



STATEMENT FROM THE PENTECOSTAL NORDIC FELLOWSHIP

We are in the middle of a pandemic that causes an enormous amount of pressure on both individuals and societies. All over the world a large number of people have been deceased, or suffered great losses, as a result of the virus and the consequences thereof. As church leaders and Pentecostal ministers, we want to encourage everyone to be patient during this time, and at the same time have a sound attitude toward the virus situation.

We must be spiritually alert- and question revelations, prophecies and conspiracy theories that lead to fear and isolation. What we need at the moment, are Christians who share the good news and comfort the weary. God is with us in these Corona times. We set our hope in Him, who is the same yesterday, today and forevermore. Jesus Christ is present, now and in the future. He is all knowing, we can trust Him and we should not be paralysed by fear.

Parts of those who sort under the Pentecostal-Charismatic umbrella in the body of Christ, must be self-critical in their evaluation in regard to their promotion of prophecies and conspiracy theories. No significant prophetic voices did foresee the arrival of the virus. We urge those prophets who now spend energy on scaring people with the consequences of the virus, and warning against taking the vaccine, to be more cautious. The church and the world need prophetic voices, but not "YouTube prophets" who do not stand accountable to anyone but themselves.

Therefore, we ask the Pentecostal churches in the Nordic Countries to be in prayer, and make actions based on love for our neighbor, and not based on fear. There is no contradiction in devoting one's life in prayer, at the same time as we listen to the advice from the health officials. The political leaders are not combating the churches, they combat the virus.

For the five of us this means that we will follow the advise of the health officials in our respective countries in regard to social distancing for as long as it is needed, as well as taking the COVID-19 vaccine when it is our turn in line. At the same time we will continue to pray and remain vigilant in our calling, serving God in caring for the people around us.

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