



Coronavirus (COVID-19): Crown Team Update  
March 26, 2020

Grace Church Family,

We want to start by expressing our gratitude for your faithful prayer, input, and continued patience as we navigate the frequent changes at the state and national level. We are doing our best to respond in a way that honors Christ and ensures that Grace Church remains strong and intentional throughout this season.

In our previous update, we shared the plan for Prayer Meetings and Weekend Services in light of Governor Whitmer's Executive Order on Monday. We also postponed this week's Members Meeting and updated our Twelve17 Hospitality Ministry policies and procedures, which has significantly reduced the use of our Mission St. building. Over the last few days, we've had some ministry meetings using an online platform instead of meeting in person.

Beyond these areas, we've been seeking the Lord about the projects we were hoping to complete in the sanctuary in the coming weeks, as well as the day-to-day ministry needs and what is considered 'essential' for the purposes of having staff and volunteers in our facilities between now and April 13<sup>th</sup>. As we've worked through different scenarios and talked with many of you, **there a few more things we want to modify.**

**We are simplifying for the next few weeks.** After much consideration, we're simplifying over the next few weeks, allowing the natural limitations in place across the state to inform the level of ministry involvement for our staff and volunteers. This is a unique time to approach our daily lives a little differently, and we look forward to how God will use this season in our lives as individuals, as families, and as a church.

**We are encouraging our faithful servants to focus their ministry involvement on the essentials.** Those fulfilling 'essential' roles in terms of live streaming our Prayer Meetings, routine cleaning and sanitation, and volunteering with our Twelve17 Hospitality Ministry will continue. Beyond that, we are encouraging those who serve so faithfully around Grace Church to enjoy the Lord, get some rest, and limit ministry involvement to those areas that are necessary and/or life giving.

**We will be focusing our efforts on our Sunday Services.** We are encouraging those who assist with Music, Teaching, Production, and Children's Ministry to focus their time and energy on making our Sunday live stream joy-filled and life-giving. We encourage those who are a part of preparing for Sunday to get the rest and renewal they need, while also devoting strategic and focused time from home to ensure we're well-positioned to bless the Body when we 'gather' remotely each Sunday.

Practically speaking, this means we won't have our normal crews working on Thursdays and Saturdays, and construction-related work will be limited to critical or immediate needs. We'll also be taking a break from our Young Church Gatherings for the next few weeks. We're looking forward to hitting the ground running in each of these areas when the time comes!

Lastly, we wanted to let you know that, as a staff, we're also going to be working from home. We will continue to be available to you during this season, utilizing the technology available to connect through live streaming and doing whatever we can from home.

Please let us know if you have any questions!

-Crown Team