

Dear Brothers in Christ,

4/14/20

You are receiving this letter because you are a dedicated servant of Christ and you want to serve the people of your congregation with the Good News of Jesus. The current limitations, imposed by the State of Montana, or by more local jurisdictions clearly abrogate the God-given and constitutionally guaranteed rights of the free exercise of religion and the right to assemble.

This morning a number of church leaders, of various denominations, met in Billings to seek a remedy to the infringement of these rights. We have composed a letter to the Governor, asking him to clarify that neither state nor local jurisdictions in Montana have the right to annul these constitutional rights.

We want you to sign the attached letter ([or at this LINK](#)) to the Governor by responding with your information to office@mtdistlcms.org. **WE NEED YOU TO DO THIS IMMEDIATELY.** As you will see from the letter, we are asking him to clarify by April 24 so that our churches can start meeting by April 26.

If you would like your name affixed to this letter please respond, right now with the following information. Active and retired Pastors are both invited to respond.

| <u>Your name</u> | <u>Your church</u> | <u>Your town</u> | <u>Your # of members</u> |
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| Pastor ... | Trinity ... Church | Circle | 44 |
| Pastor ... | Retired | Billings | |

Send this information to: office@mtdistlcms.org Put "Letter to Governor" in subject line.

The deadline to have your name included is: 6 pm Saturday April 18. Don't miss it.

We hope to have hundreds of Pastor's names from various denominations to send to the Governor. Please respond as soon as possible.

Please also pray that the Governor will respond favorably and publicly recognize these rights.

In His Service,

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