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DATE: June 4, 2020  
TO: Network Ministers  
FROM: David Dillon  
SUBJECT: Call to Prayer and Fasting

Hello once more from the network office! I sincerely hope that things are well for you and that life and ministry are resuming some sort of normalcy, whatever that looks like after the events of the last few months.

What a year 2020 has turned out to be and it is not even half over yet! Just when it seemed that society was beginning to sort out life in a post-coronavirus world, violence erupted across the nation following a police brutality incident in Minneapolis. As of this writing, violent chaos has filled the cities of America and no end appears in sight. If ever our country needed divine intervention, it is today!

As God's people we must take the lead in addressing the ills of our culture. We must let the light of Christ's love and the manifest glory of His Presence shine through us, now more than ever **AND NOT JUST WITHIN THE WALLS OF OUR BUILDINGS!** Politicians do not have the answer for what ails America, nor do news pundits, intellectuals, entertainers, athletes, etc.—**ONLY THE TRUE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST HAS THE ANSWER!**

We understand that the only true and lasting hope for America is Jesus, plain and simple. Call it revival, an awakening, a fresh revelation, call it whatever you will, our nation needs a new visitation of God's Spirit, as does the Appalachian region which we call home! Not next week. Not next year. **TODAY!**

While it is an absolute necessity to move from the pews of our church buildings to the pavement of our city streets and communities, **we must not move an inch until we have sought direction and guidance from the Lord. This is not an excuse for inactivity but an acknowledgement that we need God**, not just as members of a broken society, but as agents of spiritual change and cultural transformation. **We dare not attempt to accomplish in the flesh what can only be done in the Spirit!**

All this being said (along with so much more that can be said), **I am immediately calling our network ministers and churches, as many as will, to a corporate, collective and concentrated time of prayer on Tuesdays between the hours of 10-11:00 a.m.** If you are able to gather with fellow ministers and believers on this day and at this hour, do so for whatever time you can. If another time period works better, pray then. But even if you cannot meet others and can only pray alone for a few minutes during that hour, pray! Obviously, if we are able to pray within the same time frame across the network, we are crying out to heaven as one, something that moves the heart of God when in alignment with His Word and Will (2 Chronicles 7:14; 1 John 5:14-15).

Also, **I am asking as many as will to commit to fast at least one meal on Tuesdays.** If you feel led to do more, then do so. With intense prayer and fasting, seeking God for direction, and a willingness to move beyond our comfort zone and into the dark places around us, we as the Church of Jesus Christ can make a real and lasting difference in our towns and cities as we present the good news of salvation through both word and deed. We can move from our present reality to the **GREATER** future we have been promised as the Appalachian Ministry Network of the Assemblies of God. "Do you really think so, Pastor Dave?" **YES I DO!** Let. Us. Pray.