

Update on the Church's response to the Corona crisis (July 3, 2020)

Dear members of KCCIC,

We hope that you have been well and that the grace and love of our Lord has been with you during these challenging times. As of July 1st, the State of Virginia has entered phase 3 of the pandemic recovery process. With regard to in-person congregations, meetings of up to 250 people are now allowed, provided that social distancing can be maintained.

Renewed surge of corona cases in the States:

The initial success in controlling the spread of the corona virus in the US has recently experienced some unfortunate setbacks. Partly due to premature easing of sanctions across the United States, the number of Americans confirmed with Covid-19 has risen to ~50,000 per day. Several states have seen a significant surge in corona virus infections. The situation in Virginia is presently stable, especially in Charlottesville, where there have been only 3-4 new cases per day in the past weeks. We take this as a sign that the precautionary measures of social distancing and wearing masks are effective in controlling the spread of corona virus in this area.

Evaluation of in-person worship:

As you know, our church has resumed in-person worship on May 31st, following guidelines from the Virginia State government and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Over the past weeks, we have worked hard to provide you with the safest worship possible: seating is restricted to 34 seats, all participants wear masks, and members are returning home without follow-up meetings after service. Based on these 6-weeks of experience, we feel comfortable in our assurance that in-person worship at KCCIC is safe. Of course, we encourage anyone who prefers to worship from home for any reason, to continue to do so.

To all of us, this is a financial, emotional and health crisis. We want to make sure that this does not also become a crisis of our faith. We pray that all church members will find solace and refresh their spirits in our church community, and rejoice in our trust that nothing can separate us from our Lord, Jesus Christ..