

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Board of General Superintendents

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Dear Leader:

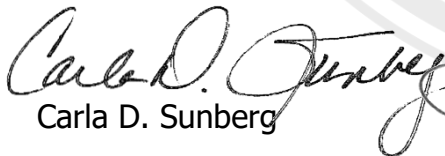
We continue to pray for you on a regular basis. We recognize that these are not easy days and that challenges continue to face us. While we had hoped that questions regarding the pandemic would be behind us, there are continually new challenges, and these vary from country to country, and region to region.

Several church leaders and members have approached the Board of General Superintendents regarding the Church of the Nazarene's position on religious exemptions pertaining to the COVID-19 vaccine. We are reminded that Article 14 of our Articles of Faith states that: "We believe in the biblical doctrine of divine healing and urge people to offer the prayer of faith for the healing of the sick. We also believe God heals through the means of medical science." The decision to be vaccinated is entirely personal and it is left to the discretion of the individual in consultation with their health provider, and a prayerful sense of God's guidance.

However, an exemption to the COVID-19 vaccine cannot be claimed based on Article 14, or our denominational polity. An individual may object to receiving the vaccine on the basis of personal choice, preference, or conviction. The decision will be entirely personal.

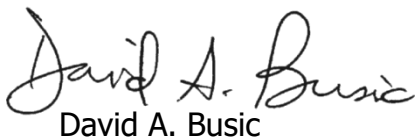
We continue to pray for divine wisdom, grace and guidance, from our mighty and powerful God.

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