

Dear University Vineyard,

As we are all aware COVID-19 has become a huge issue/problem locally, in California, and the world. We need to approach this very serious situation with an attitude like that in the book of Philippians:

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4*

Many of you know this is one of my favorite verses that I quote often. It works for minor situations that frustrate us as well as worldwide pandemics. God is still God and He is the source for all our needs great and small.

As we have prayed, sought medical advice, and looked at the government recommendations, we have concluded that it is best at this time to **suspend services, meetings and small groups**. We want to continue to be the church by doing the following:

\*Staying in connection through weekly messages and posts on the church website [www.UniversityVineyard.com](http://www.UniversityVineyard.com), and on our Facebook page.

\*To be salt and light in our neighborhoods, looking for opportunities to help your neighbors and get to know them.

\*Communicating and caring for one another in the body as needs arise. We are the church and we want to care for all in the body.

\*Gather as families in worship; Worship, read God's word, and prayer for one another, the church and our community.

\*Continuing to give, to continue to give our tithes and offerings at this important time for the church. Ways you can give:

1. Give online at [www.UniversityVineyard.com/give](http://www.UniversityVineyard.com/give)
2. Mail or drop off a check to: University Vineyard  
4910 N. Woodrow Ave.  
Fresno, Ca 93726

We need to remember that the early church gathered when and where they could. We are the Church. We are His workmanship that He is building and forming, even during difficult times.

I am looking forward to us continuing to be a **people being transformed by the presence of God**. God is going to use this situation to cause us to be creative in how we are going to worship, be community/family, and be on mission during this time. May we be attentive to the Holy Spirit and follow His lead.

Blessing and health to all,

Ray Duran