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Dear New City Members,

I'm writing to communicate some of our thoughts about current and summer ministries and to ask for your continued prayers for staff and volunteers that God will bless us with his wisdom, creativity, protection and fruitful ministry by His grace and power.

A committee of the session made up of a few elders and staff members meets weekly to discuss, pray and plan for ministry during this strange time. We continue to think about changes we may need to make as we go through phased re-opening.

With the differing timelines of reopening and differing official perspectives on what is best and safest, it is too soon to make any different plans to the way we are worshiping on Sundays. We will continue to consider the CDC guidelines for when we will be able to return to having our sanctuary filled with worshipers again.

We are still planning for summer ministry to youth and children, but it will look quite different from our regular summer programming. We are studying our facilities and options for safe and healthy ways to gather in any sized group, according to CDC requirements. Here are some things we know at this point:

- 1. We will postpone our Memorial Day Block party at the Bayberry Apartments.*
- 2. Our Glad Camp staff are working hard at investigating other options for summer camp: we still anticipate ministry to children, though it may be a fewer number in order to abide by the CDC guidelines.*
- 3. Our Youth Ministry staff are brainstorming creative ways to continue to minister to our youth over the summer.*
- 4. We still plan to employ some of our Glad Camp, youth and music interns. In some ways, the type of ministry we are and will be doing under the CDC restrictions requires more help rather than less, so we anticipate that our interns will be "gainfully employed" during this time.*
- 5. We continue to minister to men from our community through the New City Works employment and discipleship program.*
- 6. We are praying about how to best continue with children's discipleship over the next few months.*
- 7. And our staff is considering ways we can continue to engage in evangelism and evangelism training.*

Our aim is to both abide by public health guidelines and identify ways, within those guidelines, to continue to facilitate ministry. Thank you for your faithful prayers, your continued financial support of New City's ministry, and the use of your time and gifts in the work to which God has called us.

God's gracious care for you,

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