

March 11, 2020

To our Shelbourne Church Family and Visitors,

As a community of Christ Jesus, we believe that His love is expressed through us in how we consider each others' needs and respond with intentional care and action. As the world is becoming increasingly aware of the impact of the Covid-19 virus, we believe our best practices will be to respond in self-sacrificial love, and to resist the twin temptations of willful ignorance or reactive fear.

In that spirit, we want to make everyone aware of practices the church is committing itself to in order to be diligent and careful with one another:

- We are committing to keeping our doors open for as long as it is the best practical way to experience both transformational Christian community and safe health practices.
- We will be increasing our commitment to cleanliness, especially in the area of high-contact elements and surfaces. We will also be keeping our front and auditorium doors held open during our meeting times for reduced contact.
- We will continue to serve communion weekly, but we will be changing our distribution format to decrease the common handling of the elements and trays.
- We will also change the format of our giving to reduce the handling of offering baskets. We also encourage you to take advantage of online giving as an alternative; more details can be found on our website or in the bulletin.
- In the event we are made aware of a confirmed case of Covid-19 in our church community, we are committed to quick and responsible communication with the congregation while still protecting medical confidentiality of our individuals.

We would also ask that the individuals in our community consider the following practices in that same spirit of love:

- If you are sick or believe you have the symptoms of something that can be transmitted, stay home.
- Continue to practice good hand hygiene. Public Health recommends 20 seconds of handwashing with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Routinely clean your personal devices.
- Give air fives and fist bumps/elbows/foot taps instead of handshakes and hugs.
- Be cautious when traveling.
- If you have personal questions or concerns, contact public health on their 811 hotline.

May you be continually led and formed in the blessings of Christ at all times.

For the Leadership,  
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