

Our number one priority continues to be to **Welcome everyone in the name of Jesus!** Everyone needs to feel the love and warmth of Christ in all that we say and do. The CDC advises that we do not shake hands, but we can greet each other with warm smiles and in the name of Christ.

The number one recommendation from the CDC is to **wash our hands often**. Tomorrow we will have church leaders at our front door greeting you and reminding you to use the hand sanitizer as you enter. Once in the building **please use the bathrooms and the first-floor pantry** to wash your hands as needed. We need to conserve the hand sanitizer, but soap is plentiful.

If you are not feeling well, **please stay home for your benefit and the benefit of others**. A mask is not sufficient to protect others if you are sick. Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) may include [fever, coughing and shortness of breath](#). But it is a general good practice to stay home if you are sick. We want you to still be a part of our OCM community while at home. Beginning tomorrow, March 8<sup>th</sup>, we will live stream our 10:00 am English Service and our 11:30 am Mandarin/Cantonese service on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/overseachineseemission/>). You can also find this link on the home page of our website. If you need help accessing this page, please email [awoo@ocmchurch.org](mailto:awoo@ocmchurch.org) or call 212-219-1472 ex. 108.

The CDC (Center for Disease Control) has updated their recommendations to recommend that anyone over 60 years of age, pregnant, immune-compromised or high comorbid, stay away from large group gatherings. Because of this recommendation, the Steering Committee, Board of Trustees, and Pastoral Staff have decided to temporarily suspend the Chinatown Manpower and Chinatown Planning Council programs that meet at our building. We have also decided to ask our fellowships over the age of 60 to not meet as a large group beginning March 10 for their safety. This will include our Senior Center. The pastors are working now to develop care and communication with all of our Seniors during this time and plans for continuing fellowship community in creative ways with those over 60.

We are all experiencing the daily changes and developments surrounding this illness. As Christians we are fully comforted that even though tomorrow is not known to us, it is known to God. We are also blessed with a spiritual bond of unity that has kept us together through other challenges. We may have to fellowship and worship a little differently, but our ministry continues. All fellowships should begin now to pray and plan for how they can care for one another in the possible event that they would not be able to gather together as one large group for a period time. Remember, our God is faithful and we became stronger during the years of renovation when we met outside of our building.

Let's surround our family, our church, and our community in prayer, praying that God would help us to use this time for encouraging one another in creative ways and in displaying God's love and grace. ***God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of love, and of power and of a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7***

教會首要的屬靈責任是奉耶穌的名彼此歡迎大家。藉著我們的言語和行為，讓每個人感到耶穌的愛和接納。「美國疫控中心」( Center for Disease Control, CDC ) 建議我們不要握手，但我們可以奉耶穌的名互相問候和送上微笑。

「美國疫控中心」對我們第一個建議是經常洗手。明天我們將在大樓入口接待處歡迎大家，提醒各位在進入時使用洗手液。進入大樓後，若有需要，請使用洗手間和一樓的廚房洗手，哪裡有很多肥皂液。我們卻需要保存洗手液。

如果您不舒服，為了您自己和他人的益處，請留在家中。如果您生病，口罩不足以保護他人。冠狀病毒 ( COVID-19 ) 的症狀可能包括發燒，咳嗽和呼吸急促。您若生病，最後的做法是看醫生和留在家中。您若留在家中，我們希望你繼續能與中宣會這個大家庭一同敬拜。所以，從明天 ( 3 月 8 日 ) 開始，我們將在教會的面書 Facebook

( <https://www.facebook.com/overseachineseemission/> ) 上直播上午十時正的英語崇拜和上午十一時三十分普通話/廣東話崇拜。您可以在教會網站的主頁找到此鏈接。若有任何困難到訪此網頁，請發送電子郵件至 [awoo@ocmchurch.org](mailto:awoo@ocmchurch.org) 或致電 212-219-1472，內線 108。

「美國疫控中心」最新的建議是這樣：60 歲以上、懷孕、免疫力低或高合併症的人遠離大型的團體活動。因著這建議，策劃委員會，信託委員會和教牧同工已決定暫時停止與唐人街的人力資源中心 ( Chinatown Manpower ) 和社區規劃中心 ( Chinatown Planning Council ) 使用中宣大樓的計劃。並且，我們也決定暫時停止凡 60 歲以上中宣弟兄姊妹所參加的團契，為了安全的緣故，由 3 月 10 日開始，包括長青中心。教牧同工現正計劃如何透過不同的方式，關懷我們的長者或團契生活受影響的弟兄姊妹，與他們保持聯絡。

我們所有人每日都在經歷疫情的發展與變化。作為基督徒，我們滿有安慰，縱然我們不知明天如何，但上帝知道明天。並且，我們藉著屬靈肢體彼此的祝福，同心前行，面對挑戰。或許我們教會的生活會有點不一樣，但敬拜和團契的生活將會繼續。將來可能有一段時間大家無法一大群人聚在一起過團契生活。所以，所有的團契現在應該開始為可能的改變禱告和作出相應的計劃。藉此，我們能繼續彼此建立與關懷。請記住，我們的上帝是信

實的。在教會改建的歲月中，我們在大樓外聚會，上帝預備我們，我們成為更剛強的子民。

讓禱告圍繞著我們的家庭、教會和社區，祈求上帝幫助我們好好利用這段時間以各樣的方式互相鼓勵，展現上帝的慈愛與恩惠。「神所賜給我們的，不是膽怯的靈，而是有能力、仁愛、自律的靈。」(提後 1:7，新譯本)