with outer bands felt as early as Tuesday night. While we are aware of the Area 15 body's overwhelming desire to meet in person as planned, the safety of our members is at the forefront of our minds. We therefore have formulated eight options, Plans A through H, as possible scenarios for our October Assembly. After meeting this evening, we have narrowed down those options to three.

Option 1 - As long as there is no significant damage to the hotel, and if the hotel has power, we will meet as scheduled, but it's too soon to speculate if that will be the case, as there is significant uncertainty in Ian's long-range track. Be assured we are prepared to implement other options if needed. Also know that your Quarterly Coordinator Committee is in contact with the hotel and is monitoring options open to us in that regard.

Option 2 – This would be an in-person event on a date(s) and location to be determined. We would only have elections for Area Committees and then proceed with our Business meeting followed by Area 15 Elections. This could be a one-day event or a Saturday/Sunday event. Our preference is to stay as close to current location as possible.

Option 3 – Since our members prefer to meet in person this is our last option to have a one-day virtual event where Area Committee elections could take place followed by Area Business and Area 15 Elections.

Once we have a better sense of how the storm is unfolding and who may be impacted, I will inform everyone via email on Wednesday, September 28th. Please rest assured we are working on the best plan for the greatest number of trusted servants in our area. A decision may not be possible until landfall and we know more about resulting storm damage. Please share this information widely and check your email frequently up to and including Wednesday for updates on how we will proceed.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Everyone is in our prayers for safety during this time.

Thank you for your continuing service!

Grateful to serve,
Lisa D.
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