



Dear Florida Conference family,

Jesus designed His church to be salt and light in a world of confusion and crisis. We are called to make a difference during the pandemic our world is experiencing today. We call on you to develop an attitude of prayer and surrender as we plead with the Lord to help us get through these challenging times.

Considering recommendations from official public health resources, after much prayer, and in an effort to keep our church family safe and healthy, we ask our churches to suspend all gatherings for the next two weeks. Florida Conference office has closed its doors to the public until the end of March. The majority of our staff will still be accessible through email and will be conducting work as far as possible. This decision is also consistent with the recommendations from the General Conference, North American Division, and Southern Union. Additionally, we are canceling both English and Spanish Camp Meetings, IMPACT Miami, and other significant Easter events around the conference.

We encourage you to connect with your local congregation through online programs where available. In an effort to provide a worship experience for all the members in our conference, a message of hope will be shared by Florida Conference President Allan Machado next Sabbath evening, March 21 at 6:30 pm, and by Executive Secretary Tim Goff the following Sabbath, March 28, at the same time, via [floridaconference.com/livestream](https://floridaconference.com/livestream).

We hope you will join us in taking this opportunity to come together in prayer, reflecting the body of Christ. We here at the conference are praying for those who are suffering from the effects of this virus, as well as our worldwide mission, country, churches, families, and for you.

Today we reclaim the promises of God: Because we have made the Lord, the Most High, our dwelling place and our refuge, no evil shall be allowed, no plague shall come near, and the Lord shall command His angels concerning us to guard us in all our ways (Psalm 91).

May the Lord bless you always,

Florida Conference Administration

