

AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY

St. Thomas	1732
St. Croix	1734
St. John	1741
Antigua	1756
Barbados	1765
St. Kitts	1777
Tobago	1790
Trinidad	1890
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**FOR ANNOUNCEMENT**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warm Christian greetings in the name of Jesus, our Chief Elder.

My family in Christ, the COVID-19 outbreak has been upgraded by the World Health Organization to a pandemic which essentially means that it has spread to most places around the world. The temptation is to respond with more fear. But we remind ourselves of the presence of the Triune God who continues to refuge and strength.

As we contemplate these realities please take note of the following:

1. The advice from last week remains the same – practice good hygiene and be cautious as you interact with others. If you feel unwell, stay at home and seek medical help.
2. For our seniors, persons with immune system deficiencies, and persons with lung conditions should stay away from crowds out of an abundance of caution.
3. Fellowship time at church should be limited to verbal exchanges until further notice. This may be difficult but we must be responsible given the new context.
4. As much as possible, be consistent with your intake of vitamin C, vitamin B12, and citrus to boost your immune system. Items that are needed to clean your home such as disinfectant, should also be procured for added protection.

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5. In the meantime, be deliberate about how much of the international new coverage you watch as more news usually increases anxiety. Take time to reflect on Scripture and the comfort we have in Christ.
6. This is not a time to be selfish. Be open to how God might be calling us as church to be a non-anxious presence in the world. There is no greater power than the power of God the keep us amid the unfolding challenges of life. Families should be deliberate in covering each other in prayer before they leave home.

*Further, He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in Him I will trust." Surely, He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the perilous pestilence. He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler (Psalm 91:1-4).*