



ARKANSAS-LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS
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Office of the President

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus,

I want to begin by thanking you for your tremendous response in your tithes and offerings in December, January and February. I am so proud of each one of you. You have been faithful, and God has blessed abundantly. Thank you again.

We are living in a pivotal time in earth's history. We are continuing to see Bible prophecy being fulfilled before our eyes. The good news is very simple. God is still in charge. He has not fallen away or become distant. He is ever present!

I am reminded of what the Psalmist says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof." Psalm 46:1-3 NASB. There is no need to fear as we move forward in different ways than in the past. This virus may be one of the pestilences that Jesus spoke about in Matthew 24. Whatever may transpire, please remember that He is still Sovereign.

Dr. Michael Campbell, professor of religion at Southwestern Adventist University, reminded us recently, this is not the first time that Seventh-day Adventist Churches were admonished to close in the face of a pandemic. 102 years ago, in 1918, the church also faced a serious pandemic, in the form of the 1918 flu that killed millions around the globe. During that pandemic, the General Conference advised churches, and many were closed for almost 4 months. God sustained His church and He will sustain His church now.

During this time of uncertainty, we can still be actively engaged in prayer, Bible study, and worshipping through digital media. Many of you can worship with churches that are live streaming online. You can check with the conference website for more information. Some of you can be able to participate by watching 3ABN or Hope Channel.

While not perfect, we are still the church. Church is not a building, but it is His people. Just because we don't meet together in a building is no reason, we cannot keep up with one another by phone, letter, Facebook, video chat, and other means available. Let's continue to make sure our brothers and sisters in Jesus are doing well.

In addition, there are many ways you can still participate in giving and stewardship. You can mail your tithe and offerings to your local church treasurer. You can also return you tithe and offerings through Adventist Giving, either through your local church, if they are enrolled, or through the conference website.

While we endure, let us hold fast our hands in Jesus' hand and remember that when we see all these things happening around us, to "lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Luke 21:28 NASB.

Yours in the Master's service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard C. Dye, Sr." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Richard C. Dye, Sr.
President

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