

Hello Hope Church,

Even though the Santa Clara County Health Department is allowing churches to physically meet effective June 5, it is not as it would seem! The guidance calls for extremely restrictive requirements such as: services can only have a maximum of 25 people, services must be held outside, singing is prohibited, etc. In addition, the state of California has also issued even more detailed guidelines on church openings with extensive rules on social distancing, facility airflow, entry/egress and sanitization, etc. We currently have a team of people meeting weekly who are working on how Hope Church would reopen while following the health and safety protocols when Santa Clara County allows for inside services with more than 25 people. As such, ...

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

You will be directly informed of the church's physical reopening when we are ready to reopen safely. As such, we will continue our Sunday morning worship service, Monday evening bible studies, and any other get-togethers via livestream or web-conferencing (see Hope's website for details).

Also, we want to remind you that Hope Church is here to financially assist those in our family who have been economically effected by this pandemic. Please reach out to Pastor Kevin (email below) if you are in need of such assistance.

Lastly, as you search your individual heart and we as a church, Hope Church, searches its collective heart regarding the events of the past weeks and the systemic racial injustice brought to the fore, let us remember that "We love because He first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And He has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother." (1 John 4:19-21)

In His love,

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