

Dear British Columbia Conference Members:

Greetings! We would like to update you regarding the latest news and decisions that the BC Conference Administrative Committee (ADCOM) has taken related to the coronavirus health crisis.

- On our [www.bcadventist.ca](http://www.bcadventist.ca) homepage, we have included a link for our members to view messages and resources from our office, our higher organizations, and from Adventist Risk Management, ADRA Canada, and Governmental Agencies. This link will be updated automatically as needed.
- We are monitoring this situation closely and are updating our pastors and principals in the field directly. They are amazing and have gone above and beyond to support our church members/families during this time.
- In compliance with the safety regulations mandated by the BC Provincial and Canada Federal governments, we have informed our pastors and churches not to have any gatherings of 50 people or more, including church services, until May 30. We are strongly advising everyone to maintain a safe social (physical) distance when interacting with people. ADCOM is also strongly discouraging even our smaller congregations to hold face to face meetings during this period as many seniors and children are involved. It is indeed a challenging time for all of us, and we are doing our best to be part of the solution during this difficult situation.
- Our pastors have received resources and been encouraged to continue to provide spiritual leadership to their local members through the use of creative and friendly technological methods. Their response is very positive. Most of our church members will benefit from online worship services, Bible studies, and Sabbath School. Some pastors will tape messages ahead of time and livestream them on Sabbath mornings. We are working around the clock to ensure that the spiritual needs of our members are met!
- Our Treasury Department is in contact with the pastors and treasurers of our churches which currently do not have the Online Giving service available to their members. It is our desire and expectation that our people continue to enjoy the blessings of a faithful stewardship and relationship with the Lord. We have also included information regarding the Online Giving option and a tutorial on our website. We are working hard to release the stewardship video for this month with focus on youth and mission.
- The BC Conference Communication Team is busy trying to keep things practical to make available the latest info and resources to our workers. Our Social Media channels are marvelous avenues of communication.
- In an attempt to protect our office personnel, the access to our building will only be granted to those with a pre-arranged appointment. Our Office Staff is a group of dedicated workers, a source of inspiration, and a wonderful team to work with.
- Our Departmental Directors are discouraged to travel to attend meetings in the field (# 3 above). Video/teleconferences are encouraged at all levels, when necessary. This measure is also in effect in our higher organizations.

We hope and pray for your understanding and support during this unprecedented time for all of us and will keep you posted about this matter. We envision the well-being of all of our members!

We kindly invite each of you to join us in prayer as we navigate through these “troubled waters.” Please find below three beautiful and encouraging promises from God’s Word:

“The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” **(Exodus 14:14 NIV)**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” **(Philippians 4:6-7 ESV)**

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.” **(II Timothy 1:7 NKJV)**

We are a Team and God will see us through -- we are in His hands. Nothing is impossible for Him!

God’s richest blessings to each of you and your family members.

In His Service,

BC Conference Administration