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Aloha Kona Church of the Nazarene

Fortunately, the Big Island and Kona has not yet had many confirmed cases of COVID-19, but out of an abundance of caution and love for those in our church who are most susceptible, we want to be prepared. Here is what you need to know about Kona Nazarene Church and COVID-19:

* We will continue to meet on Sunday mornings and during the week at our Kona campus and village ministry for the foreseeable future. At this point in time, given our location and lack of confirmed cases in the area, we don't feel the need to cancel services and gatherings. We will take all possible precautions so we can continue to gather safely together. We will not be fearful, but we will be informed and prepared.
* We encourage you to greet each other with a “zero touch” greeting. This is tough for us here in Hawaii, but let’s avoid shaking hands, hugging, kissing, and other forms of physical greeting for the next few weeks.
* If you are ill, feeling sick, been sick or just concerned about coming to services, please join us for worship online. Our service is streaming online through Facebook Live, <https://www.facebook.com/KonaNazChurch/>. You can give your tithes and offerings online as well at our website, [www.konanaz.com](http://www.konanaz.com). These can be mailed to the church as well.
* We encourage you to maintain good personal hygiene by washing your hands often using soap and water. Hand sanitizer will be available at various locations in our facility.
* Our pupu, water and coffee station will not be available for the next few weeks.
* Our staff and volunteers will be maintaining the highest standards of cleanliness and hygiene. Our overall cleaning and sanitation will handled more rigorously as we take additional measures developed by our public health authorities.

This is time in which a lot of fear enters the minds and hearts of those in our Islands and surrounding communities, but we know we can trust God in these uncertain times. Let us not stray away from our faith in fear during these hard times, “for the Spirit of God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.” (2 Timothy 1:7) My prayer is that we can look for ways to show the love and peace of Christ to our communities over the coming days. This is a great opportunity for God to move through his church as we share his love.

You are loved!

Pastor Charles