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Dear New Era Church Family,

Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Savior, Jesus, the Christ!

As you know, in preparation for our scheduled reopening in July, it was suggested that New Era conduct a survey to gain a better feel for what the membership was thinking. After three days of responses to our All Church Survey on re-opening live worship services, 75 % of the congregation shared that at this time they would prefer to stay in the online environment and not attend live services. As result of this input, along with our fear that Marion County would experience a second wave of Covid-19, as is now happening in many communities all across America, New Era's leadership has decided that we will NOT reopen our worship services in July. We will continue to monitor the situation and hope to reopen later this summer.

Though we are delaying our reopening to protect the health and safety of our church family it is incumbent upon each of us to continue to find ways that we can connect through our various on-line services. Thankfully, we have heard from many of you that our present level of online services are meeting the needs of all our church demographics. We ask that you continue to make sharing and hosting watch parties with friends and families a priority as our online services air. With so many in need of comfort and encouragement during this time, this medium is a wonderful way to help achieve that as well as serve as a means of evangelization.

In conclusion, let me thank each of you for your continued financial support of the ministry during this crisis. Your tithes, offerings and donations continue to allow us to fulfill our mission as we navigate in this pandemic. Because of your financial support, we have collaborated with the Marion County Health Coalition, Gleaners Food Bank and others to help feed thousands of families in May and June.

Please keep Pastor and your leadership in your prayers as we seek God's wisdom concerning our reopening. We will continue to keep you posted as we look to the day that we can all be reunited in person once again in live worship.

Please stay safe! Keep wearing your masks, washing your hands and social distancing. We are praying for you daily. Stay connected on all our social media platforms and check on each other virtually and by phone.

Because of Calvary,

Dr. Clarence C. Moore, Lead Pastor