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Board of General Superintendents statement on coronavirus

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To our global Nazarene family,

These are unprecedented days in the life of the church and for the citizens of the world. The global pandemic as a result of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has led us into new territory. The good news is that all of this is not a surprise to God, and while we may feel unprepared and uncertain, we know that we are able to put our faith and trust in God. We encourage you not to live in a spirit of fear but to allow His peace to lead and direct each and every day. Today, we pray for the peace of Christ to bring us calm in the midst of this storm.

Throughout history, the church has been used by God to reflect Christ in a time of crisis. This is the time for the church to shine. Reach out in holy love to those in our communities who are in need. Do not allow prejudices to form our opinions regarding particular people groups, but instead, "love your neighbor." Consider those who will be the most affected by restrictions, and be prepared to share resources with those in need.

The Board of General Superintendents and additional Church of the Nazarene leadership continues to closely monitor the spread of COVID-19 and its impact on the church and people around the world. We are working closely with districts and churches to provide guidance regarding legislative and jurisdictional questions during this time.

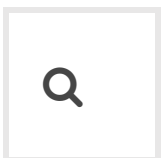
[Click here](#) for general guidelines for local churches.

We continue to pray for all those affected by this illness and are believing for the Lord's wisdom, healing, blessing, and guidance during this difficult time. Let us not stray away from our faith into fear during these hard times, "for the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline" (2 Timothy 1:7).

For the latest information regarding COVID-19, visit the [World Health Organization](#) website.

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