

March 15, 2020

Dear Beloved FPCA,

Today, on this Lord's day, I hope that you would find great rest and God's peace upon you and your family.

In response to the recent virus outbreak (Covid-19), our session had a whole-heartedly devoted meeting on behalf of the well-being on our church members and community. Our decision, as some already have been informed, reached to the action of suspending our Sunday worship service for a while. The timeline is unsettled and uncertain at this moment even though our hope is to have a quick return back to our church.

The nature of our decision was made, not based upon a passive response to the virus, such as fear or skepticism on the ability of our medical professionals. Rather it is more on our "active and enthusiastic determination" to keep our community safe and prevent the uncontrollable infection of the disease from spreading into our town. Supporting the efforts of our government and local authorities are also our cause for the worship suspension.

According to our finding from the cases of other countries (China, Korea, Italy, and Japan), and consult to the medical professionals, the most effective way to stop the virus is through separation or isolation. This is the practical and quick-operative way that keeps us, our family and our town safe.

As for our "active and enthusiastic determination," our session will continue to do our best effort to provide all necessary information and assistance to help our church members stay closely connected:

(1) We will create a short worship video every Sunday and post it on our website and Facebook. It will also be sent to you via E-blast. For those who are not able to access the internet, a hard copy of the worship information will be mailed.

(2) We have formed an emergency task team to assist our elderly members if they need any assistance (grocery, post-office, etc.). Please contact our church office if you need someone to reach out to you.



(3) The small group leaders need to talk to their members and decide whether or not they continue to keep their meetings. If they still decide to have the meetings, we need to know how they keep their meetings in a safe environment.

(4) The church office will function as usual. I will be at church on Sundays as well, between 7:00am to 12:00pm.

(5) Our session will stay in close communication and share any information regarding the time to recommence our Sunday worship.

Throughout church history, the role of Christians shines more brightly when a society suffers, or a nation falls in a crisis. I sincerely hope that the people at FPCA stay calm in faith and become a guiding light to our community on how we should deal with this difficult time.

As your pastor, there is one thing that I can be certain of: my prayer for you will never stop. Let's continue our confidence and hope in God. We will get through this. We will help our community get through this.