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Living Water Community Church Council

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, once again we write this to you with grace and peace as your Church Council, asking God to bless you in your circumstance and knowing we are tied together through the Holy Spirit!

We want to keep you updated on our discussions and our plans and hopes for the future and so this letter is to inform you of our latest decision.

As a council we again met online on May 4 and weighed input from leaders, members, community partners and task forces from both campuses and decided it would again be wise to not physically meet on Sunday, May 10. We will continue to offer services via Facebook and YouTube.

Again during our meeting, we acknowledged our desire to meet together. We acknowledged what we lose by not seeing each other face to face and we acknowledged the seriousness of what the virus can do to those unprepared. We still value being responsible and caring for our neighbors, seeking to follow Jesus by loving God and loving others. And we believe caring for others during this time means waiting another week.

As we talked about the future, we of course recognize that information continues to come in. We have our regularly scheduled council meeting on May 11 and will re-evaluate our plans then. Until then, we hold a hope for meeting together in some way on May 17.

Again, we will not be physically meeting on May 10 with the hope to meet on May 17, but we leave room for editing that hope as information arises.

Until then, we ask again for you to consider what reopening will look like. We have task forces with key leaders thinking through the possibilities and the restrictions that will need to be in place and we ask that if you have any helpful input, please contact Pastor Garry or Pastor Jesse. As a reminder, here are some of the things we begin with:

- Can we postpone “walk around” time until a later date?
- Can we have services be RSVP to control numbers?
- How do we protect those volunteers?
- Can we “stagger” our services, giving more opportunity to keep numbers low?
- Are we able to provide masks/sanitizer for all?

Among so many other things, these are just a few of the questions we begin to ask as we think about getting back together.

We will continue to monitor the information available and we ask you to keep receiving our communication with care. Please continue to stay informed and please stay in prayer! There is a hope we hold on to and that is Jesus Christ! He has overcome and He has not left. In Him,

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