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## FORMAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE CLBI PROGRAM

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Today, the world has changed. With each passing day, our jaw drops a little lower as we take in the global impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. Remember that in the midst of this crisis Jesus is with us, he has promised to NEVER leave us. As a baptized child of God, the spirit of the living God lives in me. If that is true for you, I invite you to focus on that unchanging spiritual reality.

In response to the directive from the Alberta Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education to prohibit all in-person classes regardless of size, **CLBI has closed the dorm, sent students home, and moved to online classes.** Yesterday morning was a time of many teary good-byes as students grieved having their time together end early. Mixed into the sadness were words of thankfulness for all God had accomplished in our time together on campus. This is a very sad and hard time for the close-knit CLBI community - please keep us all in your prayers.

This is not the first time a tight-knit Christian community has been scattered - In Acts 8 we read how persecution caused the church to leave Jerusalem and go into Judea and Samaria. That scattering, known as the “diaspora”, resulted in the gospel being spread to a world that was in desperate need - and that is exactly what needs to happen right now. Please pray for CLBI as we seek to work through our students, alumni, and instructors to lead as many as possible to put their hope in Jesus in this difficult season.

In regards to the CLBI community, all upcoming CLBI events have been postponed until further notice. However, CLBI is working with the coming instructors to line up opportunities for the public to hear the good teaching of God’s word. We are pleased to invite you to take in the live feed of Pastor Nathan Hoff’s class (“Biblical Leadership According to the Pastoral Epistles”) from March 30 - April 3 (11:15am - 12:30pm MST). Look to CLBI’s homepage or Social Media to learn how to join the class.

Let us stand on the solid news feed of the Word of God even while fear swirls around every corner of our world. “Jesus, you are our Living hope. Come and fill us with your peace. We are in desperate need of you!”

If you have any questions for me, please contact me at 780-672-4454 or at [drostad@clbi.edu](mailto:drostad@clbi.edu).

Partnering with you in proclaiming the hope of Jesus,

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