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LLCER update on church service gatherings

The COVID-19 Preparedness Plan which was shared with congregation members on May 29, 2020 was required for us to reopen our church activities for in-person attendance. There have been some updates made to the plan, so we are providing congregation members with an updated copy. The main update is to address the situations where a congregation member has a confirmed case of the virus and is included here for your reference:

In the event a congregation member has a confirmed case of COVID-19, they are encouraged to:

- Follow the direction provided by their health care provider including remaining at home and contacting those individuals they have been in contact with.
- Notify a board member if they have attended a church event in the days prior to developing symptoms or testing positive. The board will communicate the dates of potential exposure to the congregation. Names will be kept confidential.

We still recommend that those persons with compromised immunity should avoid large gatherings. With any gathering, there is an increased risk of exposure. Those with underlying conditions or feel that they may have an increased risk are encouraged to listen online. We request that all congregation members consider the following for in-person attendance:

- If you feel ill, do not attend service gatherings.
- If you have been in close contact with a recently confirmed case of COVID-19, please do not attend congregation events for a period of two weeks.
- If you are in good health, feel free to attend service gatherings while understanding there is some risk to encountering contagious illnesses.
- While in attendance, continue to practice the social distancing and hygiene (hand washing, cough covering, etc) practices.

Everyone has their own opinion on the pandemic, and we wish to respect individuals' approaches for dealing with it. The enemy would wish to break love even in these temporal issues. May we remember one another with much love and patience.

We do not fully understand the trials that this time has brought and why it has happened; we may never be granted this understanding. Yet, we can be secure and comforted that God also knows the difficulties His children experience. Our rich and gracious Heavenly Father still cares for us and protects us during this time when questions seem to not have answers. We beseech God's blessing during this difficult time. Let us ask for patience and acceptance during this time. Let us also remember our leaders, health care officials and workers in prayer that God would grant them wisdom and strength in their duties. Let us trust that God will continue to bless and protect our lives, allow us to gather around His Word both in-person and remotely, and preserve us as children in His kingdom until we can lay down our travel staff and leave earthly concerns and troubles behind.

On behalf of the LLCER Board,
Adrian Pirness, Chairman