

Dear saints meeting in Long Beach,

The leading brothers in the church, along with brothers from surrounding localities, have been prayerfully monitoring the developments related to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Both Los Angeles County and the State of California have declared a state of emergency regarding COVID-19. During this time our responsibility is to pray and stand for the Lord's interests (Eph. 6:10-20), to watchfully shepherd the flock of God (Acts 20:28), to love our neighbors as ourselves (Mark 12:31), and to cooperate with governmental authorities (Romans 13:1).

As believers, we are a people who meet together, and we will continue to do so until the Lord returns (Heb. 10:24-25). Yet we must exercise foresight before both God and man for what is honorable not only in the sight of the Lord but also in the sight of men (2 Cor. 8:21). We thus announce the following interim modifications to our meetings for the remainder of March and into April:

- All small group meetings should **meet remotely** via videoconference or phone and **not in person**.
- **There will be no Lord's Day meetings on 3/22 and 3/29.** We encourage small groups to meet via videoconference or phone for fellowship and prayer.
- **Prayer meetings on 3/17, 3/24 and 3/31** will be held remotely by small group via video conference or by cell phone.

Let us all give ourselves to the Lord to freshly experience Him for His advancement in Long Beach during this time. *"Charge those who are rich in the present age not to be high-minded, nor to set their hope on the uncertainty of riches but on God, who affords us all things richly for our enjoyment; to do good, to be rich in good works, to be ready to distribute, to be ones willing to share; laying away for themselves a good foundation as a treasure for the future, that they may lay hold on that which is really life"* (1 Tim. 6:17-19).

We joyfully remind all the saints that our true residence is *"a land which Jehovah your God cares for; always the eyes of Jehovah your God are upon it"* (Deut. 11:12). Because we are practically joined to Christ as the reality of the good land and are enjoying His riches, God's eyes are upon us continually, causing us to enjoy God's presence and making us the object of His care.

Standing firmly in the Lord,

The elders in the church in Long Beach