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Dear People of Christ in Northern Alberta:

This is to announce that as of today, November 13, 2020, I am suspending in-person worship services in the Diocese of Athabasca for the foreseeable future. This is not a decision made lightly. There are currently 510 active Covid-19 cases in Northern Alberta, out of a population of approximately 280,000. Many of our regions are in enhanced measures. Due to our many vulnerable members, it is important we do all we can to stop the spread of this disease. One preventable death is too many. We do not fear death – but we do not encourage it either.

I shall be consulting with our clergy on a weekly basis, and announcing when we are able to resume in-person services. In the meantime, church does not stop! I invite you to attend virtual worship, bible studies, and visits with each other. There is nothing stopping us from praying for each other, phoning each other, and for those able, video-chatting with each other. I encourage you to do all you can to help limit the spread of this disease in how you interact with others in the world.

Be blessed in Christ's Name;

David Greenwood, Bishop

