

# Keeping In Touch

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Dear Pastor and Members;

How our world has changed in the last few days, even the very way in which we now do church. We have now come to the day of virtual church – church by internet or webcast. Our pastors are forced to forge a new way forward in order to communicate this gospel and to keep in touch with their congregants (at least temporarily and for some on a more permanent basis). May we endeavor to do so with much excellence and wisdom, that many more would be reached and evangelized than by our usual methods.

Pastors let us therefore be careful to scan and scrutinize what is sent out before it is released. We always want to keep in mind that we are perpetually representing the God of magnificent excellence. May we become indeed a twenty-first century church urgently desiring to reach this high-tech, last-days generation with this most crucial message of God's unending love by all means necessary and possible.

As we follow the guidelines of social distancing may we also be careful to ensure that our people are not socially isolated, especially the elderly and the more vulnerable. Please pick up the phone and call, text and keep in touch. Make sure the elderly have enough food, supplies and other necessities.

Let us keep on praying like never before, praying and interceding one for the other in Jesus' Name. Let us apply Malachi 3:16 to our everyday present existence: "Then they that feared the Lord spoke often one to another : and the lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the lord, and thought upon his name."

As much as possible we are also reminded to follow through with our financial commitments and obligations to our local churches by utilizing [www.easytithes.com](http://www.easytithes.com); [www.get.tithe.ly](http://www.get.tithe.ly), and other available means. Please know that we, being blessed of God – are forever blessed. Let us remember, to stay closely in touch, now more than ever! Please remember the many all around us that are hurting and dying daily, locally and globally! Our God reigns!

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