

RENTON



Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Changed By Christ To Change The World

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Dear church family,

Last night, the church board unanimously voted to reopen our church for worship on **Sabbath, July 11**. Can you say, "Hallelujah!"

This reopening is in keeping with the latest guidelines issued by state and local authorities for Religious and Faith-based organizations. Prior phasing and dates I shared with you last month have all been revised under these most recent guidelines. Please note the following requirements for coming back to church:

- We ENCOURAGE all members who are in an at-risk category* to stay home and enjoy our online services!
- Face coverings are required to be worn by all except those under 5 years of age.
- Physical distancing must be maintained at all times.
- Every other row will be roped off and family units asked to keep 3 seats in between.
- Ushers will assist you in finding your seat.
- The sanctuary will be dismissed by rows and not all at once.
- Doors will be opened so that members do not need to touch door handles.
- Offering will be taking digitally or through offering boxes in the foyer that are not touched.
- The church and bathrooms will be sanitized before and after services.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available in visible and strategic places.
- No food or drink will be served.
- Singing is permitted with face coverings in place.
- Two-person maximum at a time in the restrooms.
- Drinking fountain is disabled, so consider bringing your own water.
- You are asked to self-screen for Covid symptoms before arriving at church.
 - Take your temperature before attending a service. Anyone with a temperature above 100.4 may not attend.
 - Any individual with a household member who has been diagnosed with Covid-19 or with symptoms of Covid-19 (including a fever above 100.4) may not attend the service.

You are also asked to please bring your own masks. If you don't have one, one will be provided for you before entering the building. Our supply is limited so try not to forget. Sabbath bags will not be available for children under Phase 2, so bring your own coloring supplies or books for your children.

There will still be no children's programming under Phase 2. You will be informed if an outdoor Sabbath School for children is planned.

Because we are restricted to the numbers of worshippers we can host with social distancing in place, you will need to RSVP and let us know if you intend to come on July 11, and how many are in your party. This is on a first-call; first-reserved basis. If you reserve after the maximum number is reached, you will be notified about your options which include being rolled over to the following Sabbath. Call Jane with your RSVP at 425-226-0490.

If we've learned anything during the last 16 weeks, it's that only the love of Jesus is for sure. Everything else, including phases and dates, is like shifting sand. **Our target date to reopen is July 11**, but it is subject to change, so stay tuned. We'll be giving frequent updates via email, phone, and FaceBook.

Know that we're excited to see you all again and continue to pray and support one another as we prepare not just to resume, but to relaunch our Renton church ministry on July 11th.

In Him,

Randy Maxwell

Pastor, Renton SDA Church

* High-risk population:

The elderly and those of any age with underlying conditions such as:

People with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma

People who have serious heart conditions

People who are immunocompromised

- *cancer treatment, smoking, bone marrow or organ transplantation, immune deficiencies, poorly controlled HIV or AIDS, and prolonged use of corticosteroids and other immune weakening medications*

People with diabetes

People with chronic kidney disease undergoing dialysis

People with liver disease