

March 13, 2020

Dear Convergence family and friends,

Over the last few weeks, we have journeyed together into this Lenten season by following the footsteps of Jesus and praying for opportunities to grow in our faith and dependency on him. We know that true faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance in what we do not see (Hebrews 11:1). When things seem the most uncertain and out of our control, our knowledge is tested but it is on this ground where our faith is perfected.

I love this community and I believe the church is one of the greatest gifts God has given to us. And with any good gift we must also practice good stewardship. As you know, most gatherings and events have been cancelled as a precaution to limit the exposure and spread of the coronavirus in our communities. I have wrestled deeply with the question of whether or not we should suspend our weekly fellowship events as well. What has struck me most this week is that while this illness may not affect you or me as severely, it can still be passed onto others and cause devastating effects for those more at-risk. Furthermore, there are many in our immediate community who are included in the at-risk categories.

In hopes to minimize exposure for our church community and the countless others who are connected to us throughout the week, our leadership team has unanimously decided to move all Sunday and weekly fellowship events online beginning this Sunday at 10:30am for 3 weeks. Our website www.convergeoakland.org will serve as the landing page for all streaming links including Sunday services/sermons and weekly fellowship events. Here are some immediate changes and additions you can expect as we seek to love and serve one another in this season:

ONLINE GATHERINGS (for the next 3 weeks)

Sundays at 10:30am: convergeoakland.org for service links and information

Tuesday Fellowship Group 8pm: <https://zoom.us/j/282128790>

Wednesday Lunchtime Devotional 12:30pm: <https://zoom.us/j/548213768>

Thursday Fellowship Group 8pm: <https://zoom.us/j/702856329>

SHARE, PROCESS, AND PRAYER

This Tuesday and Thursday, our fellowship groups will be for folks to share and process their thoughts on all the things going on right now and we'll gather together (virtually) in prayer.

SHARING RESOURCES

Short on toilet paper? Need someone to make a food run? Need financial assistance? Let's find more ways to be proactive and intentional about being the body of Christ. Expect to hear from an elder or pastor this coming week so we can see how to better support one another.

If you have any additional thoughts or questions, please send them over to me or any member of our leadership team (emails below). Let us keep pressing deeper into the perfection of our faith, may Jesus be our hope and assurance, and may we continue to devote ourselves to the fellowship in the days ahead (Acts 2:42).

Your brother and servant in Christ,

Kevin Hu