

Over the past few days, we as a Council, have prayerfully worked to navigate through the challenges we are now facing as we respond to the outbreak and spread of the COVID 19 Virus. We will be implementing the following actions with a focus on maintaining support and care for our members.

- Consistory met last evening and decided that the next three church services will be cancelled due to the COVID 19 pandemic.
- Options for live streaming services/sermons from other CRC churches will be made available to our membership.
- All church activities i.e. GEMS, Coffee Break, Dorcas, Bible Study will be cancelled until further notice.
- Church rental will be cancelled until further notice.
- The Congregational Meeting scheduled for April 7 will be postponed.
- The Agenda & Reports for the Congregational meeting will be printed and put in mailboxes at a later date, two weeks before the Congregational Meeting. If you have not yet submitted a report, you can still do so by emailing it to [emocrc@gmail.com](mailto:emocrc@gmail.com) or by calling the church secretary..
- The April Care & Share newsletter will be emailed out to church family. If you have anything to contribute for this newsletter, please email the church secretary at [emocrc@gmail.com](mailto:emocrc@gmail.com) .
- There will be a special Council / Search Committee meeting regarding how to proceed with calling process on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 at 7:00 pm at our church, tentatively.
- When there is more information to be sent out to our church family, it will be done by email and on the web page. For those who do not have access to email, information will be provided to them by their district elder.
- This continues to be a fluid situation and we will try to adjust as needed.

The circumstances surrounding the COVID 19 virus may cause you or your family to need support during this time. Our deacons are prepared to help in any way. If you, or anyone you know of, require(s) help to have groceries or household items delivered to your/their home, prescriptions or mail picked up, or if you/they require financial assistance, please contact your deacon.

With church being cancelled for the next three weeks, we do have financial obligations to meet with our budget, including monthly expenses. We kindly ask that you continue to support the church with your financial giving, particularly if you budget weekly donations. Budget envelope donations can be sent to the church's mailing address - Box 209, Emo, Ontario POW 1EO. Otherwise, when church resumes, we can collect envelopes from previous weeks. If the church must remain closed beyond these three weeks, we will explore online giving, or other arrangements will be made to provide opportunity for receiving financial contributions.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the chair of council at [chair.emocr@gmail.com](mailto:chair.emocr@gmail.com) or one of the deacons.

Let us all be in prayer together from our homes, during this difficult time. In a time when social distancing is required, let us remember that prayer knows no boundaries and also seek to find creative ways to help those who have been made especially vulnerable. We do not know what the future holds but we know Who holds the future. *“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* Philippians 4:6,7.