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May God's grace and peace comfort you during these uncertain times!

As you well know, the whole world is under this current trial of the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

We would like to continue to encourage that all people, young and old, would take this seriously and that each one would try to follow the hygiene guidelines, gathering limitations, and travel restrictions that our public health officials are giving us. Each one of us has a responsibility to help protect those in our own community.

As mentioned in the previous announcement, there are several precautions that each person can do to help slow or stop the spread of this virus. This information is posted on your local, state and federal public health websites.

There is an abundance of news and rumors circulating throughout all forms of media. In these times, we need to use common sense and find solid sources for our information. This is also true when it comes to news or announcements regarding our church services or other church related announcements. Due to the inability to gather at our regular services, many of these announcements will be posted on the church website and we encourage all to check those sites periodically for current information. If you are unable, or do not have access to the internet, find someone in your area that can relay these announcements to you. We encourage the preachers and boards in each community to work together to provide clear direction and announcements.

Concerning the spring missions, they were arranged and were to be fulfilled if no insurmountable obstacles arose. Due to the various gathering and travel restrictions that are currently in place across the whole world, the mission preachers have decided that they are unable to fulfill the planned spring missions and are thereby cancelled.

On Sundays, we encourage all to gather around the word of God in their homes with hymns, prayer, reading of Laestadius sermons, and conversation as it has sometimes been necessary in times past. The parents should also try to hold Sunday school for the children. We realize that the number of people that can gather may become more restricted and adjustments may have to be made as this pandemic advances.

At these times, we also want to remind the parents and grandparents to have conversations with the children about the current world events and to reassure them that we have an almighty God who is watching over us.

May God keep his protective hand over us!

For and in behalf of the national board and mission preachers,



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