



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As the third Sabbath since our church buildings have closed is a few hours away, we will have to continue to exercise patience when it comes to our longing to congregate in the good old way. Nevertheless, the current situation has been a great opportunity to remember that the church is not the walls, but the living body of Christ composed of men, women, youth and children, the people of faith.

Our communion with God and our fellowship continues through virtual visitations, prayer meetings, Sabbath School groups, and sermons organized by our pastors and church leaders. In times like these, our churches keep their focus on the ministry of Jesus: preaching the gospel, helping the needy, teaching the people about health and heaven.

Around us, many people are experiencing deep anxiety, potentially more damaging than the COVID-19. Isolation is hard and some of them may be lacking food or hygiene products. It is hard not to notice the opportunity to minister to the flood of needs continually bursting from this crisis.

We have not been spared. We know of three of our members from two churches in Montreal that have been infected. Two have been at home with mild symptoms, and we praise God that even our brother in his 80's no longer needs respiratory support since Wednesday. Some of us may be affected economically or in other ways, but we must claim the promise of the Faithful One who said: "I will never leave you, nor forsake you."

Our administration team, pastors, teachers, and staff are more united than ever in prayer and in regular meetings seeking divine wisdom as we try to fulfill our mission in these unprecedented conditions. We pray that this is also happening in all our churches.

We will continue to update you through regular communications and through adding updates, resources, and news on our website. In this newsletter, you will find new insights on how our Conference and the world church are responding to this crisis. Our prayer is that each one of our members and churches in Quebec is a part of this response, which springs from God's love, compassion and desire to save humanity completely.

Let us wish you a blessed and peaceful Sabbath under the wings of our Loving Heavenly Father!

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