

*Many Communities*  
**ONE Church**

Good evening Pastors and Churches of Canada Pacific District. We are living in unprecedented times and in response to the worldwide COVID-19 outbreak the Canadian Superintendents have met together and are issuing the following statement:

***“We, the leadership of the Churches of the Nazarene in Canada, declare immediate suspension of all “in-person services” and gatherings until further notice.”***

The governments of Canada and of BC & The Yukon have made it very clear the severity of the crisis that is upon us, and the necessity for swift and very significant action. We do not know where this will end but we are compelled to take all necessary precautions to protect those most susceptible and vulnerable amongst us, and to help safeguard the reliability of our medical services infrastructure.

This declaration by the leadership of the Church of the Nazarene in Canada will be reviewed no sooner than the first of April.

Still, in a kind of defiance in the face of these necessary measures, I want you to hear my louder declaration: I BELIEVE GOD WILL PROVE HIS POWER AND GLORY THROUGH AND IN SPITE OF THIS CRISIS. We all understand that the Church is not defined by the building in which we sit, nor the frequency or manner of our coming together. Nevertheless, a necessity for creativity and innovation is upon us. The Scripture implores us to “not give up meeting together.” Needless to say we will have to exploit contemporary communication tools to make that happen. Likewise, Christ’s great commission doesn’t get to be put on pause. Again, “innovation” will be our way forward.

In the coming days you will receive multiple communications. We will be talking together about how to conduct services online, how to continue pastoral care, how to facilitate the continued collection of tithes and offerings. But for this moment, let’s make prayer the priority of hearts and minds. God will lead... let’s set a renewed determination to follow the voice of His Spirit.

A fellow servant,



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