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TO: ALL REGIONAL COUNCILS
ALL LOCAL CHURCHES
ALL MINISTERS

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

REF.: OUTBREAK OF THE CORONA VIRUS

Greetings of the Lent Season from the Office of SA SYNOD-UCCSA!

The Lenten period where Christians across the globe are steadfastly reflecting on the 40 days that Jesus Christ, the Son of God found himself fasting in the desert. To us it is a period of reflecting and prayerfully preparing ourselves to embark on Easter pilgrimages. During Easter period we gather in places of worship in thousands of membership. The outbreak of COVID 19, also known as Corona Virus has caused much pain, fears and loss of lives across the world.

The COVID19 or Corona Virus pandemic that has engulfed the whole world, is threatening to curtail the church's normal activities. It requires us to implement some precautions in order to avoid further spreading of this deadly virus.

We understand that the president of the Republic of South Africa has called a special cabinet ministerial meeting which is scheduled to take place today (Sunday of 15 March 2020). The meeting is aimed at exploring next emergency steps to be taken by our nation.

The Leadership of the SA SYNOD-UCCSA is liaising through the Office of SA SYNOD-UCCSA with government officials. The Synod Leadership will also be holding a special tele-conference / meeting tomorrow, Monday of 16 March 2020 after which a statement that will guide us regarding our response to corona virus regarding church services, big gatherings such as conferences and meetings will be issued. **In the meantime please take precautionary measures (see attached). We ask all local churches to hold a special prayer for the victims of COVID19 and the health practitioners who are battling this deadly virus.**

For more information on SA Synod's public statements contact **Mr Makhaya Manie**, our Synod Communications Convener: **076073358** / makhayamanie01@gmail.com

We pray God's protection upon your lives (Psalm 91).

Yours in Christ's service,

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