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KYAG COVID-19 Weekly Update
Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 8:00PM, EST
By the Superintendent of the
Kentucky Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God

KEY UPDATE POINTS

I remind us that it is a great hour to “be” the Church! Yes, it’s unprecedented days across the globe. But, remember, it is His Church and He said, “He will build His Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” God is our Sunrise (Dayspring) -Luke 1:78, our Wonderful Counselor -Is.9:6, our Advocate -1 Jn.2:1, our Cornerstone-Ps.118:22, and our Prince of Peace -Is.9:6. / We’ll get through these trials. Have -Live - and Give Hope! He is faithful. Jesus; no other name. / Pj

Easy Access - CDC GUIDELINES:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

- 1. I have scheduled a ZOOM meeting for this Friday morning at 10AM EST, April 3, 2020, for our Presbytery to convene in Special Session.**
- 2. I have implemented a weekly KYAG Superintendent’s COVID-19 Zoom UPDATE each Thursday afternoon at 4PM, EST, for 1) all KYAG credentialed ministers, 2) KYAG global workers, 3) KYAG Ministry Department Leaders, 4)**

KYAG Network Office Staff Personnel. Those individuals receive both email and text information with the link for meetings.

3. I have asked Bro. Holder, Exec. Sec./Treas, to compile a **new Initiative regarding Minister's Benevolence Assistance** during this COVID-19 crisis for the most needy of our KMN pastors/ministers/churches. To Be Announced.
4. The Executive Officers have extended the **OFFICE CLOSED time frame for the Network Office, Camp Crestwood, and all Network events until APRIL 30** in compliance with White House directives to maintain - social distancing and stay-at-home / no public gatherings of individuals regardless of size - policies until that time. Our Network staff will continue our MOBILE work environments until that time when it will be re-assessed.
5. **All KYAG Churches and Pastors are directed to do the same.**
6. Again, White House. Sunday, March 29, 2020 – Extending **Social Distancing until April 30**. Please follow these guidelines in your local churches.
7. Gov Beshear – continuing – **no public gatherings of any kind**
 - a. Please CONTINUE TO **NOT MEET PUBLICLY** in your ministry facilities, small group gatherings, etc.
 - b. Palm Sunday and Easter services will not be offered in public / social venues – as we expected -
 - c. The re-scheduled KY JBQ State Tournament – to April 18, has now been again cancelled from that date – to be determined if it can be rescheduled for summer or thereafter.
 - d. Again, **Network Conference 2020 is Cancelled**; We will inform everyone as rearranged plans are confirmed.
8. **Governor's Executive Order Travel Ban directed (Mon., March 30, 2020)**; Ky-ians to not travel out of state
 - a. If you've traveled to another state and returned; required to now quarantine for 14 days
9. **Drive in Services**
 - a. Governor Beshear gave a green light for drive in services. He asked four things.
 1. Cars are to be parked 6 feet apart.
 2. No one can get out of the cars.
 3. Occupants in the car must be of the same family.
 4. No passing items to/or between the cars, ie...no offering or communion.

10. LEGAL COUNSEL: Ag.org/churchlawandtax (Richard Hammar – AG Legal Counsel)

11. BUSINESSES offering delayed payment options: ...such as fordcredit.com (if you drive a Ford vehicle)...

12. FEDERAL GOVT: CaresAct (900 pages/ \$2trillion) – Richard Hammar – informed legal opinion

- a. Dual Purposes:
 - i. To get cash into the hands of Americans /

- ii. And to do it quickly
- b. For resources to help guide churches through this pandemic-
Covid19.ag.org
- c. Influenzomagazine.com will publish ongoing resources

The Acknowledgement of Governmental Assistance to all Americans
via the CARES ACT
prepared by KYAG Exec. Sec/Treas, Stan Holder

13. Every American will receive \$1,200 cash assistance.
 - a. The average 4-member family whose parents' AGI was less than \$150,000 will receive \$3,400
 - i. \$1,200 for the father
 - ii. \$1,200 for the mother
 - iii. \$1,000 for the children (\$500 per child)
 - iv. It is anticipated that those who file their 2019 taxes and select the direct deposit option will receive their cash assistance via direct deposit within 2-3 weeks.
 - v. It is anticipated that those who file their 2019 taxes and do not select the direct deposit option will receive their cash assistance via postal mail in 203 months.

14. Pandemic Unemployment Assistance
 - a. The federal and state governments are extending unemployment benefits.
 - b. People unemployed due to/during the pandemic will receive an extra \$600 per week.
 - c. Unemployment benefits will be extended for 13 weeks.
 - d. This could benefit churches and pastors in a secondhand fashion, as church members will have income from which they can give to the church.

15. Foreclosure and Eviction Forbearance
 - a. Homeowners will be protected from foreclosure for six months.
 - b. Renters will be protected from eviction for 150 days.

16. Churches may receive some benefit from the additional \$300 credit allowed for charitable giving contributions.
 - a. The church would not realize this benefit until 2021.
 - b. Pastors and church employees would not realize this benefit until 2021.

17. The Small Business Administration is establishing loans to help small businesses, including churches, to obtain loans to help with payroll.
 - a. The terms of these loans would be for 10 years at 4%.
 - b. The first eight (8) weeks of the principle portion of these loans could be forgiven.
 - c. These loans must be used for payroll.

18. For the PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM loans:

- a. **Contact your local bank** to schedule an appointment to discuss (possibly forgivable) LOANS = to 2.5 X your normal monthly payroll expenses.

Covid-19 continues to be a briskly fluctuating backdrop of that which we've never before experienced. The Kentucky Ministry Network is full of amazing people with a heart for their communities and the Lord. The situation in our nation is changing rapidly. I've prayerfully considered the safety of our Kentucky fellowship and have continued to consult with national and network executive officers before making such challenging decisions. We as a Network team pray for you – and yours – during these trying times. Be encouraged. The King of Kings – is still on His throne!

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Sincerely yours, and for our Church,
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