From the Desk of District Executive Minister John Jantzi

March 16, 2020

Dear All,

The COVID-19 virus outbreak is an event that calls for our very best thought, prayers and response. The column above, right, contains some responses and recommendations the District and States have made. In addition:

1. The District is working at developing a network of people to report on needs, concerns and prayers in their part of the District. The designated people and accompanying responsibilities will be released tomorrow.

2. We will be providing a daily District release that features a mediation, specific resources, prayer, and resource concerns. Once the network of support is up and functional, we invite individuals to submit prayers, concerns, and resource ideas to these individuals, which will then be given to the District Office for inclusion in the daily update.

3. The District Office will be operating with skeleton staffing. John Jantzi will be in daily from 9:00-5:00. Office Manager Sarah Long will be in on Monday and Wednesdays. All other office staff will be working from home until further notice. All District meetings sponsored directly by the District, e.g. the CGI class has been canceled this week. We will evaluate on a week by week basis and make further adjustments per the emerging situation.

4. In addition, many congregations are already posting, emailing, and working at communication and support mechanisms. Be tuned in to what your congregation may be doing.

We have an opportunity, during this time of much uncertainty, to build the bonds of fellowship and community ever deeper in Jesus Christ. Let’s continue to support each other in the deepening of our faith and the broadening of our compassion.

Serving Christ Together in Hope and Expectancy,

John Jantzi

Shenandoah District Executive Minister

Resources for Leaders

March 12 District Leadership Team Recommendation
March 13 Governor Northam’s School Closing Announcement
March 14 Governor Justice’s Guidance on School Closures
March 15 Governor Northam’s 100-person limit for public gatherings; School Closures
Brethren Disaster Ministries Resources for Coronavirus Response