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Cancel March 15 worship at Faith

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Hello Faith friends,

The last few days have been full of growing concern and information about the spread of the COVID-19 virus. As you know, many local events and gatherings are being cancelled or postponed. In consultation with other local pastors, Worship Committee, and Church council, Kay and I have decided to cancel Faith's worship for this Sunday evening, March 15. The worship order we had planned is attached here, and modified a bit for you to use in worship at home (also some other information FYI). There will be no Faith Connections this week, but please check your email and the Faith Mennonite Facebook page for extra prayer requests and information about ways to stay connected. We will keep you posted about future Sundays.

While this may feel a bit drastic to some, we hope this decision gives some extra protection to those among us who are most at risk. It is also a way to join the larger community effort to prevent and/or slow the spread of the virus. And, it means none of us has to ask, "Should I stay or should I go?"

Assembly and Seattle Mennonite congregations shared letters that put it this way:

"One of our considerations in making this call to cancel worship has been to think in terms of the collective and not just in terms of individuals - a thing that we in the church are hopefully especially equipped to do. The decision to cancel worship altogether removes the burden from individuals within our congregation to have to choose to exclude themselves from the embodied community that carries on without them, and instead spreads the burden, loss, and grief to all of us."

During this time, it is important that we lean into our relationships in other ways. Worship committee had some good ideas about connecting via Facebook, Facebook live, zoom etc that we hope to explore if this goes on for a few weeks. We can also rely on emails and good old fashioned phone calls to stay in touch. Some of us may also decide to meet in smaller groups, where that feels appropriate.

As we seek to be the hands and feet of Christ, **and** keep our hands to ourselves, may we find ways to hold one another and our community in God's love.

Peace to you,

Deron and Kay

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