

Friday, March 13, 2020
1:50pm

Dear Renovation Family -

As discussion of the COVID-19 “coronavirus” sweeps the nation, there are a thousand opinions and predictions. It’s tough to know what is emotional reaction and what is scientific caution.

But here’s what I do know...

We know we love our community. And we love our church, its families, and its volunteers. Our church is comprised of individuals and families, from young infants to senior - adults — including several “at risk” categories.

For this reason, our Leadership Team has been monitoring this developing situation. Yesterday after I did a FB live our Governor, Gov Cuomo expressed not only concern about large gatherings, he put a limit at 500 with guidelines for even smaller gatherings, of course our team took note... we are not going to do anything outside of our State and city officials direction...

We do not want to put our volunteers, families, or community unnecessarily at risk.

For this reason, we will not be having in-person services at Renovation this Sunday, March 15th or 22nd. We will not be having any meetings on our campus for the following 2 weeks.

We will re-access at that point and see what we should do.

We will be offering a FB Live worship experience at 10:30... it will be on the Renovation Church FB... Kimera and our worship team and myself are putting together what I believe will be a special worship experience for all if us to engage in.

There is something encouraging about being alongside other Jesus-followers each week. That’s why we make weekly church gatherings an intentional priority in our lives and calendar. But for this brief window of time, we’ll do that through our online portal.

If someone ask why we are not meeting together on Sunday you could say...

1. We are loving our neighbors by protecting our neighbors.
2. We are not fearful. We are responsible.
3. This is what love requires of us in this season.

God isn’t shaken, and following Jesus means we can trust him with our health as well as with our eternity. But not everyone in our community has yet begun this trusting relationship with Jesus... so look for opportunities to love others around you deeply — opportunities to truly be our Buffalo

So be safe, be wise, be calm, and be patient, be loving...

See you online on Sunday!