

Dear Westway Family and Friends,

This week, in response to the COVID-19 virus issue, we are announcing further preventative actions we are taking for our church family. We continue to invite you to visit the Canadian govt. website for updated and accurate information free from media hype and exaggerations. The link is below.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html>

Additionally, below is the link for the Ontario government site.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus>

We also recommend that you review our earlier e-mail. Churches and groups that approach or exceed 250 have decided to cancel their events this weekend. As we hover just below 100, we decided to hold our worship service tomorrow. We are employing safety measures to reduce the risk of infection and ask that you use your wise judgment to decide for your families. We encourage everyone to wash your hands or use a hand sanitizer as you arrive and as you leave the building.

Social Distancing!

We also recommend that we observe social distancing as appropriate in our services. Maintain a distance of 1-2 meters away from a different family or member if our facility allows it.

Waymakers and The Way will close for the next two weeks!

Implementing handwashing and social distancing among children is more challenging, we therefore recommend that children ages 10 and below stay home. We understand this might mean our families with kids will have to miss church this Sunday. Brian will send out an email later today with possible materials for your kids should you want to do a family teaching or activity. We are also putting The Way meetings on Fridays on hold.

Linger Longer on hold!

To further promote safety and allay fears among our members, we are putting the Linger Longer on hold until COVID-19 is controlled. We are assessing what else we need to do and we will continue to respond as the situation develops.

Livestreaming Updates!

We are continuing to work on having the capability for online presence in the coming weeks. Tomorrow we will hold a live service and post the audio online as scheduled, even earlier if we

can. **OUR SERVICE FOR TOMORROW IS STILL A GO.** Should you decide to stay home, we recommend you visit an online service with a biblically-faithful church. Here is a list of a few church websites I recommend:

Compassion Christian Church - <https://compassionchristian.com/>

Crossroads Christian Church - <https://www.crossroadschristian.org/>

Southeast Christian Church - <https://www.southeastchristian.org/>

As these are mega-churches in our movement, they are leaders in doing livestreaming their services.

We believe God's message has a certain address to each local community and so we are working to have our own livestreaming option. We also believe that a real and flesh and bone church gathering is best but it is our role as good neighbors to help prevent the spread of disease. That is why we are taking these steps.

We also encourage you to reach out to us should you need help. Your church board members and elders are also able to help.

Our Elders and some of our Board members along with their contact details are as follows:

Rene Sevilla (647 206 8629)

Roger Ates (416 272 8910)

Board Chair, Ken Hustler (416 936 8788)

Board Secretary and Food Bank Director, Karen Ewing (647 242 2381)

You can reach out to any of us for questions, comments and requests.

In closing, we want to assure you that your church family is here to help. Things will get better and it is important that you keep your trust in the One who will never fail us all. Live in faith and not in fear and remember that even in times like this, we can help our neighbors find their way back to God by showing faith.

Blessings in Christ,

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