



13 March 2020

"God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

Psalm 46:1

Dear APCH Family,

With the rapidly changing developments regarding the Coronavirus in The Netherlands, Council members and the pastoral staff have been meeting to discern and direct our church's response to the ever evolving situation. The following is an overview of where we presently stand regarding the life of APCH:

Sunday Services and Other Gatherings

For Sundays, March 15, 22, and 29 there will be *no* worship services at the church. Instead, we will bring a rather abbreviated "on-line" worship service into your home via a website link. This will be provided by email and posted on the website on Sunday at 10:00. In addition, all other weekend activities such as Youth Group and choir concerts will be cancelled.

Mid-Week Programs

All scheduled gatherings, events and programs for the coming weeks, including Bible studies, Vision 2030! meetings, craft group, trainings and evening support group gatherings have been cancelled. Respective group leaders may decide to employ video conferencing technology to meet virtually, which will be communicated separately if that is the case.

If You Require Help or Pastoral Care

This is a difficult and stressful time for many and we want to continue to be a church that serves, loves and supports one another. At this point, Mirjam and the Pastoral Care Team (pastoralcare@apch.nl), Pastor Mark (seniorpastor@apch.nl) and Pastor Chad (associatepastor@apch.nl) are available to meet or to talk over the phone. If you are self-isolating and need support or have prayer requests, contact the Pastoral Care team. For private, confidential prayer requests, please contact Henna Ruiter at 06 14 45 14 25.

How You Can Help

Pray for our church family, community, and world that God will bring good out of this crisis. Pray for wisdom for our leaders in Europe and The Netherlands as they make important decisions on how best to prevent the spread of this virus.

Keep in touch with each other through all the various means of communication available to us. Again, this is a rapidly changing crisis so please check our website and mobile app frequently to stay aware of the needs of our congregation. Although we may be physically isolated from each other during the next few weeks, there is no reason why we cannot remain connected and encourage one another.



Continue your regular giving online. The church staff is still working, our missionaries are still depending on us, and our bills still need to be paid. In addition, new needs may arise which we may respond to as people in our church, community and world are affected by this pandemic. Please be faithful in keeping up with your regular giving to APCH.

We are praying for you and are available if you need us. Take special care of each other, your loved ones and neighbors, and know that the “God of all peace” is with you and will never abandon you. It is especially during times like this that we can “let our light shine” and bring comfort and love to others.

Blessings,

Tim Messick,
Council Chair

Mark Vermaire,
Senior Pastor

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