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RE: Letter from Pastor Matt

Greetings to everyone in the name of God! We want to take a moment to respond to the emerging crisis of coronavirus (COVID-19). It's amazing to see how intimately connected our world is. As the virus continues to impact our world, we all wonder how it will affect our community. In response, we want to be mindful of the following suggestions. If you have any concerns, please feel free to contact us.

- We believe that God is working in seen and unseen ways in the midst of this crisis. We remain acutely aware that God will guide us through valleys of shadows. May we find God faithful to us in the midst of fear and anxious moments.
- We ask that each individual and family be wise with regard to this sickness. If you are experiencing symptoms of this respiratory illness (fever, chills, cough, nausea, diarrhea, etc.), please stay home. If you are unsure, please choose caution by staying at home. Contact your personal physician or other healthcare providers.
- Be mindful that certain groups within our community (those with chronic medical illnesses, the immune-suppressed, those with respiratory or heart conditions, the elderly, etc.) are more at risk. Again, practice caution and wisdom as you discern what is best for you.
- We will endeavor to do our best at caring for you as we gather as the community of faith. We will limit as much interpersonal contact as we can in order to help contain the virus. Frequent handwashing is recommended to help prevent the spread of the sickness.
- As a church, we will still find ways to minister to you, whether in person or via telephone. Please share with us what you are experiencing and allow us to walk with you during this time. You are important to us, and we will want to be present with you as rays of hope knowing that this, too, shall pass.
- Finally, please continue to pray for the needs within our community. Pray for the healthcare workers who are the front lines of defense, pray for those affected by the disease, pray for the caregivers of those afflicted, and pray for a spirit of peace as we deal with anxious moments. May God continue to be glorified in our midst as we are reminded how little we actually control in our world.