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To the Partner Members at New Creation Church of San Diego:

Greetings to each of you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is our sincere prayer and hope that all is well with each one of you and that your faith grows stronger each day. May our collective strength be developed under the testing of the COVID outbreak season as well as the social unrest resulting from conditions surrounding this country's poor racial relations. Because the current conditions still affect how we meet and operate as a "Body" of believers; we wanted to use this opportunity to begin a church operation update forum.

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In this first update, we would like to communicate to you some of the ways in which we continue to meet as a collective church congregation and how our various church groups and auxiliaries are using technologies to remain connected. Additionally, we will advise you of some of the current operational challenges we are facing, the state of our current plans and procedures we are developing for church "re-start" during and post COVID. Finally, we would like to remind you of the ways in which you can communicate to your leadership teams and participate in the Mission of the New Creation Church Ministry.

As a collective body, we continue to meet primarily by our weekly Sunday "Streaming" Services which are accessible at 10:00 a.m. on the New Creation Church of San Diego website ([www.nccofsd.org](http://www.nccofsd.org)) under to "Streaming" tab. Per our church By-laws, we are also required to meet twice a year "collectively" for our General Church Meetings. Traditionally, we have met in the months of June and December to fulfill that very important time of update, elections, and discussions of our church business. Because of the current COVID conditions and the potential for impact of COVID on the NCC Congregation population; we are postponing our scheduled June 2020 General Church Meeting until the Center for Disease Control (CDC) "relaxes its current advisement and restrictions on "Large"(greater than 100 persons) Inside Gatherings. Should these current CDC advisement remain in effect through the summer; we will endeavor to meet by way of a mass Video Conference "Zoom" type meeting or a "Live Streaming" meeting where we can not only provide church business information but also provide a means we could have dialog discussions with our Partner Members allowing their input, questions and comments.

Many of our church groups and various auxiliaries continue to meet by way of Zoom or "nearly free" (.01 per min.) Phone Conferencing. Just visit the NCC website or call the church office during business hours or even access our church phones messaging machine for information assistance in order to get connect to the weekly Prayer ministry, mid-week Bible Study class, Sunday Bible Discovery Hour and



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Beyond Sunday Academy classes meeting throughout the week. Additionally, the Men, the Women, Youth as well as the 50 Plus Ministries are using the same or similar technologies mentioned above to get and remain connected as a body of believers.

To enhance and assist our Partner Members get and stay connected; we have made some recent updates to our website and phone messaging systems. You will find several new Slides on our website homepage that will direct you to various church groups and their respective methods of "meeting". Our church phone messaging machine is currently being updated to match the information available on the church website so that if are unable to access the information on the website or you simply prefer using the phone, you may receive information by phoning the church during business hours (Mon. to Thurs., 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon), or you can get informed through our recorded message (during/after business hours).

One of the unexpected challenges resulting from our current inability to meet collectively, each week "in-person" and on our church's campus; is that the "security" of our overall campus and its' facilities has seemingly been negatively impacted because our reduced physical "presence". The reduction in our "collective presence" has heightened our awareness of potential vulnerabilities in our video surveillance system, anti-theft and anti-vandalism measures. We are currently filling gaps in these areas to ensure our campus remains fortified against threats to our campus safety and security.

A second challenge that has impacted us has resulted from the heavier than average 2020 Spring rains, the passage of time and the hilltop location of our campus; which has caused recent mud-slide erosions to occur along the hillside adjacent to our upper Parking Lot Area; resulting in a temporary loss of several parking spaces on the East end of the upper Parking Area. We have barricaded the affected area for safety measures and have diverted all traffic away from this area until the hillside slope can be remediated.

Lastly, time and the heavier than normal Spring rains has peaked the necessity to repair our Sanctuary roof sooner rather than later. We are currently evaluating the details of the submitted repair bids we have received and their contractors to ensure your offerings are distributed wisely and effectively.

In terms of church "re-opening" during COVID and Post-COVID conditions we have begun the following:

- A) Sunday Services will continue by way of "Streaming" until further notice: no "in-person" Sanctuary Services are currently scheduled.



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- B) Parking Lot and/or church Lawn "Canopy" Sunday Services are being evaluated as possible "temporary" Sunday Service alternatives.
- C) **\*\*\*If CDC COVID conditions relax such that a decision is made for a "NCC re-opening": here are few items that have been approved and are scheduled to be implemented-** masks will be required for all people on NCC campus at all times(NCC will provide a mask for anyone on campus without their own mask). "Touchless" temperature checks will be performed on all participants of "In-Sanctuary" worship to verify participants do not have a temperature of 100 degrees or greater. All Congregants entering and exiting the Sanctuary will be facilitated by and under the directions of NCC Ushers. All In-Sanctuary seating will be facilitated by and under the directions of the NCC Usher Team for minimum spacing between Congregants of differing households. NCC Usher Team and Greeters will be COVID protected for the safety of Congregants and Ushers alike. COVID approved Sanitation practices and procedures will be performed before, during and after each "In-Sanctuary" Service.

Despite all the challenges mentioned above, we have remained united. We believed it was appropriate, so we made payroll adjustments early in the COVID Outbreak Season in anticipation of possible reduced income levels being received. We were also able to procure a Government grant to assist us with maintaining our Pre-COVID payroll and help us with our Utilities expenses. Through the reductions of church Operational expenses and our continuing Congregational "collective" giving; we will effectively address our anticipated expenses. Furthermore, we are confident that we are on-track to address those unanticipated costs and expenses mentioned with little or no major budgetary adjustments required at this time.

Because of differing "opinions", advice and restrictions by governing authorities including the CDC, State and Local Administrations, any scheduling of NCC "re-opening" and plans surrounding the re-opening will require continuing adjustments, effective NCC Leadership collaborations and Godly wisdom in order to know "how" to re-open and also "when" is it appropriate for the people of New Creation Church of San Diego to "re-open." We therefore solicit your prayers, your questions, and your feedback as well as your on-going participation in the work and well-being of the Church.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Board Chair

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