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Dear PCOM Family,

Just prior to being separated from his disciples, Jesus felt that the most urgent thing he could pass on was one last command. It was this: “Love each other as I have loved you” (John 15:12). Love, of course, is not always an easy thing. Jesus’ love is courageous, humble, sacrificial, patient, long-suffering, creative, and fierce. In other words, it’s the only type of love that can sustain us through a season of uncertainty and endurance like the one we’re in right now.

It’s also the love that we’ve seen shine through all of you as God’s family at PCOM. And for that reason, it’s been a remarkable thing to witness how we’ve sustained each other in this season. We’ve been *courageous* together: delivering meals, trying new technology, praying for each other, and connecting the generations. We’ve been *creative* together: finding new ways to worship, to study God’s Word together, to support those in need in our community, and to continue being in mission at Sunrise and Viejo. And we’ve been *patient* together: in the midst of some genuinely different perspectives on the coronavirus and what it means for in-person gatherings at PCOM, we have continued to journey together as a single family.

In short, we have loved each other. As your pastors, this spirit of love has and continues to be an inspiring thing to witness. Well done, beloved church family.

It is in this same spirit of love that we’d like to share with you the details of the next stage in our journey together. Here are the most important details of our plan for balancing digital and in-person worship:

- 1. Digital Worship: There will continue to be digital worship for both Awake and Sanctuary at 10am every Sunday.** We believe that it is essential to continue providing worship options that are as full as possible for those for whom it is wisest to continue worshipping from home. One of the most crucial elements of Christian responsibility is to care for the vulnerable and we are more committed than ever that no one is left out of PCOM’s worship.
- 2. In-Person Worship: Our two worship styles—the Sanctuary style and Awake style—will each offer an outdoor, in-person worship service twice a month on alternating weekends. If there is a 5th Sunday in a month, we’ll take that Sunday off to maintain scheduling rhythms.** There is a genuine Christian value to in-person fellowship that is of great importance to spiritual and emotional health. We’re committed to providing for this need even while continuing to prioritize safety so that we do not create unnecessary risks for any member of our PCOM family. In settling upon this schedule, there are a number of variables in play about which we’d ask your patience and understanding,



including caring for our staff, maintaining robust digital services, and honoring the unique DNA of our two worship styles.

- 3. Sanctuary Style In-Person Worship will occur on Sunday mornings at 10am.** There will be a 100 person maximum, with masks and registrations required. Registration will open with the PCOM Friday morning email the week *prior* to the event, leaving 8-9 days to register. Registration will also be available at mypcom.com and the *PCOM Connect* App. If you need to register for the PCOM Friday email, you can do so [here](#). The dates for the next few Sanctuary style worship services will be: Oct. 18, Nov. 1, and Nov. 15.
- 4. Awake Style In-Person Worship will occur on Saturday evenings at 4pm.** There will be a 100 person maximum, with masks and registration required. Similarly, registration will open with the PCOM Friday morning email the week *prior* to the event, leaving 8-9 days to register. It will also be available at mypcom.com and the *PCOM Connect* App. If you need to register for the PCOM Friday email, you can do so [here](#). The dates for the next few Awake style worship services will be: Oct. 24, Nov. 7, and Nov. 21.
- 5. Pastor Jackson will still be mainly in charge of the in-person gatherings, with Pastors Daryl and Courtney devoting much of their time to the continued digital ministry.** There will be some crossover, but not nearly as much as is usually case with our normal Sunday services.

As has always been the case during this season, we'll continue monitoring the course of COVID-19 in Orange County and will make any adjustments necessary if wisdom calls for such flexibility.

Our hope and prayer is that this plan will continue the journey of love and unity that we've been on together this year. We're also hopeful that this will provide increased options for worship, while also enabling us to move forward together with a continuing digital ministry so that we all stand together as a family in worship and fellowship.

We love each of you and are honored to serve as your pastors, especially during a season like this one. Let us remain in Christ's love as we continue to love one another as well.

In Christ's Love,