



Seventh-day Adventist Church Calimesa

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Dear Calimesa Church Family,

The arrival of the COVID-19 virus has given us a tremendous opportunity to demonstrate love for God, and love for people! Although we would much prefer to be together, we have physically separated over these past few months in order to protect each other's health. This has made it necessary to develop more creative ways to worship and show our love for God as a congregation. It has truly been a gift that we have digital platforms to bring us together and technologically inclined members and pastors to accomplish this well!

Within our church is a wide range of opinions regarding the virus. What I admire is that so many have leaned toward the other side, unselfishly doing their best to follow Paul's admonition in Romans 12:10 "Be devoted to one another with authentic brotherly affection as members of one family, give preference to one another in honor."

With the Conference now allowing us to begin meeting in-person again, albeit with a fair number of restrictions, a COVID-19 Taskforce, appointed by the Church Board, has been working toward the goal of providing an in-person worship option for those who want to worship together in that way. As we follow these measures, we will again be looking out for each other's well-being as much as possible. Of course, we will also continue the on-line worship services for those who are at high risk or who are not comfortable with the masking, cleaning, and distancing restrictions.

The Southeastern California Conference is providing guidance and a plan with several levels for our church to follow that complies with state and county health orders. We are preparing for in-person worship services at Level 1 to begin on July 11, 2020 at 8:30 am. However, we will be considering changing circumstances and postpone opening if necessary. Moving to Level 2 will be based on the committee recommendation in consultation with conference personnel. With this letter you are also receiving:

- Requirements for participation in the Level 1 In-Person Worship Services
- Instructions for completing the necessary Covid-19 Assessment
- Instructions for signing-up to participate in the in-person service
- Instructions for participating in the Calimesa SDA Church Covid-19 Information Meeting on July 9 at 7:30 pm. During this meeting, physicians will address other COVID-19 questions you may have.

With Prayers and Thankfulness for All of You,

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