

# COVID-19 Response – Golden Hills SDA Church

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**May 1, 2020**

Our Governor has announced that our state will begin loosening restrictions on some businesses and churches allowing them to begin functioning again on a limited basis. (To learn more about this, see below.)

We have not yet decided when we will open the church doors to services again. It's a process our church leadership is dealing with right now and will be finalized at our next Church Board meeting (May 12). Until then, we will not see any changes in the way we are conducting worship.

Even after that, we will be moving slowly, ensuring that we stay within the guidelines set by our State and the CDC. The last thing we want is to move ahead in such a way that our church becomes a vehicle for COVID-19 exposure.

Are we wanting to get back together again? More than we can express in words. But, we want to do it in a way that minimizes the risk of spreading the virus around and protects your health.

Please keep praying for us – and all our church members during this difficult time. And if you become aware of something happening with someone that we need to get especially involved with, please let us know (especially if that someone is you). We would rather be notified 10 times about a need than to miss it. You can contact either Pastor T (402-517-5333) or any one of our Elders ([click here](#) for a current list with contact information).

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We are having Prayer Meetings, Board Meetings, and MLT Meetings on our Zoom Channel ([click here](#) for instructions on how to join these meeting)

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- [Gov. Ricketts Issues Executive Order on Unemployment Benefits & Releases Guidance for Places of Worship to Resume Services. \(4/30/2020\)](#)

- [Ricketts easing Nebraska coronavirus restrictions as of May 4; limited reopening of economy.](#)
- [Q&A: What you need to know about Nebraska's relaxed restrictions for businesses, churches.](#)
- [Clergy proceed with caution as Nebraska services can begin again.](#)
- [24 Questions Your Church Should Answer Before People Return.](#)

For the most reliable, up-to-date information, on the COVID-19 virus situation, check out the [CDC](#), the [World Health Organization](#), [Adventist Risk Management](#), and [Adventist Health](#), [UNMC](#), and the [University of Minnesota, COVID-19 Resource Center](#).

## April 22, 2020

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## April 7, 2020

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## March 26, 2020

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## Online Resources for You and Your Family

Our **Conference Family Ministries Department** have assembled numerous resources for you and your family. These include articles, children's activities, and much more. [Click here](#) children's ministries and [click here](#) for family ministries.

**Free download** of [Guide Magazine](#), [click here](#); free download of [Primary Treasure](#), [click here](#).

From [Advent Source](#), **Free Adventist Preaching DVDs**, you will only pay for the postage. [Click here](#) for their selections.

From [NAD Prayer Ministries](#), a number of prayer ministries – [click here](#).

From [Bible Gateway](#), listen to Scripture as you read it – [click here](#).

From [Home Touch Ministries](#), free resources for the elderly and homebound – [click here](#).

From [Children's Worship Bulletins](#), free resources for children – [click here](#).

From [Queen of Free](#), free resources for children (read the disclaimer) – [click here](#).

From [Church Tech Today](#), 7 Best Bible Memorization Apps – [click here](#).

## March 16, 2020

Our board voted today to *cancel all face-to-face activities at our church* until we are on the other side of the COVID-19 crisis. During this time, we will have a worship time together on-line each Sabbath Morning at 11:15 am using our video streaming service. Any business that needs to be conducted by the MLT or the Church Board will be done via email or video conferencing. Pastor T and our Elders can all be reached by phone or email ([click here](#) to download a list of Elders with their contact information). We will add to this note and send out additional information as things change.

Here are some additional resources for you if you wish to use them:

- [To Save a Life is to Save the World: A Look at COVID-19](#) – an article by Lois Tverberg, PhD explaining how the exponential growth of cases will affect us
- [University of Minnesota, COVID-19 Resource Center](#) – one of the best, unbiased centers of information led by [Michael Osterholm](#), PhD, MPH; one of country's top epidemiologist who is an advisor to the CDC.

## March 12, 2020

If you follow the news, even a little bit, you know the danger and the disruption cause by the COVID-19 virus around the world. As it circles us and comes closer to our community we want to be a part of the solution, doing all we can to slow it down.

It's not a time to panic – but it is time to take appropriate measures to protect ourselves and those around us.

*Personally* that means doing things like washing your hands regularly, avoiding crowds, staying home from work or school (or church) if you're sick, etc. This is really all just common sense.

*As a church*, we also need to do our part. While we do not know where this will lead us over the next weeks and months, we are beginning our response by taking the following actions.

1. We will be sanitizing all the regularly handled surfaces at church each week.
2. We are cancelling breakfasts and potlucks until we are past this.
3. We recommend you do not hug others or shake hands while at church
4. We recommend that if you are elderly, sick in any way, or have a weak immune system, you enjoy church from home through our live-stream option. (To access this go to [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com) and search for [Golden Hills SDA Church](#))

There may be additional changes necessary as the situation progresses. We will communicate these changes through the [Golden News](#) (our e-mail newsletter), the [Pastor's Blog](#), the [homepage](#) of our Website ([goldenhillchurch.org/](http://goldenhillchurch.org/)), and through the Remind App.

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