

Subject: NPC - no onsite programming through April
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Session and I know that this is an extraordinarily difficult time in our lives – in our daily routines, and in our spiritual disciplines. So, the Session met yesterday by remote access, to discuss the church’s response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

First, we will not be having any onsite worship or programming through April, 2020. We recognize that this includes the Easter season. But the Session believes that the most prudent response will be to continue to avoid meeting in groups larger than 10 people, in line with the CDC’s and Governor Baker’s guidance. The Session will continue to monitor this situation, and will update as appropriate.

Second, we will continue to worship on our YouTube channel. I will actually be meeting later today with some of our technical engineers whose wizardry make this possible each week. The Session and I ask that you take this as an opportunity – share our YouTube site with your family and friends. It’s a fantastic opportunity to be together even as we are separated from each other. In Genesis, Jacob and his uncle Laban made a prayer, “May the Lord watch between you and me, while we are absent, one from the other.” (Genesis 31.49) That is our prayer, but we have opportunities to come together in virtual space – let us use them to the Lord’s glory. The link to the church’s worship YouTube channel is here. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRUxV7Hi9sdPXDQsb1gwwAw>

Finally, we ask that you reach out to the Session or the Deacons should you become aware of any spiritual need. We look forward to the day when we may meet you in person, and know that God is guiding this flock through these uncertain days.

In Christ’s mercy,

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