

Dear CEC Family,

We hope that you are doing well during this challenging season! Since mid-March, the COVID-19 pandemic has drastically rearranged our normal routines and comforts from going to school, work, and more. We've since become accustomed to wearing masks, socially distancing, using hand sanitizer, washing our hands more thoroughly, and fellowshiping with one another and worshipping God through Zoom meetings.

The Reopening Committee, which consists of Jim Yee, Andy Chu, Kristian Escala, Sarah Hui, Andy Kho, Dr. Dale Lieu, Pastor Allen Lin, Rachel Lou, Perry Quon, and Pastor Steven Siu, started meeting on May 27, 2020, to plan and discuss our church's reopening plan. The elder council appointed us to use our various gifts and talents to lead the reopening efforts of our church, as there are many uncertainties and questions to wrestle with. As James 1:5 below states, the committee has sought and will continue to seek God's will for CEC.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you” (James 1:5).

Many churches across the nation have reopened; however, after careful consideration, the Reopening Committee believes that it would be best to re-open CEC in phases. We have received almost 200 responses from our church reopening survey, with the majority expressing the desire to proceed cautiously. Therefore, our team has taken a more conservative approach. We believe the current situation supports the decision to not reopen at this time, as the health and safety of our members are of utmost importance. We appreciate all of you who spent the time to complete the survey! Your opinion is invaluable to us!

The committee has identified **four phases** to the reopening plan with a general framework of starting with limited presence on church campus and adding more groups/activities as milestones are met. Moving into the next milestone will be dependent on the number of existing and new Covid-19 cases and hospitalizations, the development of an effective vaccine, and other factors all of which will be re-assessed regularly. We understand many of these factors are also subject to change based on government mandates.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Phase 1 (Current state)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online worship and small groups/fellowships via Zoom and YouTube only 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Phase 2 (Early Sept – if infection rate decreases to an acceptable level)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live streaming from CEC campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor, worship team, emcee, and A/V team are physically on-campus to broadcast online ONLY • Small groups/Fellowships continue via Zoom with limited on-campus use
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Phase 3 (as county determines permitted gathering size)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live streaming from CEC campus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor, worship team, emcee, A/V team are physically on-campus to broadcast online and partial congregation presence • Small groups/Fellowships continue on Zoom & limited on-campus use 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Phase 4 (Vaccine developed and widely available)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full reopening at normal operations

As we plan for a safe and worshipful environment upon return, we will observe standard hygiene protocols such as masks, handwashing, and social distancing, etc. In addition, we are coordinating details with distanced seating arrangements, cleaning of community areas, contact tracing, and a reservation system (if not all attendees can attend due to space limitations). We will share more details in the future so you will know what to expect before you attend a service, fellowship, or small group on campus.

Once again, we look to our God for wisdom and know these times are challenging for everyone. As Hebrews 10:23 says, “Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful,” we cling to the hope of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our lives. The committee covets your prayers for our reopening!

In Servitude,

The CEC Reopening Committee, Elder Council, the Pastoral & Administrative Staff

親愛的華人教會大家庭平安，

希望您在這個充滿挑戰的季節中，一切平安順利！自3月中旬以來，新冠肺炎疫情的蔓延，徹底顛覆了我們的生活習慣和原有的舒適生活，包括上學、上班等日常活動。從那以後，我們習慣了戴口罩，保持社交距離、使用乾洗手液、更加徹底地洗手，以及透過 Zoom 視頻彼此團契和敬拜神。

2020年5月27日，由余庭輝 (Jim Yee)、朱偉柏 (Andy Chu)、Xristian Escala、許胡敏蘭 (Sarah Hui)、邱永安 (Andy Kho)、劉建強長老 (Dale Lieu)、林楹俊牧師、劉譚蒞慈 (Rachel Lou)、關永強 (Perry Quon) 以及蕭浩文牧師組成的教會重新開放委員會，開始開會、規劃和討論有關我們教會的重新開放事宜。長老團期許我們使用各人恩賜和能力，來帶領並致力與我們教會的重新開放的計劃，因為在開放的計劃當中存在許多不確定性的因素，和有一些問題仍需要解決。就像下面的雅各書 1:5 所說，教會開放委員會將繼續尋求神對華人傳道會的旨意。

你們中間若有缺少智慧的，應當求那厚賜於眾人也不斥責人的神，主就必賜給他。(雅各書 1:5)

目前全國已有許多教會已經重新開放聚會；然而，教會重新開放委員會經過審慎考慮，認為最好是以分階段的方式，重新開放華人傳道會。我們教會收到了將近 200 份重新開放教會問卷調查的回覆；其中大多數表達了謹慎行事的意見。因此，我們的團隊採取了更為保守的方法。我們決定在目前的情況考慮因素下，暫時不考慮重新開放教會；因為我們會友的健康和安全非常重要。我們很感謝您花費時間完成問卷調查；您的意見對我們非常寶貴！

教會重新開放委員會已經擬定了重新開放教會的四個階段計劃，這些階段的總體架構是從有限制地開放教會開始；並視每個階段性目標，逐步加入團體聚會的活動。至於是否邁向下一個目標階段，將取決於現有和新增加的新冠肺炎病例數和住院人數，有效疫苗的開發；以及其他所有的因素，也都將定期重新加以評估及考量。我們也了解，其中許多因素也將根據政府的指令而所有變化。

第一階段 (目前情勢)

- 僅藉著 Zoom 視頻和 YouTube 直播進行線上崇拜和小組團契

第二階段 (九月初 - 假設感染率降低至可接受的程度)

- 在教會進行直播:
 - 牧師、敬拜團、領會和電腦影音小組在教會園區內只進行線上直播
- 小組/團契繼續進行 Zoom 視頻；並有範圍限制地使用教會園區設施

第三階段 (依照聖地牙哥政府決定可聚會人數而定)

- 在教會進行直播:
 - 小組/團契繼續進行Zoom視頻，並有範圍限制地使用教會園區設施，並有部份會眾人數參加
- 小組/團契繼續進行Zoom視頻並有限制範圍地使用教會園區設施

第四階段 (疫苗研發成功而且普遍供應)

- 全面開放教會，並照常舉行崇拜與聚會

當我們計劃在重回教會聚會時，能夠建立一個安全的敬拜環境；我們需要遵守標準的衛生規程，例如口罩，洗手和保持社交距離等。此外，我們正在與協調安排一些細節，如安排社交距離座位、清潔聚會活動區域、追蹤接觸史，以及預訂系統(由於座位有限，並非所有的人都能夠參加)。我們將分享更多詳細的訊息，以幫助您在參與服事、團契或小組活動之前，能夠更清楚明白如何應對。

我們再次向神尋求智慧，我們知道這個時期對每個人都是一種挑戰。正如希伯來書10:23所說：「也要堅守我們所承認的指望，不致搖動；因為那應許我們的是信實的。」所以我們在生活中堅守對耶穌基督福音的盼望。教會重新開放委員會渴望您為教會重新開放多加代禱！

在主裡服事的

華人傳道會重新開放委員會、長老團、教牧團和行政同工