



Dear River City Christian Family,

These are such unusual times. I pray that you and your family are staying healthy during the current COVID-19 crisis and that you are finding ways to stay connected to the Lord and to the church body. Please visit our website at rivercitychristian.org or the River City Christian app for updated information on resources that are available during the time that we are not able to meet on the church campus. Also, please know that our church staff is still working hard and available to answer questions you might have or to help out in any way possible during the “shelter in place” order. Please feel free to reach us at info@rivercitychristian.org or call 916-861-2240 and someone will respond as soon as they can.

I am writing this letter in response to questions we are receiving regarding our capital campaign “For One More” aimed at renovating the Worship Center to increase our seating capacity as well as to assist the ministry of AIM in providing safe housing for young women escaping sex-trafficking in Cambodia. As you may recall, before the outbreak of the coronavirus, we were actively collecting pledges for one-year commitments April 2020-March 2021, with a goal of raising \$1.2 million (10% which would be given to AIM). We are very thankful for the generosity and enthusiasm of our church family as to date, we have received pledges of over \$750,000, with over \$380,000 of that sum already received in one-time donations.

However, the outbreak of COVID-19 and the accompanying economic impact has obviously interrupted the campaign. We want to be very sensitive to the needs of our church family at this time while still maintaining our vision for our church’s future. We do believe that we will be able to move past the current crisis, that we will eventually be able to worship together on our church campus again and that we will soon experience the crowding problems we have had in our recent past. We know that this is not an ideal time to be asking for money, but we also believe strongly in the call that the Lord has placed on our church to increase our outreach to those in our community who do not yet know Him.

As I said, I am writing this letter at this time because people are asking about the status of the “For One More” campaign. I in no way want to make light of the difficulties we are all now facing, but we also want to look ahead in faith. As your pastor, I am asking you to do the following:

1. Please pray for the Sacramento region and for those who are being impacted by the virus and by its economic ramifications.
 2. Please pray for our church finances as current affairs will likely have a negative impact on donations we receive for normal operating expenses.
 3. If you have already made a pledge to “For One More” and you are still able to begin your
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monthly giving for that campaign, please do so. Originally, we asked that monthly donations be made starting April 1, 2020 and be completed by March 31, 2021. However, if you need to postpone your first donation until May 1, 2020 you may do so and your final gift would be made by April 30, 2021. Please note that if you have already set up a recurring gift online, you need not take any further action.

4. If you have not yet made a pledge to “For One More” but still wish to do so, please click on this link to make a pledge. You may make a one-time donation, make a monthly pledge, or do both. You may give online or send a check to the church office.
5. Please remember that giving to the “For One More” capital campaign should be above your regular tithes and offerings to the church. Your faithful giving to the general fund is necessary to support our various ministries and staff.
6. If you previously made a pledge but have since lost a job or had your income negatively impacted by current affairs, please know that we understand. If you feel you need to change or drop your pledge, it is ok. Please simply email info@rivercitychristian.org so that we can remove those pledge numbers and more accurately budget for the proposed projects.
7. Please understand that while we still look forward to renovating the Worship Center to make room “for one more” person to hear the Good News of Jesus, we will need to be patient with the process. Church leadership is committed to making fiscally sound decisions and the renovation may be delayed in light of circumstances beyond our control. Please know that we remain committed to giving 10% of all funds received “For One More” to the ministry of AIM.

Again, thank you for your support of River City and our commitment to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with every person everywhere. If you have any questions or concerns about the subjects outlined in this letter, feel free to email info@rivercitychristian.org. Let’s pray together for a quick end to the COVID-19 situation and for the future ministry of our church.

In His service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jesse Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jesse Smith
