

## **Response to Concerns over COVID-19 Pandemic.**

**June 1, 2020**

As threat of COVID-19 continues, in following Jesus' teaching to "love your neighbour as yourself," we will continue to take the following actions:

### **1. Worship Service:**

1.1. All public gatherings include all Sunday Services switch to online until further notice. We can still join our hearts together for worship through **Facebook** or **YouTube** streaming.

Service time: Mandarin: 9:00 am, English: 10:15 am, Cantonese: 11:30 am.

1.2. We continue to use individually prepackaged cup/wafer for Communion. You can choose either to pick up the elements during office hours beforehand or prepare your own grape juice and cracker/bread at home.

1.3. We continue offering as an act of worship. New offering practice can be done through:

\* Bring to church during office hours OR

\* Direct deposit to HSBC Bank of Canada

Account: Westwood Alliance Church, account #170-284190-080

Place the deposit receipt in our offering envelope and return it to church OR Email copy of deposit receipt at michellel@westwoodac.org. Be sure to specify your offering designation.

### **2. Pastoral Care**

Feel free to contact any pastor for support and spiritual counsel. If you need individual pastor's cell phone number, please contact office.

### **3. Fellowship/Cell groups/Sunday School**

In times like this, taking care and connecting with one another become even more necessary. We do not stop fellowshiping but just change to other formats. Different fellowships and cell groups have already switched to "virtual" gathering. Sunday school classes continue with online learning.

### **4. Church Administration**

4.1. "Work at home" policy has implemented for most staffs until further notice.

4.2. Extended office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30 am – 3:00 pm, Saturday 9:30 am – 12:30 noon.

4.3. You can drop off your offering or pick up elements for Communion during office hours.

4.4. Unauthorized personnel will no longer be allowed to enter any office.

4.5. Make appointment before you come should you require a face to face meeting with any staff.

## **5. Health and Safety Protocols for Visitors:**

5.1. Wear mask or face covering before entering the building unless you have certain medical conditions.

5.2. Mask can be provided should you need one (for a suggested charge of \$1.00).

5.3. Sanitize your hands and sign in at entrance (sign out is also required when leaving).

5.4. Use only designated doors to enter and exit the building.

5.5. No longer provide non-essential communal items, such as magazines, stationeries, and public-use phone.

5.6. Water dispensers or any beverages will no longer available. Please bring your own.

5.6. Observe social distancing at all time. Adhere to occupancy limit at any public space.

5.7. Use provided sanitize wipes to clean all touching surfaces before and after use.

5.8. Dispose face mask and/or sanitize wipes responsibly.

## **6. Others**

6.1. If you come back from anywhere outside of Canada, make sure to self-isolate for 14 days.

6.2. If you have close contact, e.g. staying in the same house, with someone going through self isolation, you should also practice self-isolation.

6.3. If developed any flu-like symptoms at anytime, seek medical attention immediately by first calling the health hotline 811.

6.4. Stay home especially if you belong to the high-risk population.

6.5. Practice social distancing at all time. Avoid hand shaking, hugging, or any close contact behavior but rather use nodding, smiling, waving to show brotherly/sisterly love to one another.

6.6. Wash hands with water and soap thoroughly and frequently.

6.7. Avoid touching your face with unsensitized hands.

For further health information, go to: <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/>

**Be vigilant, but no need to overreact or panic. It is always a Christian virtue to keep good personal hygiene and be considerate to others. In times like this, what we need more is care and compassion, not worries and concerns. What we need more is vigilance and bravery, not fear and anxiety.**

Psalm 121:

I lift up my eyes to the mountains, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. ... The Lord will keep you from all harm, he will watch over your life, the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.