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Re: CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

To My Tabernacle Family,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus, the Christ! It is my prayer that this communication finds you well. I am writing this communication to update you and encourage you concerning the Coronavirus-19 (COVID-19). I am grateful for the information that we are receiving from our Health Ministry and all the efforts that are being made by Deacons, Trustees, and Staff to keep us safe during this time.

In order to comply with the Governor's Executive Order banning gatherings over 250 persons, we will have two services on Sunday, March 15, 2020. The first service will be at 8:00 am and the second service will be at 11:00am. This is designed for us to continue having corporate worship without interruption due to the Governor's Order.

Also, starting Sunday, March 15, 2020 our services will be lived streamed on YouTube for those who are in the "High Risk" category, those not feeling well, and those who not able to attend. To view on YouTube, simply go to our website at tmbcdetroit.org and click on the appropriate link.

If you do not have the capability to view on YouTube, you may call in and listen via telephone to the service. The dial-in number (425) 436-6361 and access code 819754. Both the live stream and the tele-conference will be available **at 8:45 am for the 8:00am service** and at **12:00 pm. for the 11:00 am service.**

We must not forsake the assembling of ourselves together (Hebrews 10:25). We can fulfill this scripture and still comply with the Governor's Order. I am counting on and praying for your support and cooperation in this matter. As we continue to move through this unique period in which we find ourselves I want to make five suggestions to you.

1) Be Informed

- a) Check with official sources for current information concerning the Coronavirus – 19.
 - i) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.htm>, CDC
 - ii) https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_5104_97675---,00.html
Michigan Department Health and Human Services

- b) Know your risk level.
 - i) **Older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions** like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-

19 illness. Please consult with your health care provider about additional steps you may be able to take to protect yourself.

- c) Do Not rely on Social Media or word of mouth for information.
- d) *“Enthusiasm without knowledge is no good; haste makes mistakes.”* (Proverbs 19:2, NLT)

2) Be Wise

- a) Ask God to give you discernment/wisdom as to how you should apply to your life the most current information from credible sources.
- b) Do not panic! *“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.”* (James 1:5, NLT)

3) Practice These Things

- a) Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds
- b) Wash hand after blowing your nose or coughing
- c) Use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- d) Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- e) Clean and disinfect daily even at home
- f) Put distance between yourself and others this is especially important for those who are high risk.

4) Stay Connected

- a) Even if you are a part of the high-risk group or you are ill I encourage you to Stay Connected!
- b) Call family and friends to keep a check on them.
- c) Use social media to keep in touch with family and friends.
- d) Go to the church’s website (tmbcdetroit.org) to be current on church activities and important updates.
- e) Tune into Sunday Services via YouTube to view or call in to Conference Call Number to listen.
- f) Use Online Giving to continue to support the ministry of the church when you are not able to attend in person. You may also mail in your contribution to the church.

i) <https://tmbcdetroit.org/tithes-offerings>

ii) <https://tmbcdetroit.org/announcements/get-the-gively-app>

- g) *“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.”* (Hebrews 10:24, NLT)

5) Stay Faithful

- a) We must remain faithful!!!
- b) We must refuse to be fearful!!!
- c) God has never failed us, and He will not fail us now! *“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.”* (Isaiah 41:10, NLT)
- d) Always remember: *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”* (2 Timothy 1:7, NKJV)

Shalom!

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