



March 19, 2020

Hello AAC family,

The Elders Board of AAC want to keep you informed of our plans for the next two Sundays and until further notice.

You may have heard that the Ontario Government has requested that we not gather for worship for the next few weeks. We will of course respect our government and health authorities and comply with the request. There will be no service at Alliston Alliance Church on Sunday March 22 and 29. Beyond that we are making preparations for Easter and will keep you informed via e-mail and our website if those plans can come to pass.

Your elders do not take this decision lightly. We met via Skype last night to pray and discuss how to move forward. We believe the practices described in both Hebrews 10:25 and Acts 2:46 are very important to our expressions of faith. We believe that the local body of believers in Christ need to be together to worship God, to observe the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, to pray, to be edified through the Word of God, to fellowship, and to testify in word and deed to the good news of salvation both locally and globally.

We also continue to affirm that the local church enters into relationships with other like-minded churches for accountability, encouragement and mission. For this reason, we are exploring how we can utilize technology to “virtually” gather. Please check our website (<https://allistonalliance.org/>) regularly and stay tuned for links to Sunday worship. Please also take advantage of e-transfers for your tithes and offerings. If you have any questions about how to do this please contact Jeff Wadge ([jeff.wadge@yahoo.ca](mailto:jeff.wadge@yahoo.ca)).

If you are in a small group, please check in with each other to see how everyone is doing. If you are not currently in a small group, this would be a good time to link with others for mutual support. There will be information on the website to direct you in this.

There is opportunity in this crisis to grow in our faith and to be witnesses for the Lord Jesus. We are calling all of our church family to be true disciples of our Lord. As our mission states, we want to *build believers, equip workers and love seekers*. All to the glory of the Lord!

Pray for all those affected, praying for restored health. Pray for those returning from trips away. Continue to be full of peace, and generous with others. Check on your neighbours, offering to pray for them.

In His Service,

AAC Board of Elders:

Al Bumstead, Phil McConnell, Stan Reid, Ken Stouffer, Jeff Wadge, Pastor Brian Reynolds