

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND, INC.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT-LCMS

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Dear Congregations and Schools of the Central Illinois District and Investors:

Our prayers go out to you for your continued health and safety during this COVID-19 health crisis and period of uncertainty.

First, please remember that all is in God's hands. He will see us through whatever crisis faces us. We have that certainty. At times like these, I hearken back to my confirmation verse - Joshua 1:9. The King James Version especially speaks to me: *"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest"*.

Second, let me assure you that your Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund is a stabilizing presence in such times of financial concern. God has been gracious to us over our history - we are financially solid, with a very strong financial-capital position. Your deposits with us are secure and will not decrease in value with the market fluctuations we are hearing about on what seems like a minute-by-minute basis.

We understand that churches and schools have an elevated level of concern because the cancelation of church services will likely result in a decrease in offerings to support the church. To the extent possible, we will support you through this temporary trial you are facing. If your church or school has a mortgage with us and you are experiencing financial concerns during this health crisis, please reach out to us to discuss what we may be able to arrange to offer temporary relief to your circumstances.

On a practical level, both the Church Extension Fund and the Central Illinois District offices will have staff on site, but with irregular hours. This will allow us to continue to process your transactions and answer any questions you may have for us. We ask you to conduct business remotely rather than stopping by the office. We are available via email, phone, and mail – our contact information is at the top and bottom of this letterhead. If we are not available to answer your calls, please leave a message, and we will get back to you as soon as possible. If your transaction does require personal contact, we will arrange an appointment time for you to stop by the office.

We will also continue to be faithful stewards of the investments you have entrusted with us and of the mission God has given to us to support "Church Extension" in the Central Illinois District.

God's Peace to you during these times of worldly challenges. I pray we set our sights on His more perfect vision.

Blessings,

Christine Anderson
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