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To Our Glen Elm Church Family,

In light of COVID-19, our church is joining in the social distancing measures being recommended by all levels of healthcare and government. Glen Elm Church of Christ will postpone all public gatherings for the coming weeks. Beyond Sunday worship, regularly scheduled events, such as FriendSpeak, KidzLife, and Youth have already postponed upcoming gatherings.

This decision is not driven by fear or panic; rather it has been made in the quest to be responsible citizens and good neighbours. We need to join with the efforts of every sector of society to take care of one another and of the members of our larger community.

Some obvious questions may arise:

WHAT ABOUT WORSHIP?

Our Sunday worship assembly will be facilitated online by video, at our usual time of Sunday at 10 AM. This experience of Worship/Sermon/Communion, designed for all ages to view together, will be streamed through Facebook. To ensure access, please join our Facebook page (@GlenElmChurchofChrist). Ahead of Sunday, prepare some form of communion emblems (cracker/bread and juice/wine), as there will be opportunity to share in Christ's body and blood, with your household.

WHAT ABOUT KIDS/YOUTH?

If you have children up to Grade 6, be sure you are part of the Facebook Group for Glen Elm Church of Christ Children's Ministry. Through that group, Bonnie will be posting and providing resources related to our usual Sunday School program. Jonathan has been in contact with all families connected to our Youth program and will follow up on other details as they are relevant. If you have further questions, email him at jonathan@warmwelcome.ca.

HOW LONG IS THIS FOR?

As we are all learning, this situation is changing quickly and constantly. Moments before sending this update, Saskatchewan announced its state of emergency. We will adapt and adjust as need be, in the days ahead. Please be sure that you are on our email list and Facebook page, so that you receive all future updates.

WHO DO I CONTACT?

Our staff are working, though office hours are fluid as we abide by encouragements to work from home whenever possible. Our shepherds met on Monday evening and will continue to stay in contact. If you have questions, concerns, or prayer requests, email or call or text whichever staff member or shepherd you feel most comfortable contacting. If in doubt, email your inquiry to office@warmwelcome.ca.

We are confident in God's goodness and in His steady presence with us. He loves all that He has created! These are challenging days in so many ways. Let us be people of prayer, voices of hope, and friends to others as opportunities arise.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

For Glen Elm Church of Christ,
Jason Bandura