



Monday, March 16, 2020

### **Urgent Message from Meredith Drive Reformed Church**

*"God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.  
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,  
though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging." (Psalm 46:1-3)*

MDRC Family,

The changes continue to swirl around us. Last night the CDC recommended no gatherings of more than 50 people for 8 weeks, and within the last hour, the White House Coronavirus Task Force recommended no gatherings of more than 10 people. We realize this creates significant implications for our program ministries for the foreseeable future.

For now, **we've decided to cancel the building cleaning we had scheduled for tomorrow and Wednesday.** In addition, **we'd ask that until we can assess the situation, small groups not meet in person.**

We have been working on contingencies, and senior leaders are meeting tomorrow to talk about the next steps. **I promise you, we will keep you informed, and we will stay connected.**

The good news is that we are also having conversations with our neighbors about ways we can continue to serve and bless. Johnston Public Schools will be handing out meals in the Meredith Drive north parking lot starting next Monday, and we'll be discerning other opportunities to be salt and light in this moment.

Psalm 46 reminds us that our stability and our hope are in God, not our circumstances. Even when things as solid as mountains and stock markets fall, we can return to the refuge of God's presence. In the midst of the uncertainty, look for what God is doing and ways to bless others!

God Bless,  
Pastor Suzanne Vogel

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