

Monday, April 27, 2009

Dear ones in Christ Jesus:

In an ill-timed way, we have been bombarded by alarming news that makes note of a disease that, if adequate measures are not taken, can be spread from person to person. Here in the Federal District, as well as the states of México, Hidalgo, Oaxaca, San Luis Potosí and Nuevo León, there is concern because many patients are being treated.

Through the president of the republic (of México) and the health department, information has been shared and decisions have been made that in some way will help to avoid the spread of the disease from one person to another. As the executive committee of the General Assembly (of the National Presbyterian Church of México), we are recommending the following:

1. Respect the government's orders, which have to do with not having worship services until further notice. This recommendation especially concerns churches located in those states in which preventive measures are being taken, particularly in the Federal District and the state of México.
2. We appeal to presbytery leaders to be sensitive and conscious, to invite members of the churches to pray as a family for the following:
  - a. For the authorities who are assuming responsibility for giving adequate directives.
  - b. For medical personnel who are studying the origin and cause of the illness in order to find the appropriate medicines to treat it.
  - c. For those affected by the illness and their families, as they experience difficult times.
  - d. That God's people would be protected in the different regions of our country, that this might be a time in which we are sensitive to God's voice and that we would take this opportunity to reject any attempts to impede the progress of the church, and by contrast, that we have a positive attitude. This is what we have to share in such a difficult time, but at the same time, it invites us to seek and trust in God.

Fraternally in Christ,  
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