

Kensington Church's Response to the COVID-19 Situation:

# Traverse City

## Letter from Joel - Kensington TC Teaching Pastor

Hi Kensington - Traverse City family,

I am so incredibly excited about locking arms with you and following Jesus together. I couldn't be more excited, and our family couldn't be more excited. We can't wait to get to know you as we integrate into the TC community.

I'm writing to you simply as an attempt to bridge the relational distance during this time of social distancing. In this next season, I'll be making other attempts to connect with you as well. I look forward to that.

We find ourselves at an interesting intersection, don't we? We're at the intersection of a pastoral transition as well as this COVID-19 situation. Not long ago, Governor Whitmer issued a stay-at-home executive order. Moving forward, it will be important for us all to assertively nurture the connections and relationships we have in our lives.

It's in times just like these that faith can increase as a truly beautiful thing. Ultimately, trials bring us to a greater place of maturity (James 1:2-4). Times of uncertainty often have a way of resetting our faith - for the better. The time is ripe for us all to consider who we worship and where we place our trust. Whether near or far, I'm excited that with one Spirit, we will be able to grow together as we increasingly place our faith in Christ.

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Lately, I've been thinking so much more about Paul's letters to the first century churches. It's from these very letters where we get the majority of the New Testament. Think about it - the church was inaugurated during a time similar to what we're experiencing right now. Of course, the reasons were different, but they couldn't meet in mass gatherings either. So, they found other ways to connect with one another, to love and pray for one another, to send greetings and write letters to one another. That's what Paul's letters are. And if you think about it, we live in parallel times and we have parallel opportunities. I am convinced that the church can be built strong and the kingdom of God can be expanded greatly in a time such as this! The harvest is ripe for us to be Love to one another and to others. I think people are ready and maybe even excited about seeing fresh expressions of love. More and more people are going to be hungrier for love and truth. And WE are the ones that know WHO it is that their hearts are craving. That's us. WE are the church! That's our mission in this season. I'm so excited because together, we have been given a beautiful opportunity to be conduits of Christ love. Stuff like this has happened before and from it, God has done incredible things!! I anticipate the same in all of this!

So, Kensington - TC family, I look forward to walking beside you and with you! Let's shine in this community by being an expression of Christ together. I can't wait to hear about the faith stories and tales of redemption to come.

Looking for ways to connect with Pastor Joel this week? Interact with him on our [TC Kensington Facebook page](#) or participate in his video prayer meeting via zoom on Friday's at 1pm. Details available on the Facebook page above.

## **Church Online and More**

As your church family, we are here for you every step of the way. We've worked with each of our ministry leaders and staff to put together resources, ways to connect, and answers to many of your questions including updates on midweek and weekend services, Move Out opportunities, kids, middle school & high school, groups, care, discipleship, and family.

[Online services](#) are held:

Wednesday 7pm

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 9am, 11am, & 12:30pm

## **For more info, contact**

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