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Dear Hempstead Assembly of God Family,

On behalf of our Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees, I want to provide you with an update regarding our church's response to COVID-19.

As we all know, COVID-19 has become a major global health concern in the last few weeks. This situation is rapidly evolving on Long Island and, we have been closely monitoring the situation, speaking with informed and educated people, and prayerfully considering what actions to take to keep our congregation healthy and safe.

Hempstead Assembly of God is a growing, vibrant, and diverse church and we want to protect those who are most vulnerable to this virus, as well as helping to prevent further spread of this virus. I firmly believe that we should follow the recommendations of our local government and our local health officials as they are recommending implementation of social distancing measures.

With these recommendations and through prayer, we have come up with a plan of action regarding upcoming events and services:

- 1) We will be temporarily suspending all of our normal church activities until **Saturday, March 21st**. This will include:
 - a. Friday night fellowship groups: Royal Rangers, Girl's Ministries, and Mom 2 Moms
 - b. Scheduled events on Saturday, March 14th: Young Adults ministry and the Food Pantry Volunteers Brunch
 - c. All Sunday services this weekend will be available online on our website at www.hempsteadassembly.org.

As we move forward, we will continue to monitor the situation closely and will make decisions regarding events/services on a week by week basis.

Yes, the coronavirus is a concern; and yes, we should take precautions. But as we do this, let's remember, our Heavenly Father is still on the throne, and our Savior, Jesus Christ, is still MASTER OF THE STORM! We will not allow fear and anxiety to overwhelm our way of thinking. We will not give up on our faith and give in to carnal ways. Our God will always be our source. Scripture reminds us that God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love, power and a sound mind.

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." - Isaiah 41:10

Pastor Chris