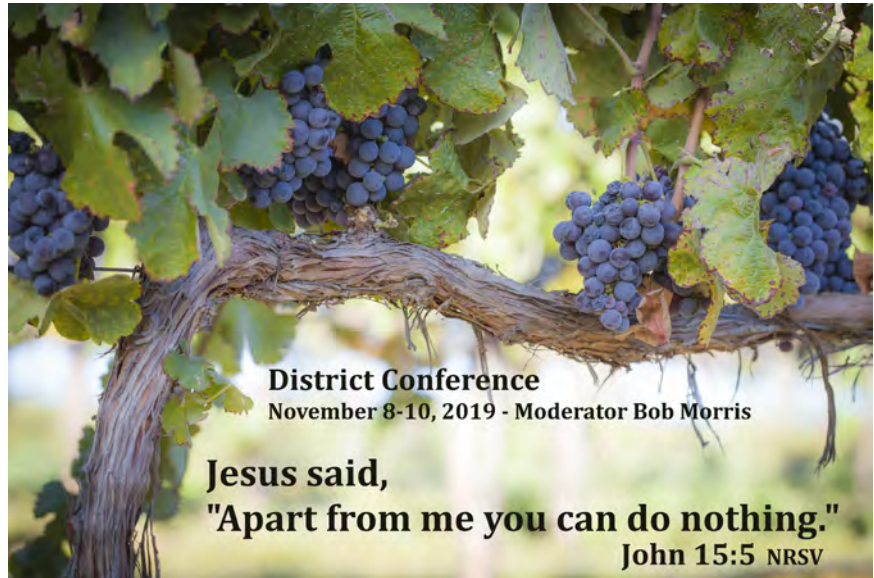


Jesus said, "Apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5 NRSV)
Jesús dijo, "Porque separados de mí nada podéis hacer." (Juan 15:5 RVR1960)

When I hear Jesus' words, I am called to prayer. Jesus reminds me 1.) that I must be constantly listening to and talking with him, 2.) that any of my efforts which omit Jesus will be spiritually empty, 3.) that I am totally dependent on God, and 4.) that abiding in Jesus is the only way for me to remain connected to Jesus and to sisters and brothers. Jesus statement implies that everyone of us needs to maintain a vital, prayerful, connection to Jesus Christ.



Earlier this year, through District publications and by way of my church visits, I have asked each one of you to join me in regular prayer and to also do things that enhance your connection to Jesus, and, by extension, that enhance our connection to each other. Frequent reading of the Gospels and Old and New Testament Scriptures have helped us stay joined to Jesus and joined together. Because, if we are cut off from Jesus, the True Vine, we are also cut off from each other, the branches, and our work then becomes empty and amounts to nothing.

Since January, I have been visiting as many churches/congregations as have answered my invitation for a visit. Most of those visits have been on a Sunday morning. (When you receive this District Conference booklet, I yet may have a few congregations on my schedule still to be visited.)

Please plan to spend Friday through Sunday, November 8-10, 2019 in beautiful Scottsdale/Paradise Valley, Arizona. Although we held District Conference at the Franciscan Renewal Center in November of 2013, this year our main meetings will be held in an entirely new facility. We expect that our accommodations there will be even better than before!

I'm looking forward to our praying together while we are apart and when we meet together. Remember, add prayer to your church's program. It won't increase your budget, and the benefits are out of this world.

Gratefully,

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