

# ENKB Updated Statement Coronavirus Crisis

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This is updated and adapted from the previous statement made on 12.3.20.

We encourage the following:

**NOT PANIC BUT PEACE; NOT FEAR BUT FAITH** – Let us hold on to peace and faith and not get washed away in the flood of panic and fearmongering. Hysteria, end of the world predictions, and despair actually escalate the crisis. Let us rather stand firm, being strong and courageous. The latest information about the corona crisis can be found here:

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/#countries>

## **ALTERNATIVE WAYS TO CONNECT IN COMMUNITY –**

**LIVE-STREAMING SERVICES** – We will be doing our services by live-stream as from this weekend, the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2020. We will start by releasing a prophetic message for how to respond to the crisis called, "SING A LITTLE LOUDER!" We will be using YouTube as our platform and will be sending more information through as to how to access the live-stream. We will also be sending regular encouragements and prophetic impressions via Instagram and Facebook.

**PRAYER FRIENDS** – We are giving our Treffpunkt leaders freedom in deciding how to stay connected and communicating that to the Treffpunkt members. We recommend that each person finds two prayer partners who they pray with online every day and who know how they are doing. We want to be responsible in not transferring the virus to others and at the same time are aware that for many people, especially singles, it is not possible to live in complete isolation for many weeks. As always, people have complete freedom in deciding what they will do within the bounds of conscience and German law.

**NOT COMPLACENT BUT RESPONSIBLE ACTION** – Let us be wise and take responsible action. We recommend the following:

**PRAYER & FASTING** – Alongside the global church we are releasing a call to fasting and prayer from Wednesday to Friday (18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March). We will be crying out for God to end the coronavirus pandemic, to restore to people what has been lost, and for many people to enter the Kingdom of God. Fast as you feel led, but we are encouraging people to fast lunch each day. Please find a prayer partner and pray intensively for a great breakthrough.

- Quarantine yourself if you have corona virus symptoms (fever, dry cough, difficulty breathing). Get tested immediately if you suspect you have the virus. A mask also helps not to pass the virus on.
- Be careful of passing on the virus by coughing or sneezing into the air (cough into your elbow).
- Take practical steps to avoid contracting the virus by washing your hands regularly, not touching your face or open cuts with your fingers, avoiding close contact (1-meter distance), and thoroughly cooking meat and eggs.
- Pass this information on to others who may be unaware and particularly to children.

- Be aware of what is going on but avoid too much time reading up on the coronavirus and bad news. This can become obsessive and lead to negativity and depression.
- Spend some time outside and if possible in sunshine. Do some form of exercise even if it is going for a short walk.

**MAKE THE MOST OF THE SITUATION** – We do not believe God caused the coronavirus, but we do believe that what the devil means for evil God uses for good. Let us look for opportunities to redeem the situation. We encourage the following:

- Look for opportunities to share the gospel.
- Impart peace and confidence to others.
- Pray for peace for those who are fearful, and for healing for those who are infected.
- Be kind to others and be aware of others needs, especially the single, the elderly, the depressed, those with psychological disorders, and those with special needs.
- Look for ways to build community and connect with people. Isolation and social distancing are hard on the human heart so look for ways to overcome the current challenges.

Let us pray against the coronavirus and for all those people and situations negatively impacted by it. Jesus is enthroned over the flood and is our refuge and strength. Let us proclaim His goodness, treat people with kindness, and move forward in faith.

God's richest blessings,  
Gareth Lowe & the ENKB leadership team