

Email of Keith Kesti, chairman of the Southwest Area Mission Committee

April 22, 2026 · "LLC Annual Meeting Agenda - Coastal California Congregation"

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Attachment: SWAMC draft notification letter to the LLC office (not reproduced here)

Brother's,

God's Peace. Since our annual meeting in February, the Southwest Area Mission Committee met to discuss our decision, recommending removal of Coastal California as a member congregation, to the LLC Annual Meeting Agenda. In addition, we sent a draft notification letter to the LLC office for review and comment. This letter is attached. Today Daniel, Arvin and myself had a chance to discuss our request in more detail, and outline the process for informing our sister congregations.

At our committee meeting it became clear that adding our request to the formal meeting agenda could raise a number of question in congregations who haven't been been part of our meetings over the past few years. The LLC brothers had the same thought. Perhaps it would be best if this request was made from the floor so that the delegates present at the meeting would hear our summary and request collectively, and the Holy Spirit would guide the ensuing discussion. By submitting a formal request, we would be reserving a speaking turn and the meeting chairman

would be instructed ensure that our turn wouldn't be forgotten.

One clarification that came out of our meeting today was that a discussion at the LLC annual meeting is the beginning of a process to consider our recommendation. After the annual meeting another special meeting would be called to continue the discussion and make a final decision. My prayer is that Coastal California's delegate would attend the LLC annual meeting and the time between meetings would be for discussion where God would guide and instruct us.

On a temporal note, we need to come to a final decision and send our notification by the end of May as meeting agenda items must be received by the LLC office no later than two weeks before the published meeting date. The following is a schedule of events:

1. Southwest Area member congregation's boards and delegates meet to discuss this request and provide comments to the committee.
2. Decide which congregation's delegates will provide a summary at the annual meeting.
3. Finalize the request letter by May 23, 2026.
4. Committee sends the notification letter by May 30, 2026.

We have a loving God who takes care of His congregations, and we pray that God would give us ears to hear and a heart to accept his guidance.

God's Peace,

Keith Kesti
SWAMC Chairman