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Our Beloved Pathways Family:

With sincere compassion and hope I greet each of you in the Mighty name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. As you know, due to the challenges caused by the COVID19 Pandemic, we have been unable to safely assemble for Worship, Bible Study, or other ministry functions. Additionally, with the spread of the virus running rampant throughout the country and our community, it is impossible to predict when we might be able to safely return to in person services. However, we have taken several steps to continue to safely share the word of God without physically exposing our cherished members to the virus.

In the near term we will continue to have Bible Study and Sunday Worship through our teleconferences. We are also arranging to do live sessions through the Facebook and Youtube platforms. We will continue to provide the full range of member support services through our new business office. We will continue to offer the teleconferences simultaneously with the live streaming and periodic special webcasts. Our youth will continue to meet for classes and club meetings via the ZOOM platform. Minister Hines has the ZOOM Ministry fully operational and is offering outstanding content for our youth. We want to encourage our parents to take the time to insure your children are signed in for the sessions. Most sessions are less than one hour.

We are continuing to offer our outreach and benevolence ministry to the community. We are making limited food and clothing distributions to our members. We are supporting the sick and shut-in with prayer and counseling. The Bereavement Ministry is continuing to operate and reach out to families that have experienced the loss of a loved one. As further encouragement to our families we continue to recognize our birthday celebrants each month. Please advise the church if you have need for any of our member support services. We must all work together to encourage and care for each other during this time of trial for the fellowship. With God on our side, we will survive and prosper.

We ask for your prayers and continued support as we adjust to our new normal. As you know by now, we were unable to execute any of our planned fundraising activities for 2020. As a result our revenues have suffered. I want to thank those who have remained faithful in their financial support of the church. I am also asking our members who have not remained faithful in their support to prayerfully examine their actions. Even though we have significantly reduced our operating expenses with this move, we need your continuous financial support of the church as we serve God's people.

We are hopeful there will soon be a vaccine or therapeutic for this virus and we can return to our traditional church activities. When this time comes, we must be in a strong Spiritual and financial position to go forward as a "Church of Excellence". I pray constantly for your safety and faithfulness throughout this trial. Please pray for our leadership team.

Your Humble Servant,

*Willie J. Holley*

Dr. Willie J. Holley, Senior Pastor