THE GLORY OF THIS LATTER HOUSE SHALL BE GREATER

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Dear GGM Family,

The Greater Glory Ministries Board of Directors, Church Staff, and I, as Senior Pastor, have been working diligently on a plan of action for our Congregation, given the ongoing development of COVID-19 in our area. After careful deliberation and monitoring of local and regional responses, we have decided to **suspend all public gatherings for Worship, Bible Study, Ministry activity, meetings, and fellowship. This suspension of programming is immediate and shall continue until further notice is given.** Greater Glory Ministries stands in full compliance with any and all ordinances handed down by government officials for the protection of the health and safety of all persons, including our congregants and the community at large.

During this unprecedented closure, we prayerfully ask four (4) things of Greater Glory Ministries members and those who support our Ministry:

FIRST, begin viewing our weekly Online Worship via *Facebook Live*! Sunday services will be streamed during our normal worship hour at 11:30am, and we will also share the Word on our new Bible Study night, every Thursday evening at 6:30pm via *Facebook Live*. Representatives of the music ministry and I will lead the live broadcasts - encouraging online viewers in sermon, song, and prayer as we journey through this public health crisis, together. **Onsite personnel during these broadcasts is restricted only to those which I have contacted directly**.

SECOND, members and supporters of our congregation and ministries, are strongly encouraged to give tithes and offerings to GGM throughout this Coronavirus crisis. **In fact, we would ask each of you to consider perhaps giving even MORE than normal, at this time**. Greater Glory Ministries may be called upon to provide financial assistance to many of our own families and others who are negatively impacted. We can only do this with your assistance. Additionally, your continued giving will allow Greater Glory Ministries to continue to meet its critical financial obligations including the Church mortgage, maintenance of Church facilities, and District, Jurisdictional, and International denominational obligations. Simply put, our ability to remain financially viable during the Coronavirus crisis, and to be functional when it passes, will depend on our faithful giving during this time.

GIVING OPTIONS:

- **GIVELIFY App** - search for/select GREATER GLORY MINISTRIES in Seattle
- **Cash App** ($GGMSeattle)
- **PayPal App** (Connect@theGGM.org)
- **check or money order** to: Greater Glory Ministries, PO Box 69795, SeaTac, Washington 98188.

THIRD, let's use technology to check-in with each other on a regular basis. Many people will experience "social distancing" as a time of isolation, loneliness, and even depression. Therefore, let us be intentional and vigilant in the use of our technology to communicate with each other, to provide care for those among us who are in need, and to provide a sense of connectedness to one another while we are physically scattered. Let us be particularly careful to check-in with our seniors, the sick, and those among us who were already in difficult life circumstances before the Coronavirus crisis began.

FOURTH, STAY HOME! As much as possible.

Please visit our website at **www.theGGM.org** and also if the GGM office has your email, **check your email often** to receive weekly updates, and for links to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and other agencies for critical information. Below, I have provided you with the CDC's recommendations to help you protect yourself and your loved ones during this critical time.

God bless and keep each of you, and as always – know that I'm praying for you. (4/1/2020)

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Steps to Protect Yourself and Others

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL

CLEAN YOUR HANDS OFTEN

Lather well and Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.

AVOID CLOSE CONTACT

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Put **distance between yourself and other people** if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick. Take steps to protect others.

STAY HOME IF YOU'RE SICK

Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick. Cover coughs and sneezes. **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. **Throw used tissues** in the trash. Immediately and **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

WEAR A FACEMASK

You should wear a facemask when you are outside of your home, around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle), and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room. Learn what to do if you are sick.

CLEAN AND DISINFECT

Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces **daily**. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfecting.

STAY HOME

Stay home as much as possible, obeying the "Stay At Home" orders of the government.