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In compliance with the order of Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear to cease all public gatherings, the Kentucky churches of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference are to be closed until further notice.

All Tennessee churches of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference are encouraged to follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendation that groups be limited to 10 or less until further notice.

All Kentucky-Tennessee Conference churches should plan accordingly and notify their church members as soon as possible.

It would seem that some may suggest this is being overly cautious and/or even a lack of faith, but it is our belief that God would have us act with both faith and wisdom and treat this threat as serious.

We are also strongly encouraging our churches and pastors to inform their members to please stay faithful with stewardship. For those members unaccustomed to on-line giving, the website *Adventistgiving.org* provides an easy-to-navigate portal for facilitating contributing tithe and offerings.

Circumstances have in some instances, forced us to, with little notice, cancel some of our scheduled meetings and events, including our two regional camp meetings. We have presently not made a decision on our May Camp Meeting or whether we will extend school closures beyond the end of the month.

Please know that your conference administrative team is prayerfully spending time every day in attempting to stay updated with all of the information, particularly as it impacts our staff, our congregations, our schools, and our mission.

On March 23, Nashville Mayor John Cooper issued a “safer at home” order for all of Davidson County for the next 14 days. The order closes nonessential businesses and urges people to stay at home unless they have an essential need. This directive means that we have presently closed the Conference Office to all incoming visitors. As per the order, this closure is to continue for at least the next 2 weeks. Conference staff and department directors are still accessible thru email or phone contact.

Finally, in this challenging time, in which it would seem is going to last perhaps a number of months, let’s remind ourselves that Jesus is our God and Guide, and it is in Him that we will trust knowing that He can, and will, see us safely through these troubled hours. A promise from His Word: “The Lord your God is in your midst. The mighty One will save. He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love.” Zephaniah 3:17

Each of you are in our prayers, and please keep those of us who serve in the office in your prayers!

Steve Haley, President
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