

Hello Hope Church,

It is very heartening that the state of California has recently issued guidance (with very specific rules, protocols, expectations, etc.) for physically reopening churches. We so look forward to the day of physically meeting together again soon! That being said, Santa Clara County's current shelter-in-place order does NOT allow for churches to physically reopen at this time. As such, ...

## **Hope Church's facilities remain CLOSED.**

While we eagerly await Santa Clara County's go-ahead, we actually have a ton of work to do to be able to physically reopen Hope per the state's very detailed safety guidelines. As such, we have created a Reopening Team, led by Diane Thompson, to plan for and implement our eventual physical reopening (with the safety of staff and attendees as our utmost priority). Depending on your service role(s) at the church, some of you will be specifically requested to be on this very important team; we thank you in advance for your participation!

In the meantime, **we will continue to meet virtually** on Sundays (9:45am) for our worship service live-stream, Mondays (7pm) for our bible studies, and, this Thursday, May 28, for the last session of our Spiritual Gifts Class. See Hope's website for the web-links to all of these events.

Lastly, we are very sorry about the technical issues that did not allow us to live-stream last Sunday's worship service on Facebook. Please go to YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XryEz3xs-nk&feature=youtu.be> to catch it. Facebook is still working through their technical issues so **please watch for an email later in the week** regarding instructions on how to watch this Sunday's (May 31) live-stream.

As we (impatiently) wait to physically reopen the church, let us remember the words of the apostle Peter (1 Peter 5:6-7): "*Humble yourselves ... under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*"

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