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A Letter from Pastor Joshua to Our Church Family Reopening – Arrangements in Phase Two (October- December)

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Dear FECSGV and HOA Family,

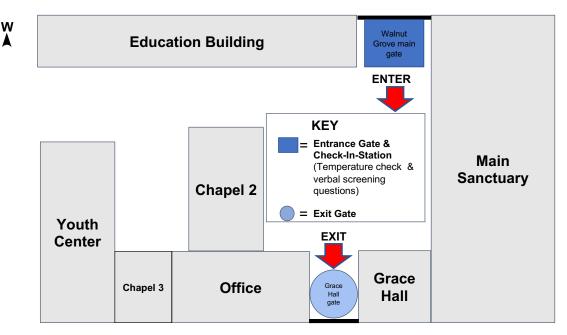
Praise the Lord, our church is open for **IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICES** and the services are also live streamed. We warmly welcome you to join us!

In **Phase two**, from **October to December**, same as Phase one (August to September), the following arrangements will be implemented for another three months until the end of December:

- 1. HYBRID SERVICES: In view that not all congregants may be able to attend in-person Sunday services at this stage, all our in-person Sunday Services will continue to be live streamed.
- 2. STAGGERING SERVICES: To direct the flow of the crowd, we will have staggering services.
 - 9:30am-10:30am (1 Hour): Connections/Cantonese Congregation (attendees may stay in the church campus from 9:00am to 11:00am).
 - Youth Sunday Service for youth from Connections, Cantonese Congregation and Mandarin Congregation.
 - \circ Children Program for children from Connections and Cantonese Congregation.
 - 11:30am-12:30pm (1 Hour): Mandarin Congregation (attendees may stay in the church campus from 11:00am to 1:00pm).

 Youth IN-PERSON Sunday School in Youth Center, youth from each Congregation can stay in Youth Center for Sunday School after Youth Sunday Service.
Children Program for children from Mandarin Congregation.

- HOA Campus: Adult and Youth Sunday Services, Youth and Children Programs to be arranged by the HOA Team based on VCC's requirement.
- 3. RISK REDUCTION MEASURES: Temperature checks and verbal screening questionnaires are required at the campus entrance. Face masks are required inside the church campus, indoors and outdoors. Appropriate physical distancing will be enforced. Lunch/Dinner will not be provided at FECSGV campus and HOA campus respectively.
- 4. ONE ENTRANCE GATE AND ONE EXIT GATE ON SUNDAY DURING SUNDAY SERVICES AT FECSGV:



- 5. CHECK-IN-STATION/ENTRANCE GATE WILL BE CLOSED 15 MINUTES AFTER SERVICE STARTS
 - 9:00am-9:45am: Connections and Cantonese Congregation will have ushers stationing at the check-in-station at the entrance gate. **Gate will be closed at** <u>9:45am.</u>
 - 11:00am-11:45am: Mandarin Congregation will have ushers stationing at the check-instation at the entrance gate. **Gate will be closed at** <u>11:45am.</u>
 - Ushers at the check-in-station will do **temperature checks** and ask people two simple **screening questions**.
 - A large **Reopening Screening Poster** will be posted at the entrance gate (see attachment)

In **Phase two**, from **October to December**, in view once more that not all brothers and sisters can attend in-person gatherings at church, the church will continue to implement the following measures: (1) **Sunday School and Equipping Classes:** Online; (2) **Small Group/Fellowship:** Online; (3) **Prayer Meetings**: Online, (4) **Church Staff:** staff will work out office hours and working on site with Senior Pastor, (5) **Online giving/Giving through mail/Put the offering in the offering box**: please follow instructions on the church's website or during in-person services, (6) **Special Events in Church campus**: to be approved by Senior Pastor on a case-by-case basis. At the end of December 2021, we will make another evaluation to determine the next move.

The vision of our church is to obey Jesus Christ's Great Commission (make disciples of all nations, Matthew 28:18-20) and Greatest Commandment (love God and love people, Matthew 22:37-40). Our motivation for every decision is always LOVE and FAITH, not fear. So be patient! And keep focused on God's purposes in our life!

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." ~2 Timothy 1:7~

Love in Christ,

Joshua Cheng Senior Pastor Chairperson of the Board of Elders

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