

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Trinidad & Tobago Nazarenes  
C: Dr. R. Alphonso Porter, Field Strategy Coordinator  
FROM: Dr. Victor George, District Superintendent  
RE: Update on 2020 District Assembly & Conventions  
DATE: March 13, 2020

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The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is with us and as a result, the Church of the Nazarene considers as top priority, the health and safety of all our members. Therefore, our pastors and leaders are advised to be mindful of the following:

1. There should be no hugging, shaking of hands and kissing during any of our services;
2. The Church of the Nazarene will observe all the guidelines of the Ministry of Health as it relates to treating with the Coronavirus;
3. We have been advised by the Office of the General Superintendent through the Field Office that the 2020 District Assembly and Conventions have been **cancelled**. In light of this action we are asking all leaders to communicate with their guest houses to inform them of such and to secure their deposits for next year. We will be communicating with the Port Authority and airlines on behalf of those with tickets to Tobago. If you are still desirous of going to Tobago, please let us know on or before Monday March 16 so that we do not cancel your reservation.
4. Pastors, please begin to think about and discuss with your leadership teams regarding hosting your services online should public gatherings be prohibited.

Nazarenes, this is a serious crisis that is impacting our world. Let us not only pray but also take all the necessary precaution to secure ourselves and loved ones. May God continue to have mercy on us as we trust Him to take us through. *Be still and know that God is our refuge and strength, a tested help in times of trouble. And so we need not fear even if the world blows up and the mountains crumble into the sea. The Commander of the armies of heaven is here among us. He, the God of Jacob, has come to rescue us. "Stand silent! Know that I am God! I will be honored by every nation in the world!" (Psalm 46:1-3, 7,10, TLB)*