



## The Message from the Pastoral Team to All Congregations and Ministries

June 21, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters of CCCTO,

With the endorsement from the Pastoral Team, the Executive Board (EB) has decided to start the process of reopening church for in-person Sunday worship services. The decision is made based on the current status of COVID-19 in Ventura County, California Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Industry Guidance, and the surveys conducted in all three congregations. The re-opening process will be dynamic, progressive and yet transparent, following a general guidance of balancing faith with prudence, and be mindful of government ordinance and local community standards, as well as congregants' reaction and cultural differences.

The church leaders, i.e., Pastoral Team, Executive Board and all ministries including Youth and Children leaders, will make every effort to communicate to all congregations and ministries on the progress of this effort. Please watch out for an email and newsletters from church leaders. We also ask all church members to frequently visit our church website (cccto.org) for advice and updates. The pastoral team (PT) will also hold weekly meetings with fellowship groups.

### **What has our church done so far?**

1. Conducted a survey on the willingness for coming to in-person Sunday worship services. The response is mixed; some are eager to come back, some are willing yet with reservation, and still some are not ready.
2. The Executive Board (EB) went through a vigorous assessment of our readiness, carefully reviewing 14 critical aspects for re-opening, including following CDC guidelines on wearing face masks and keeping social distance, church cleaning and sanitizing, emergency response, scheduling, communications, training, etc.
3. The Executive Board (EB) is planning a beta test period starting Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. On July 4<sup>th</sup>, The Life for Christ class will be our first beta testing group as they hold their graduation event. On both Sundays, July 5 and July 12, we will have beta testing for English Worship and the service will be open to English Ministry EB members and their families only. All participating EB members and their families will follow all beta testing guidelines.
4. The EB decided that we will only use the Sanctuary during our beta testing period. All other areas of our church building will be inaccessible during this time.

At this point, we are not asking all members to come back for in-person Sunday services, and the official date for the church's reopening has not been determined. Coming to church should be on a voluntary-basis. Anyone who chooses to come to church must comply with the guidelines. We sincerely ask for your prayers and support on the official reopening date and the entire planning process. It is our desire that this process, even with many uncertainties, will bring love, peace and hope to all church members.

Sincerely,  
Pastoral Team of CCCTO