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Hello Piedmont family,

I hope you are doing well and staying safe. I am writing to inform you about a decision from our church body in Business Session last evening. Last week the city of Lincoln changed its Covid 19 threat level back to Orange. This includes a statement that recommends groups of no more than 10 people meeting. Since our worship service attendance in the building has been above 10, the members voted last night to again suspend holding worship service in the building at this time. This was not an easy decision for anyone. I believe everyone was disappointed to have to take this step backwards. But the feeling of the majority was that we need to do our best to follow safety guidelines for our members and for our community. We will return to worship in the building when the threat level lowers back to yellow.

We will continue to have Sabbath School and Worship Service online on our Youtube channel and facebook. We will also provide DVDs of our worship service to anyone who needs them.

This is such a hard time right now, and many are feeling a lack of connection. I am thinking that we may need to utilize small groups more than we have before. Is there any member who would feel comfortable hosting a small group in their home or at the park to provide a time and place for connection and worship? If you are willing, please email me at mhalfhill@gmail.com.

Also if you would be willing to join a small group and attend a group in a home, would you also let me know by emailing me at mhalfhill@gmail.com. Perhaps we can foster some connection and provide times for encouragement and prayer for our members.

Please pray for our church leaders. I am checking with our leaders to learn their comfort level for when we restart using the building on the ideas of also having Sabbath Schools again for all ages and including singing during the worship hour.

This is a difficult time for us all. Let's encourage each other. Let's listen to each other. Let's do our best to keep our eyes focused on Christ and move forward together to make a difference in our community for Him. I firmly believe that God will get us through this time.

Following His lead,
Pastor Michael