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Re: **TABERNACLE - UPDATE – CORONAVIRUS**

To My Tabernacle Family,

Greetings in the Name of the God Who Keeps Us! It is my prayer that this communication finds you well. As promised on Sunday, March 15, 2020, I am writing this communication to give an update concerning the Coronavirus and how it impacts us at Tabernacle. I first want to thank all of you: officers, ministry leaders, staff, and members in general for your prayers and great cooperation in this time of world-wide crisis. It is my clear focus to lead us in ways that protect your physical welfare, maintain the financial welfare of our church, and strengthen the spiritual wellbeing of our church during this time.

The Governor has revised the Executive Order. The revised Executive Order prohibits any gatherings larger than 50 persons in a single space. In order to comply with this order, we will, starting as of March 17, 2020, SUSPEND ALL IN -PERSON MEETINGS AND WORSHIP SERVICES AT 2080 WEST GRAND BOULEVARD AND 6125 BEECHWOOD until further notice. We are doing this to comply with the Governor's Order.

However, we will have opportunity to worship together by means of live-stream and by tele-conference. **The live stream will begin at 11:00am using YouTube and tele-conferencing.**

- To view the live-stream using YouTube, simply go to our website at www.tmbcdetroit.org and click on Listen to Sunday Live Broadcast.
- If you do not have the capability to view on YouTube, you may call in and listen via telephone. The dial-in number **(425) 436-6361** and access code **819754**.
- You will be updated on future virtual opportunities. Please check the website and Facebook for postings.

- Please join us by tele-conference for prayer at 6:00pm on tomorrow evening March 18, 2020. The dial-in number **(425) 436-6361** and access code **819754**.

This will allow us to still worship together even though it is virtual, thus fulfilling the scripture which says, “do not forsake the assembling of ourselves together” (Hebrews 10:25). This also allows us to comply with the Governor’s Executive Order.

Please note that we will continue our Outreach ministry at 6125 Beechwood. Precautions have been taken to protect our workers and still provide this necessary ministry to our community. Volunteers are needed!

I am counting on and praying for your continued support and cooperation in this matter. We must *Trust Him Through It* and never forget that we have *The Immanuel Factor (God Is With Us)*.

As we continue to move through this unique period in which we find ourselves, I want to reiterate these five suggestions.

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 or bring 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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