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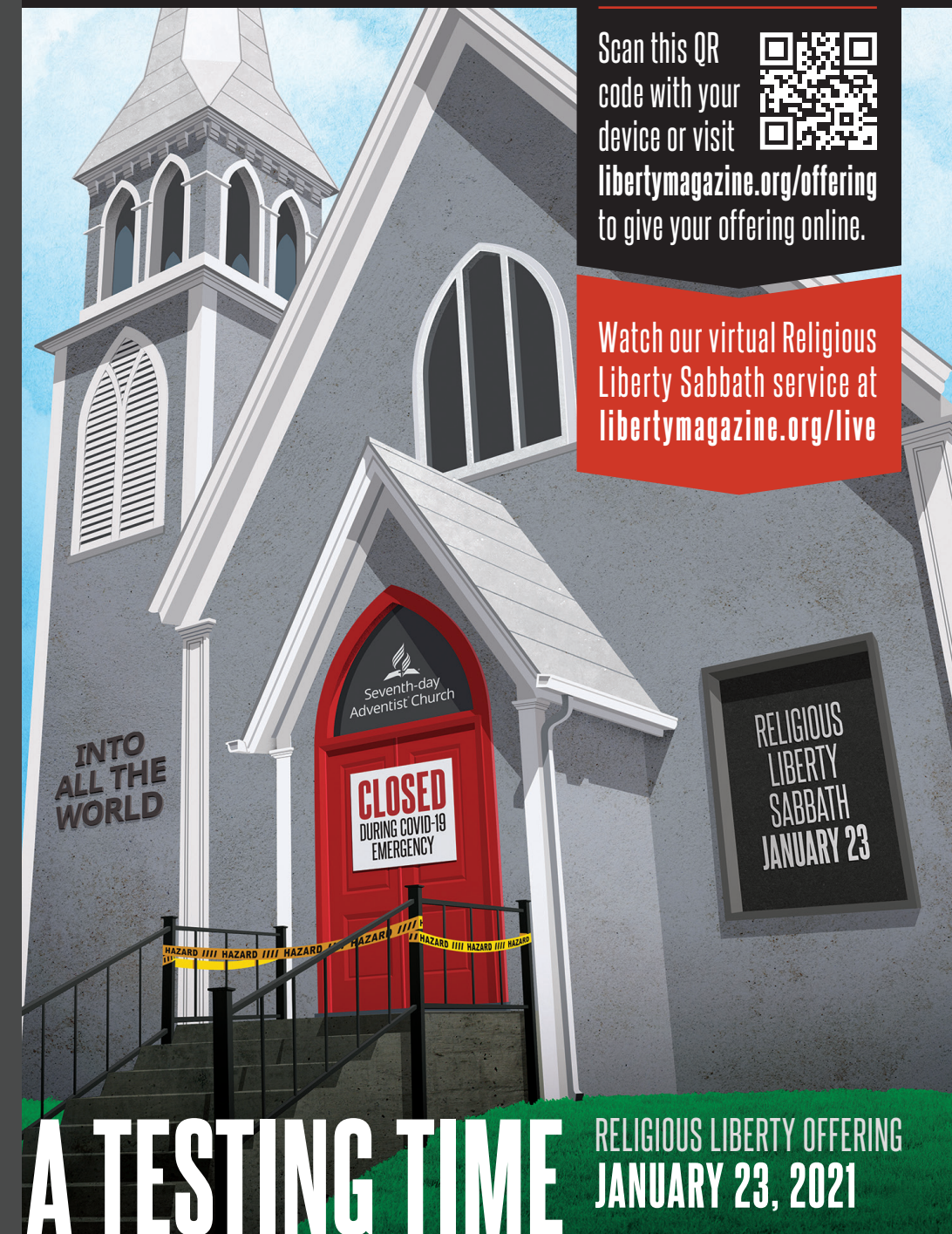
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A TESTING TIME

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FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

“We are not doing the will of God if we sit in quietude, doing nothing to preserve liberty of conscience. Fervent, effectual prayer should be ascending to heaven that this calamity may be deferred until we can accomplish the work which has so long been neglected. Let there be most earnest prayer and then let us work in harmony with our prayers.”

(Ellen G. White, *Testimonies for the Church*, vol. 5, p. 714).

These words were written in 1889, months after a national Sunday law had been introduced before the U.S. Congress to much public acclaim. Adventists and a few others spoke up resolutely, and the crisis was averted.

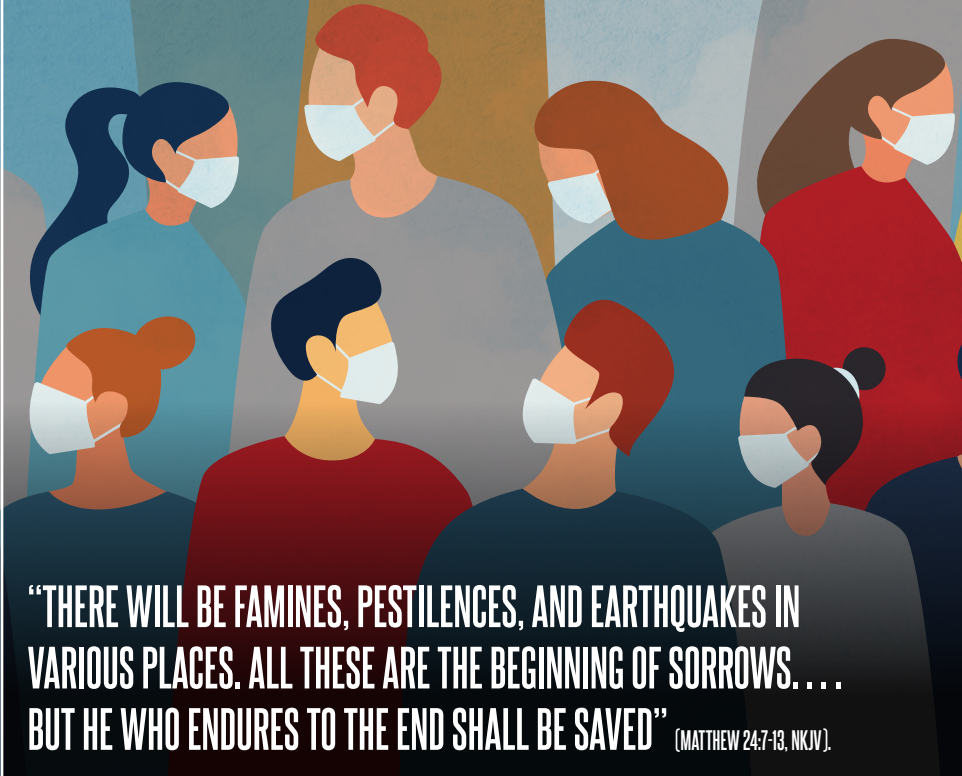
We are today in the midst of an international crisis of the first magnitude. COVID-19 is a proven killer, made more malign by its randomness and insidious transmission. In the United States particularly, life has been disrupted, perhaps permanently. An economy has been shut down and millions may have lost jobs forever. Social agitation has led to rioting and heavy-handed government response. An economy on respirator since 2008 and now gasping after trillions in relief funds--soon may come the fulfillment of a prediction that money will be worthless. And before our eyes, civil liberties are vanishing beneath the necessity of action. And religious liberty is threatened

in a palpable way. Our nominally religious society neglected to include religion as an “essential service.” Generally, faith groups went dormant in the emergency; and those that challenged the situation have been vilified as disloyal and antisocial. Yet in this moment of crisis we need to uphold the banner of freedom, religious freedom, as never before.

Each year *Liberty* is placed before you, and we ask our church community to empower our religious liberty efforts with financial support. It is always vital. But this year the need is palpable. We ARE in a testing time.

The very nature of the emergency and the lines of causality it produces is a reminder that time is short. Historic changes are taking place by the day. Remember, “the night cometh, when no man can work,” as Jesus foretold.

Thank you for responding so generously to our shared opportunity. We will “proclaim liberty throughout the land.”



“THERE WILL BE FAMINES, PESTILENCES, AND EARTHQUAKES IN VARIOUS PLACES. ALL THESE ARE THE BEGINNING OF SORROWS. . . . BUT HE WHO ENDURES TO THE END SHALL BE SAVED” (MATTHEW 24:7-13, NKJV).

- Send *Liberty* to judges who wonder about justice.
- Encourage liberty service.
- Defend those who are bruised.
- Pray for those already before councils and “kings.”

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