



Dear members, friends, and guests of PCOM,

March 19, 2020

As all of us adjust each day to the reality of social distancing and uncertainty, it also been beautiful to witness all the ways that PCOM has been adapting. Sixteen of your elders were able to see and talk to each other through a video conferencing application this week. Staff are making calls to mobilize our deacons and their neighborhoods. We're getting offers from many of you—including our youth and young adults especially!—to help in ways as varied as delivering groceries, tutoring, and playing with little children over video chat so parents can make a 15-minute phone call. We have already seen time and time again how true it is that we are in this together as the body of Christ.

Our current circumstances are reminiscent of when the disciples found themselves in a boat with Jesus when a furious storm arose (Matthew 8:23-27). The disciples first response was *fear*. Their next response was to *wake up Jesus*. The third response was to *watch what he would do*. Their fourth was *to be amazed*. I think we have moved beyond the initial fears of this crisis, though new ones seem to surface regularly.

But as we move further into this new reality we have decided to wake up Jesus (Ha! Perhaps it's better said that we are waking up *to* Jesus as we read Psalm 91 each day and pray along with the daily podcast.) We are waiting and watching for what he will do. We believe that, like the disciples, we will be amazed at what we will see. We are already seeing some glimmers of it. We are in the boat together, but more importantly, we're glad Jesus is in the boat with us, too.

In fact, much of our work over the past week has been brainstorming how to make that "togetherness" real even when we can't physically be together for worship and fellowship. There is such a hunger in each of us to connect as members of PCOM's family and we've seen Jesus bring us "together" in the following ways:

- **Live Worship @ 10am every Sunday on Facebook Live**
  - Join us on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/mypcommv](http://www.facebook.com/mypcommv))  
Note: You *do not* need to sign-up for Facebook to watch, but logging in *is* required if you want to leave comments or ask questions.
  - This week we'll have lyrics for the songs and some PCOM families joining us via video to pray and read Scripture!
- **Daily Prayer Podcast with Pastor Courtney**
  - Available at [www.mypcom.com/podcast](http://www.mypcom.com/podcast)
  - Also available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Anchor, and Google Podcasts (if you click "subscribe," it will show up in your podcast feed each morning)
- **PCOM Parents Support Facebook Group**
  - Keeping kids home all day every day is hard. We get it!
  - Contact Stephanie Cleye ([stephanie.cleye@mypcom.com](mailto:stephanie.cleye@mypcom.com)) to join.

Over the next week or so, we're also working on a number of new ways to connect:

- **Get Help, Offer Help, and Connect Finder**
  - Need groceries? Willing to deliver groceries?
  - Need tech help or tutoring? Willing to offer tech help or tutoring?
  - Want to host a creative gathering virtually?
  - We're working on a centralized way to help each other these (and other!) ways. We'll be in touch soon on how and where to sign up!
- **New Online Opportunities**
  - Ideas we're exploring:
    - Q&A's with our pastors/staff
    - Scheduled times to sing and worship virtually with Gene/Jeff
    - Virtual Sunday School gatherings
  - If you have ideas, let us know. Stay tuned!

Lastly, a word about giving, the church budget, and our staff. Our staff has been incredible at re-imagining and re-mobilizing our ministry in these days. Our desire has been to be able to continue supporting all of them—and their families—during this season of stress and anxiety. Toward that end, because of your generosity we were able to commit to paying them their regular salaries through the end of March. We'd love to continue doing so, especially as we believe this is a unique season of critical need when people are unusually hungry for the connection Jesus offers us through the church.

However, **we need your help** to continue making this ministry happen! More than 80% of our revenue every month comes through passing the offering plate and, well, currently we can't pass the plate! As you're able, we'd ask you to consider continuing to send in your tithes of offerings to keep our ministry momentum. There are many ways to do this:

- **Mail:** PCOM c/o Anda McMillan, 26051 Marguerite Pkwy, Mission Viejo, 92692
- **Church Dropbox:** by the end of the week, we will have an installed dropbox in the lobby of the church offices.
- **Online:** [www.mypcom.com/give](http://www.mypcom.com/give)
- **PayPal:** [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) and direct payment to [give@mypcom.com](mailto:give@mypcom.com)

Thank you for all the ways so many of you have been so generous with your time, service, and love during this time "apart." More than ever before, we have seen the profound hope of the church's unity in action over these days. As the Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 4: "All of you together are Christ's body."

Yours in Christ,



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