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The Board of Elder's would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we move forward, and attempt to plan during this ever-changing, unprecedented situation. As leaders, we are challenged to organize and lead, not in a spirit of fear, but one of wisdom. We appreciate your prayers during this difficult time.

Muir Lake Community Alliance Church does intend to reintroduce services in the near future. There will need to be many safety measures put into place prior to the commencement of any further services. We must all cooperate in the implementation of these safety measures in order to keep each other safe.

Safety Measures within our services will include:

- Anyone experiencing ANY sickness or symptoms must not attend.
- Alcohol based Sanitizers will be available throughout the church.
- Chairs will be spaced the recommended 1-2 metres apart, and while families are welcome to move their chairs closer together, we must respect everyone else's right to personal space.
- Worship Teams will be smaller (1 or 2 people) and there will be no use of the microphones.
- Sermons will be recorded by either audio or video, and will be posted on the website. Those who are unable to attend will be sent a link to each sermon.
- Lysol wipes will be available at the sound booth to protect those running the equipment. Gloves will be available to those volunteers as well.
- Offering plates will be located at the back of the sanctuary. Ushers will not handle the envelopes without using gloves. Tellers MUST wear gloves when counting.
- NO KID ZONE – there will be no separate classes for any age group of children. This includes the nursery. Children are welcome to stay in the service with their parents.
- Communion will be paused for the time being.

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- Greeters and Ushers will still be required each Sunday, however there will be NO handshaking. There will be no bulletins, and we ask you to please assist with the new seating plan, and explaining our safety measures to any visitors.

Safety measures for our weekly Ministries including Youth, Ladies Morning Out, and Small Groups:

- If there is no Sunday service, then there will be no weekly ministries that week either.
- If Sunday service is held, then we will discuss with each group leader the safety measures that must be followed in order for their group to meet.
- If WHO or AHS deems it unsafe for smaller groups to do certain activities, we will adhere to their recommendations.

In regards to the AGM being pushed back, we are still in the process of determining what the best course of action is. We are aware that under NORMAL circumstances we have only until the end of March to hold our meeting. However, with the state our Province is currently in, we are also being forced to decide the best course of action on a day to day basis.

When we are able to safely hold a service, we will then hold our Annual General Meeting following that service. We will still be required to have Quorum in order to vote during the meeting.

All sermons will be available on-line. We are in the process of making this easily accessible, and will update everyone with a link to follow as soon as possible. The decision if there will be a service or not, will be sent out weekly on Facebook, the Website, by email, and by phone where necessary.

As with all difficult situations – COMMUNICATION IS KEY!! Please feel free to email or phone one of our Elder's with any concerns you have regarding these new safety measures, or if you need prayer. We are still here for you!

As we are all discovering, this is not a situation in which plans can easily be made week-to-week. This situation changes daily, and we appreciate everyone's patience as we move forward. We are striving to find the balance between some normalcy, while maintaining strict safety guidelines to keep our most vulnerable members safe and healthy.

**Trusting God as we move forward,
Your Board of Elders**