NEWS ABOUT THE NEXT LINCOLN FORUM: ONLINE, NOVEMBER 14

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Dear Lincoln Forum Colleague:

I hope this latest communication finds you and yours safe and healthy. Thank you again to those who took time to respond to our recent survey. Your answers were most illuminating.

Considering all the troubling health news we have heard since then, you will probably not be surprised that we have chosen to make some major adjustments to our traditional routine.

We are pleased to announce that, while we must postpone our customary November 16-18 in-person symposium, we will organize a one-day, online Zoom Lincoln Forum from 10 AM-5 pm EDT on Saturday, November 14, featuring some of the authors we had announced for the original gathering (including Ted Widmer and H. W. Brands), plus a provocative, urgently important, panel on teaching Lincoln and the Civil War amidst the new national reckoning about Confederate memory and systemic racism. All sessions will include Q & A. More details coming very soon.

We have decided not to charge a special registration fee for this event, but will make it available to every member in good standing. Members will receive a Zoom invitation the day before the symposium. All you will need to do on November 14 is open your computers, click the Zoom link, and enjoy the show! If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2020, you may mail your dues to Henry F. Ballone (address above); or use the newest feature on our website—www.thelincolnforum.org—click the “membership” link and renew online.

We do ask that you consider making a donation to the Lincoln Forum to help us cover the costs of the Zoom symposium: speaker honoraria, technology fees, printing, and administrative costs. Please mail your tax-deductible contribution to Henry F. Ballone (address above); or use the newest feature on our website—www.thelincolnforum.org—click the “membership” link and renew online.

Finally, your executive committee is delighted to announce that we have booked the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel for a delayed, but eagerly anticipated 25th anniversary celebration and full, three-day symposium the weekend of May 21-23, 2021—with details to follow. We will then skip the November 2021 Forum and return to our regular schedule in 2022.

Our ability to meet again next spring will of course depend on a higher authority than mine. We can only hope that the pandemic will soon ebb without harming our health, eroding our spirit, or reducing our determination to meet again face-to-face in better days.

Thank you for all you do and we look forward to “seeing” you on November 14!

Sincerely,

HAROLD HOLZER, Chairman