

Church in London Announcements

March 19, 2020

COVID-19 Update

The only update from the [March 17 announcements](#) is that while old age and other health issues increase the risk significantly, some young adults and even children do get seriously ill.

Changes to Our Meetings

Again, please refer to the [March 17 announcements](#) for the details. Actually, in a healthy church life meetings are secondary; the primary thing is to build up relationships with people. Please consider the others who live in your area of the city and establish new friendships.

Services

Many of the services that we were involved with at the hall are not needed right now. The exception is the care for the grounds. However, there is a significantly greater need to care for one another and for others. Even if they are not sick, some will need help in things like getting groceries. If we take advantage of these temporary restrictions and hardships to become closer to one another as shown in Acts 2, then the church will be built together more than it already is.

There will be no meetings at the meeting halls in London or Metcalfe until further notice. We recommend that those with the higher risk factors or who work in a hospital stay at home and use technology to participate in meetings. Others can meet in homes to still have the advantage of being face-to-face.

Useful Technology:

While there are many options in terms of technology that can be used for meetings, you may wish to try WhatsApp if your meeting involves 4 or less people.

A better option that requires a little more setup is [Zoom](#). It is free for meetings up to 40 minutes in length. To continue longer than that a meeting host either needs to get a licensed copy (\$20.00 CAD per month) or after the 40 minutes send out a link to a new meeting. It is always free for those who simply join meetings that others have started.

The first time they receive an invitation, Zoom setup is a bit too complicated for many of the older saints to get it working. It would be good if some of the younger saints help them with the setup. While Zoom works on phones, tablets and computers, I find using a laptop the easiest because I don't have to hold it.

Offering: We should not neglect our offerings. This is an important aspect of our service to the Lord. For those who do online banking, the easiest way to take care of offerings is to send eTransfers to donations@churchinlondon.org or metcalfe@churchinlondon.org. Sending a cheque by mail is also fine, as is dropping an envelope containing a cheque or cash into the mail slot at the right side of the front door of the meeting hall.