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### **Greater Church of Deliverance, Inc. COVID-19 Public Statement**

The Presidium of the Greater Church of Deliverance Inc. wishes to convey its concern for the safety and health of our National Church Membership during this fluid global health pandemic: Novel Coronavirus or COVID-19. This rapid spread virus has disrupted our lives and operations in multiple ways that pose a threat to our physical, spiritual and economic health. **We live by the WORD and are clear of the scriptural promises of Psalm 91, specifically verse 10, latter clause, “neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.” We decree this blessing upon each of you, individually and as a collective body.**

In light of the aggressive nature of this virus, we are suspending any scheduled in person national meetings until March 31, 2020 and we are asking all Diocesan Prelates to do the same which will allow us all collectively to minimize the risk of exposure for attendees, staff and other participants.

- All Diocesans are formulating contingency plans. They will make any necessary updates and announcements concerning postponements or cancelations available to their areas.
- National auxiliaries are encouraged to seek alternative ways to continue their ministries if it becomes necessary.

Local congregations are encouraged to make or engage their emergency plans for amended and potentially distant worship and learning

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opportunities. Let us all STAY CONNECTED. We live in an enhanced technological age. Use digital platforms to stream worship services, convene meetings, lead prayer services and Bible studies. Utilize conference calls as another option.

Google is making the professional version of Google Hangouts Meet available for free as a tool to livestream services for churches.

Let us continue washing our hands often, using alcohol-based hand sanitizers when necessary and disinfecting personal and public touchable surfaces before and after services and/or events.

Let us continue coughing appropriately into our elbows and practice social distance guidelines. This means no hugging, hand-holding, cheek-kissing or any high-fives to keep the most vulnerable among us safe. This may be difficult for some but for the moment, it is a healthy necessity.

Finally, the Presidium is calling the National Church to pray collectively. Please Join Overseer Patricia J. Sanders on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm via Facebook live.

Released Under the Hand of Our Metropolitan,  
Bishop Freddie B. Marshall, Ph.D.  
Das Beste oder nichts!

