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## “Sheep in the midst of wolves” and other important matters

Dear Pastor,

1. Jesus Himself said it. He is sending us, His servants, into a world that is intentionally hostile to us, just as wolves are to sheep. In light of this, we are admonished to be “wise as serpents, and harmless as doves” (Mat. 10:16). Since we are like “sheep in the midst of wolves,” I think we may really need to carefully consider what Jesus is telling us. If we want to survive and thrive, it is going to take some effort on our part, some crafty, shrewd, cunning, “snake-like” wisdom. We often recommend resources to you, and since you and your ministry are “sheep in the midst of wolves,” you may want to seriously consider the legal help and protection Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) can provide. What ADF can do for you, as well as information on annual membership costs, can be accessed on their website [HERE](#). It is wise to be prepared and make sure your ministry is as protected as it can be against the attack of hostile forces.



2. Our city, state and national elected officials need our prayers more than ever. The burdens they carry during this health crisis are enormous. Please encourage your people to uphold them in prayer (I Timothy 2:1-4). I encourage you to also take this opportunity to call your state senator and state representative, as well as your local officials (mayor, alderperson, etc.), let them know you are praying for them, and pray with them on the phone. If there are practical ways your church can and will serve your community or legislative district, let them know what you stand ready to do.
4. We know God is doing some amazing things as His people respond to this crisis. We invite you to share with us any special work God has enabled your ministry to do, or any special ways you have seen God work during these days of uncertainty and “social distancing.” I would love to hear from you!  
**Please remind your people they can, and should, still vote!** The statewide non-partisan election is April 7. However, uncertainty about this election is swirling. We are urging everyone to vote early in person if possible (call your municipal clerk to check) or request an absentee mail-in ballot. Click [HERE](#) for information on requesting a mail-in ballot.



In Christ,

WFC Church Ambassador  
Dave Lingle

PS: Many of you were able to participate in the teleconference townhall that we hosted last week with US Senator Ron Johnson, State Senator David Craig, Attorney Rick Esenberg from the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty, and Attorney Mike Dean, who specializes in constitutional law. As a follow-up to the call, WFC has put together some COVID-19 resources for pastors/churches. These resources, including a timely memo from Attorney Dean regarding Gov. Evers’ most recent order, are available [HERE](#).

PPS: Because of restrictions imposed on our ministry as well as yours, the April issue of “Church Connection” will mail at the end of April and will actually be the May issue (even though it says April). The response to COVID-19 forced many unlooked-for changes on us all. Our hope and prayer is that by the end of April things will be returning to some semblance of “normal.”