



March 25, 2020

Dear CKPC family,

We hope this letter finds you and your family healthy and safe. During these uncertain times, please remember that God is still in control and as always, our Refuge and Strength. The CKPC staff, elders and deacons are still on duty from our various homes, having virtual meetings and accomplishing as much as we can. Please know that you are in our daily prayers and we stand available to help you in any other way we can.

A major concern for many of us these days is money and this is true of the Church also. We wanted to provide you with a financial update in this letter. Actually, the news is encouraging, many of you are still sending in checks or contributing on-line and for that we say, "thank you"! If you are wanting to give or continue to give during this time, but are unsure how to do it, please see special instructions at the end of this letter. Just as a reminder, our fiscal year runs from June 1 – May 31. Our budget for the current fiscal year was \$430,840. Our giving through today is \$351,940 with a couple of months left to go. Through the end of February, our income has exceeded our expenses by \$14,222. In addition, we have over \$52,000 in reserves. So, we have much for which to be thankful.

Since, CKPC is a non-profit organization, it does not pay into any State or Federal unemployment fund. So, any CKPC or Creative Connection Preschool staff who are temporarily laid off are not eligible to receive any unemployment benefits. As of this writing, it appears that the Federal Government is enacting relief measures, so we may qualify for an employment tax credit if we continue to provide our staff with leave payments. And this is what our Session has decided to do. Session met in an emergency meeting on March 15 and approved two motions. One motion granted that our worship and nursery employees will receive their normal pay (whether they are working or on leave) for the next three pay periods (through 4/24). The pastoral staff, children's director, praise band leader and office manager are continuing to work as normal (though now from home, of course). The second motion was in regard to the preschool. As with all other public school systems in the State, the preschool will be closed from 3/16 – 4/24. Recognizing that the preschool is a vital ministry of the church, CKPC and the Preschool are working together to provide the laid off preschool staff with at least 2/3 of their normal pay through this closure period. As mentioned above, it is probable that the Federal Government will provide us with some reimbursement of these payments.

CKPC staff and Session committees are in the process of preparing budgets for the next fiscal year, recognizing that it may take a while for our communities to get back to normal and that there could be a drop in financial resources. We promise to continue to be good stewards of your gifts and God's grace.

How to Make Donations During the Quarantine and Stay-at-Home Ordinance

As always, you can mail your payments (or have your bank mail payments) to

CKPC, PO Box 750, Silverdale, WA 98383.



You can make gifts of stock or securities.

You can also give online during this period. There are a few different, yet easy ways to do this. The easiest way is to simply follow this [giving link](#). You can also access the platform by visiting our website ckpc.org and scrolling to the bottom of the home page to find the button "Give Online." Click that and be sent straight to our new giving platform. Finally, you can text "CKPC" to 1-888-364-GIVE(4483) and you will be directed to our giving platform. Once you are on the platform just follow the steps to sign-up. If you have any questions please contact Ty Whitman via email (tyler.whitman@ckpc.org).

Please contact Steve Coffey at sce4053@gmail.com or call him at 360-551-3760, if you have not done this before. Some of you like to make gifts of cash anonymously. Unfortunately, there is not anyway for us to receive gifts of cash during this "stay at home" period. Please hold on to these gifts until things return to normalcy.

Again, thank you for your generous spirits.

CKPC Stewardship Committee

Pastor Tyler Kirkpatrick
Treasurer Steve Coffey
Elder Linda Wahlquist