

March 13, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of KCC,

We are people of faith called to live into the commandment of Christ “to love our neighbor with all of our heart, mind, and strength.” Our neighbors and neighborhood are doing its best to process and respond to the rapidly changing landscape due to COVID-19, the coronavirus. We, at KCC, wanted to make sure we are making the most loving decision to be the best neighbors we could be, and that we are modeling the best practices to keep everyone (and most especially the most vulnerable amongst us) as safe as possible.

Therefore, the KCC Council voted this morning to suspend all Face-to-Face Church Activities starting immediately and suspend KPS Classes starting March 16, 2020. This decision was based on several statements and decisions made by the State of California, the County of San Diego, San Diego Unified School District, in prayerful discernment with what we felt was the righteous, ethical, and most Christ-like thing to do.

Our decision as KCC Leadership was not made in haste, and held in tension many aspects of our community life. Ultimately, though, the following decisions were made:

- All Face-to-Face Church Activities have been suspended starting immediately through April 1, 2020. This includes Sunday Worship, Sunday School, Youth Group, OWL, Wednesday Bible Study, Wednesday Lenten Night Book Study, Choir, Council, and Ministry Teams Meeting.
- Kensington Preschool will close starting March 16, 2020 and will reopen on April 13, 2020. This is in accordance with the steps taken by San Diego Unified School District and honoring the KPS Spring Break schedule for Holy Week.
- Each Week, Pastor Darryl, the Worship Staff, and the Faith Programs staff will be making worship experiences and faith programing materials available via our website. Look for updates on this in the coming days.

- The 2020 Easter Egg Hunt has been cancelled and our Live Simply Bake Sale and Wish-List Collection for San Diego Youth Services has been postponed.
- KCC Senior Staff will continue to work in the office, using best practices of “social distancing” or will be working from home. Staff will be available via email and phone.
- If you are sick or self-quarantined and wish to be added to the Prayer Circle or public prayer list, or if you would like a home visit, and/or you need food or medicine brought to you, please contact the church office at info@kensingtonucc.com or 619-284-1129 or me directly at darryl@kensingtonucc.com or 619-371-7854.
- Pastor Darryl will be asking for volunteers willing to help maintain community and connection as we practice responsible “social distancing.” Volunteers would be asked to make phone calls and check in on our folks, as well as possibly run errands, get groceries/medications, etc. We wish to remain connected and in community during this uncertain time. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Darryl at darryl@kensingtonucc.com or at the church 619-284-1129.
- During this time, those who wish to share their financial gifts and offerings with KCC should either mail their contributions to the church office or visit the Give Page on our website.

Please watch your email closely in the next several days. We ask for your assistance in spreading the word about these changes to our weekly service and/or other church/preschool activities especially to our folks who do not regularly utilize email and electronic communication.

We are here to support our community during this uncertain time. Please feel free to contact us with your questions or concerns. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we navigate this unfamiliar territory. Please know that first and foremost in our minds and hearts is how to care for our community and promote wider public health. We know you all join us in praying for the health of our congregation, our community and our world.

Peace. Love. Understanding.
Pastor Darryl and the KCC Council