



Parklawn

Assembly of God

October 27, 2020

Greetings PAOG Family,

How are you holding up? It is with thanksgiving in my heart (Ps. 92:1) that I offer a reminder that God, the Sovereign One, the Great I Am, the Most High, still reigns (Ps.11:4). And, His kingdom has no end. Therefore, we His people, have reasons to have hope. We may not know everything to do, but our eyes are always on Him (Ps. 33:20-22).

By now you may have become aware that the City of Milwaukee Health Department has issued a new health order that revises previous guidelines. I encourage you to visit www.jsonline.com for a full list of updates. There is a specific change that impacts religious gatherings. Effective Thursday, October 29, 2020, *religious gatherings must be limited to 100 people at one time.*

How Does This Change Impact PAOG? As we've done faithfully to date, PAOG will continue to cooperate with city officials to promote safety and wellness for our congregation and community. PAOG will never close, but we will make significant adjustments. Besides the Health Department's new orders, the imminent cold months and associated illnesses (e.g., colds, flu, etc.) provide additional motivation for prudence and proactive measures. Hence, in the interest of faith, wisdom, care, and compassion, I'm updating our Bounce Back Plan to reflect the following changes **effective Sunday, November 1, 2020:**

1. **Until further notice, Wednesday prayer will be featured online only.** There will not be onsite attendance. Congregation and community members are invited to participate via Facebook Live.
2. **Sunday Worship Service attendance for November and December is reduced to 50 people.** Eventbrite registration is still required. Service will also be available online via Facebook Live.
3. **Online giving** is strongly encouraged. **Onsite giving** is available on Sundays and during the week in the church office and indoor giving stations.

On Sunday, November 1, 2020, we will distribute the colored wristbands to members to strengthen our communication methods and more effectively manage member engagement. All recipients are strongly encouraged to keep their wristbands visible so others can see it. Masks will still be required, 6 ft. or more of physical distancing, and adherence to all signage.



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This is a very sensitive matter and a very sensitive time for our city. We can overcome. We will prevail! You can help by...

- Ensuring that you adhere to safe practices personally when not at PAOG.
- Limiting your travel and public interaction in indoor spaces.
- Wearing masks in public.

Caring for yourself in this manner is caring for others. If you plan to attend service at PAOG, it is critical that you attend free of COVID-related symptoms. Our goal is to do our best to ensure that those who do attend are best fit for attendance in our sanctuary with others.

If you are physically unwell, let us know so we can pray for you. We also want you to take proper precaution and visit your healthcare provider to receive utmost care and be sure you are not affected unawares. Again, my aim is to be proactive with these most recent updates. The **Bounce Back Plan** will reflect recent changes. Please contact the church office with questions or concerns, 414-442-7411.

Grace and peace,

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Senior Pastor

Special Note: Parklawn Assembly of God (PAOG) cannot prevent any member from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID19 while participating in church services on the premises. It is not possible to prevent against the presence of the disease. Therefore, if you choose to participate in the services and/or enter **PAOG** premises, you may be exposing yourself to and/or increasing your risk of contracting or spreading COVID19. Given the facts noted above, **PAOG** is taking great measures to ensure that we minimize the risk of spreading COVID19, utilizing the Center for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines. We have also consulted with the local City of Milwaukee Public Health Officials on best practices for operations such as ours. With that said, it is imperative that each member follows the procedural guidelines set forth by the PAOG Pastor and Leadership Team. Failure to follow posted guidelines and procedures may result in you being asked to leave the premises. We care too much to allow anyone to be placed at risk any further than the uncertainty that already exist. Thanks very much for your cooperation.