

March 18, 2020, COVID-19/New Market SDA Church Update

Special Announcement Regarding Worship Services, Etc.

Dear Church Family –

Here are five important items for your consideration:

1. Due to concerns regarding COVID-19, **beginning this Sabbath, March 21, all Sabbath Schools at the church are canceled and all worship services at the church will be online only. Please do not plan to attend NMSDA Church Sabbath Schools or worship services in person until further notice.** This is in response to the Potomac Conference adopting the recommendations of the Virginia governor's office that gatherings be limited to 10 people or less. Since the crew needed to livestream a worship service is roughly 10 people, no other in-person attendance will be possible.

2. The livestream of the worship service will begin at approximately 10:45 AM each Sabbath on the homepage of the church website (www.newmarketadventist.org) and on our YouTube channel homepage (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFqR-mA2tEZA8LOc7FPHFZg>).

3. **Looking for some online Sabbath School options?** Here are some suggestions:

- Hope Sabbath School with Derek Morris at <https://www.hopetv.org/hopess>
- Amazing Facts Sabbath School at <https://www.amazingfacts.org/media-library/watch/archives/sq/25/o/4/t/sabbath-school-study-hour>
- Sacramento Central SDA Church Sabbath School at <https://www.saccentral.org/central-study-hour/>
- For young adults, InVerse Sabbath School at <https://www.hopetv.org/inverse>
- For children, Pioneer Memorial Church on the campus of Andrews University has Sabbath School options for a range of ages. Check out <https://www.pmchurch.org/sabbathschool> for various options. (Note: These options are shorter than the length of a normal children's Sabbath School, so be prepared to have other activities available for your children, if desired).

4. **Cancellations/Postponements.** Here's a partial listing of the ones I'm aware of:

- All committees of our church of more than 10 people are cancelled till further notice. This includes church board. We are exploring online meeting options.
- Potomac Conference effected events list (which includes events like IMPACT 2020, the PC Music Festival, and Camp Blue Ridge) can be found at <https://www.pcsda.org/canceledevents/>
- The following events/projects are also postponed until further notice: the showing of Forks Over Knives; Dining with the Doctors.
- **NOTE:** Though meetings of more than 10 people are being prohibited, the work of the church must still go forward as much as possible! The coronavirus will almost certainly pass, and we will need to maintain our various ministries to be ready to resume when the

time is right. Please be creative and continue to meet in other, non-face-to-face ways (conference calls, video conferencing, etc.) to keep connected and keep ministry flowing.

5. **“We Deliver” Is Coming Along Nicely.** We are nearly ready to begin our new We Deliver ministry. Please let us know if you (or someone in the church that you know of) needs to take advantage of this service (please see my previous COVID-19/New Market Church update letter for details).

God is good! He will see us through!

Pastor Shane

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P.S. Just received word that PERHAPS there will be an online, interactive adult Sabbath School option from our own Klebert Feitosa this Sabbath. Will keep you posted if that “perhaps” becomes a “Yes, it’s going to happen”!

P.P.S. Looking for some solid encouragement from reputable SDA sources regarding COVID-19? Check out this 3ABN video with Dr. Neil Nedley, Dr. Wes Youngberg, Mark Finley, and others at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=39jPBk5uCOM> .