

Gateway Conference Canceled Amid Robert Morris Scandal

The annual conference put on by Gateway Church, Gateway Conference has officially been canceled.

As the fallout from the shocking revelation of former lead pastor and founder Robert Morris' sexual abuse of Cindy Clemishire, who was 12 years old at the start of the abuse, the Conference leadership explained in a public statement why they felt it was in the best interest of everyone to cancel.

"We want to let you know that after much prayer and consideration, we have decided not to hold Gateway Conference in 2024. Our congregation and staff are in the midst of navigating Robert Morris' resignation and the emotions surrounding it. We are deeply sorry for the pain this situation caused the survivor, other survivors of abuse, and the Church at large.

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"As we seek to navigate this season in a healthy way and in a manner that promotes healing for everyone affected, we believe it best to not hold Gateway Conference this year. We are sincerely sorry for any inconvenience or disappointment this causes. For those who have already registered, we will be issuing full refunds on the tickets.



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"We are overwhelmed by the love and support we've received from many of you for our congregation, volunteers, and staff who serve this church. Thank you for your partnership and support through this season, and thank you for your love and

prayers.”

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With Gateway Church still reeling from the ordeal, interim teaching pastor Max Lucado has stepped in to help guide and right the ship of the Dallas-area congregation and bring about healing and restoration to the community.

“My desire is simply this – love God’s hurting people. I see this as an opportunity to do just that,” Lucado previously stated.

Pastor Joakim Lundqvist has also temporarily joined with Gateway to help in a pastoral role for those still on staff at the megachurch while also occasionally giving sermons.

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