



Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Personal Note:

1. *My family, Clarice, Erin, Keri, & Kahiau, returned home last night from attending our nephew's wedding in Southern California, one night early and I am so grateful and relieved.*
2. *I am starting to feel much better since seeing the Dr. on Sunday morning. The Dr. said that I have a mild case of Bronchitis.*

Valley Isle Fellowship:

1. *Official information:*

From the CDC & the Whitehouse:

https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf

From the Hawaii Department of Health:

<https://health.hawaii.gov/docd/advisories/novel-coronavirus-2019/-situation>

2. *Summary of information:*

- a. *Group Social Distancing – Since last week, recommendations have gone from postponing to cancelling group gatherings of 100 then changed to 50 and now to 10 people. I made the decision that VIF would comply by pausing our services & ministries (as we were conducting them) until April 12th, Easter Sunday. However, the latest guidelines are recommending 8 weeks. If all goes well, this would allow us to gather together again for Worship Services and resumption of our ministries (as we presently know them) on May 17th.*
- b. *Personal Social Distancing – I want to encourage you in the strongest possible way to cooperate and comply with our Health & Government Agencies' recommendations. Over the next 15 days (until March 31st)*

that you avoid social contact of 10 or more people. This is very difficult but for at least the next 15 days, it will be critical for all of us to comply if we want to see the spread of COVID-19 slowed in order to “flatten the curve.”

c. There are many other recommendations, which you should comply with all of them, but the above 2 points are extremely important for us to adhere to.

2. Valley Isle Fellowship’s response:

a. We anticipate gathering back together to Worship the Lord on May 17th, if all goes well.

b. We will live stream on youtube.com a Pastoral Message each Sunday at 9 AM.

c. We will do our best to keep in touch with all of you and to try to minister to your needs as the Lord gives us the resources and the instructions to do so.

d. Lastly, do not be afraid for the Lord is with us. Take this time to reconnect with Him and celebrate His love, grace, and goodness in all that He does with and for us.

God bless you all and we will be in touch with you. By Saturday evening, I will be emailing you again, if not before then, with notes for Sunday’s message for those who want to take notes and follow that message. However, please feel free to contact me by email: icastephen@gmail.com or on my cell phone: (808) 419-8100 by calling or texting. You can also email the church at: vifoffice@vifmauihawaii.com or call our office at (808) 244-0865. God is with us and remember **1 John 4:4 (NLT)** *But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.* God bless you.

Yours in Christ,
Stephen