

I am writing to inform you that we met this morning as a committee for this fall's 12-step retreat and wanted to keep you abreast of matters as they unfold. Due to the continuing rise in COVID-19 cases, the requirements of the state park district to hold the function IF the park is open, and the costs associated to meet these requirements, as a committee we have decided to postpone this year's 12-step retreat and celebrate the 33rd annual event in the fall of 2021. This decision was made with much conversation, debate, and God's direction, but we feel it is in the best interest and safety of all those involved at this time from the new member seeking recovery to the Region and the costs and even possible legal actions that could occur from having it and someone coming down with the disease due to our inability to maintain social distancing and required protocols.

We furthermore would like to make a motion to rescind my nomination as chair of the 2021 Tar Hallow 12-step retreat, to allow this entire committee to move forward with continued planning for next year's event. We will need the webmaster to remove the registration link from the area website and members to spread the word that the event has been cancelled. I know we will have to make a committee vote, as we did with OCNA, to allow this committee body, led by Mark S as chairperson, to continue with next year's planning as Mark's term will be coming to an end after the date of the scheduled event.

Please let myself or Mark know of any questions you may have in regards to this. We will be ahead of the game in terms of our planning for the 2021 event if allowed to continue. May you all be in good health, spirits and recovery and I look forward to seeing you soon!

In grateful service,

David C
12-step committee Vice-Chair