

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Board of General Superintendents

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Dear Pastors and Leaders,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ. Day after day, we receive word of your faithfulness and service amid this COVID crisis. As you bear the name Nazarene, you are reflecting The Nazarene well by participating in His mission. Even in challenging circumstances, followers of Jesus are not deterred from knowing and reflecting Christ in the world. Thank you!

While some are ready to move on from this virus and think about recovery, others have not had time to grieve or bury their dead. As we consider our worldwide church family, let us remember that many members of the family have been deeply wounded and others are suffering. The virus continues to make its way around the world; and as a result, we receive new reports daily of sickness and death. Our church in Peru has seen the passing of 22 members in just one district. We have pastors who have become ill and hospitalized, with some on ventilators. In Mexico, we have seen many members sick and at least six have passed away.

Not only are there those who are ill, but the economic conditions are leaving many individuals hungry and regularly searching for food. Through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM), citizens of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) who were stranded in Rwanda were [provided with more than 4 tons of food](#). In the United Kingdom, homeless people have been given food, and support has been provided for those who are at risk for suicide and addiction. Our Child Development Centers in the Philippines are not only feeding children and their families but also raising awareness for the need to protect children against exploitation and abuse.

The Board of General Superintendents will be in meetings with leadership over the next two weeks. While some employees have returned to the Global Ministry Center, we continue to practice appropriate social distancing to protect our ministry teams. Like many of you, we continue to have many Zoom meetings and other virtual gatherings. We are working with our leaders to explore ways in which we can best serve the needs of the church and the mission of Jesus Christ both now, and into the future.

We covet your prayers for the work of the church and for all those who are in need. We need to add action to our prayers because there are many physical

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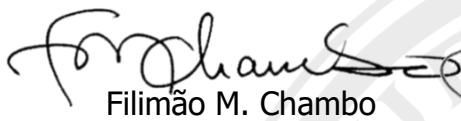
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needs. If you can help, a gift through [Nazarene Compassionate Ministries](#) will help us feed those who are hungry and minister to the physical needs of those who are suffering.

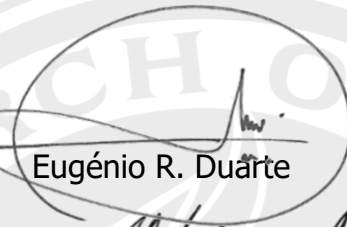
We are praying for you as you serve the Lord and His Bride, the Church.

Grace and peace to you all,

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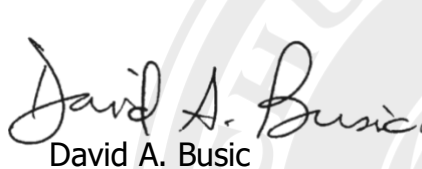
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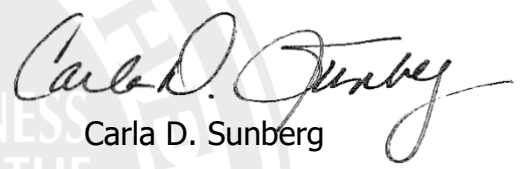
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