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Re: TKC Coronavirus COVID-19 Update

Dear Friends,

Due to the challenge of keeping our dear people safe during the COVID-19 outbreak, we are suspending TKC Sunday services and all other meetings and groups until further notice. This is in response to the concerns of our state and national government in their attempt to minimize the spread of the virus. Love demands that we serve and protect one another as best we can.

For our common good, our government is urging "social distancing" to avoid transmission of COVID-19 to those around us. We will comply in order to love and protect our congregation, families, and friends. The Holy Scriptures teach us through Romans 13 that we are to be subject to the governing authorities that He has sovereignly appointed. *"For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God."*

The Church, ultimately, is not about a place but rather about people united to Christ and redeemed for His purposes. While we are physically apart, we can continue to fulfill the "one another's" of scripture through using the various electronic miracles of communication that are available to us.

Please take some time out of your week to call, e-mail, or text your brothers and sisters in Christ. Consider a video meet-up or a group message in order to keep up with the prayer and practical needs of your small group.

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

On Sunday March 22, we will attempt to provide an online church service so that we can worship together even while we're apart. We will keep you posted as to the time and method of delivery.

At present, the church building will be closed to all except staff. As always, we will be available by phone or e-mail and cherish your ongoing prayers.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Bill Jeschke