## Family Federation USA Leadership: Advice on Activities During the Corona Virus

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you as we navigate through these uncertain times in America and the world due to the growing spread of the coronavirus.

The social, psychological and economic impact of the pandemic is already severe and will continue for a few more weeks, or even months. The ultimate length of shut-downs and social distancing restrictions is unknown, but already we can expect to see the economic ramifications of this for a long time.

Our national Family Federation organization is already experiencing the impact of this sudden economic drop through its associated businesses, such as the New Yorker Hotel. On local levels, job loss and canceled events will likely affect local communities as well. Therefore, we have asked all church and public leaders throughout the nation to please refrain from all non-essential spending during this critical period. We have sent them a detailed resource management advisory to conserve and protect our ministries and assets as much as possible.

## **Right Frame of Mind**

We are victorious! We are bright minded and optimistic. At the same time, we are setting the course for a new 7-year period to establish a Heavenly Unified World, and it comes to pass that this pandemic is a worldwide condition. The pressure of this challenge is also stimulating incredible creativity. We are forced to look closely at things that may have seemed essential in the past, but may turn out to be a hindrance to God's plan moving forward.

True Mother called Dr. Kim and shared her concern for our families in America. She expressed her deepest love and encouraged us to lift up our faith in Heavenly Parent and True Parents, to stay united, and expect great victories in 2020!

We also want to offer encouragement that may help you at this time.

## **Keeping Connected**

Consider creating or joining a family support group in your community. Check with your local and district pastor about what's being put in place. Come together online and share ideas and resources about finances, child care, etc. Recharge your spiritual life as a family and in small groups through online study and prayer groups. We can use this time to not only stay connected, but deepen our relationships with Heavenly Parent, True Parents and each other.

We also invite you to join us for the national calls to connect with our larger American family:

"TribeNet Call" - every Tuesday, 9:00 p.m.

"National Prayer Call" - every Wednesday, 9:00 p.m.

Online Divine Principle Study - coming soon!

## **Managing Finances**

Consider implementing a family budget plan, if you do not already have one, or update it for this uncertain period. There are several free or low cost resources that can help, such as:

Dave Ramsey's Total Money Makeover Book (<u>www,daveramsey,com/store/product/the-total-money-makeover-book-by-dave-ramsey</u>)

Dave Ramsey's YouTube Summary (to see if it's the right fit for your family) - (www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-fcI7W-ucY)

Jordan Paige's Budget Bootcamp (budgetbootcamp,com/)

The Budget Mom (<u>www,thebudgetmom,com/</u>)

You Need A Budget (<u>www,youneedabudget,com/our-app-lineup/</u>)

Brothers and Sisters, please do your best to protect yourselves and your precious families. Each of you is important and vital to the victory of the next 7-year course.

Let us also continue to support our local churches as much as we can at this time. Let's attend <u>online</u> <u>Sunday Services</u> and contribute as much as we can financially as well. Let's continue our spirit and culture of giving, and <u>support our communities</u> online, by phone, or by mail.

As Psalms 46:1 teaches us, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Let's turn this time of crisis into an absolute victory for Heaven!

Thank you and God bless you!

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