

17 March 2020

Dear Church Family,

First, we are a courageous people full of faith and believe God is keeping us safe. However, we are not in control of all situations at all times. We cannot control our nation's response to the COVID-19 virus. We can only control our response. We have decided that we will adapt and aggressively serve our church and aggressively reach out to our community in the best way we can.

By Executive Order, the Governor of Maryland has limited gatherings to 50 people or less. The Federal Government guideline is 10 or less. I also consulted Dr. Melisa Shepard who worked on infectious diseases with the current head of the CDC and she concurs. This dramatically affects our church. This is out of our control and we must follow this guideline. Therefore, the Ministers of our English and Spanish speaking services and our Board of Elders have decided to adopt the following response.

Regular Sunday Services and Sunday School are canceled until further notice. In their place:

Sunday Morning Worship Service will be offered at 10am (English) and 1:40pm (Spanish) on YouTube Live and Facebook Live. If you don't know how to access one of these options, we will help you set up your computer, phone, or smart TV upon request. During these services, you will see our Praise and Worship Teams, hear the announcements, and the Word of God preached. We will also have a small team of people responding to your comments on YouTube Live and Facebook Live during the service. We will accept prayer request during and after the service as well.

Here are some simple instructions to access YouTube Live and Facebook Live:

Life Community Church (English) Service:

YouTube Channel:

[www.youtube.com/channel/UCFSS5-t7F53XXyOLHuoad\\_w](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFSS5-t7F53XXyOLHuoad_w)

Facebook Page:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/lifecommunitychurchSOMD/>

Iglesia de Dios Unidos en Cristo:

YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfw3Rb6Bj0C4gPtIFmnLagA>

Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100009153609862>

or

<https://www.facebook.com/IglesiaDeDiosUnidosenCristoSOMD/>

Please download our Church App to receive push notifications and updated event information. The church app is called "LCCOG." A simple search in the app store will lead you to the download page, just look for our Life Community Church Logo. Or you can simply follow the links below.

Apple App Store:

[https://apps.apple.com/us/app/life-community-church-of-god/id1068271321?fbclid=IwAR2\\_4vlr83lB6RxBmVypOPPMFiR1TMMKc8mVL2ljSTmQk5bFOWV\\_kooPNCQ](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/life-community-church-of-god/id1068271321?fbclid=IwAR2_4vlr83lB6RxBmVypOPPMFiR1TMMKc8mVL2ljSTmQk5bFOWV_kooPNCQ)

Google Play Store:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.customchurchapps.lifecommunitychurchofgod&fbclid=IwAR10Cj1K4mMIYbalztdMFO5PN8opF5IU52S365xz3yHMZXXyVLmOXEPOA18>

We ask that you continue to support the church financially. Our expenses will go up during this time as we continue to minister to you and the community. Our congregation and community may experience dire financial hardships and we will be there to help.

You can deliver your tithes and offerings in person at the church during the day at the church office. Call ahead at 301-862-3831 to make sure we are here. Or you can mail it in to P.O. Box 670 California MD 20619. Or you can donate online at <https://app.easytithes.com/app/giving/lccog> or by using the LCCOG church app.

During this time, there will be several opportunities for you to serve your church and community. Stay tuned and respond to needs while you keep yourself and others safe. We will be communicating with you through letters, email, text, and Facebook. This will help us keep our loving community united and aware of any needs.

Our Pastors and staff will double our efforts to minister to you and those in need during this crisis. I believe we will emerge from this crisis stronger and more prepared for whatever comes next. Please, make prayer a priority in your lives and please continue to support your church.

Thank you and God bless you,

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