

OSLC COVID-19 Response

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It is safe to say we want OSLC to open and have worship services as we have in the past, however for the safety of our spiritual family that time is not now. We need to be concerned for all members because if the virus affects one of us, it affects all of us. The bright spot is that we still get to worship and pray together, just from our homes using technology and not in the sanctuary.

According to OSLC's Constitution, the Board of Elders supervises "everything pertaining to congregational worship" and we have been working diligently to develop a plan to have in-person worship when the risk is low enough and safety measures are established and training has been provided. The Elders, Council, and pastors continue working together to develop a plan with multiple phases to offer in-person worship that will be safe for all members and pastors. The Council's responsibility is to be a liaison between the pastor(s), and the administrative boards in planning the total work of the congregation. To hold in-person worship with the presence of COVID-19 still prevalent in our community requires support and effort of many, including administrative boards, pastors, and ushers. The Elders and Council will develop a plan for a safe in-person worship service that the administrative boards and pastors can support.

We just want to let you know that our priority in planning is your physical and spiritual welfare. At this time, there are just too many COVID-19 cases in our area which puts a danger on the physical wellbeing of our members. When the data in our area support a safe worship service in the sanctuary, we will have safety measures in place to start the steps back to a complete worship service as we have come to cherish. Until then, please continue to utilize the worship and prayer services provided electronically.

Thank you for your understanding and support during this unprecedented time in our lives. Please continue to pray for those suffering as a result of COVID-19 and God's guidance in our reopening plans.

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