

# Summit Virtual Member Meeting

**May 31 at 8 p.m.**

*Read these FAQs about the Summit's ongoing response to COVID-19 and our strategy for reopening.*

## **How long will we continue to have worship services online?**

Online is going to be our primary strategy for reaching people; you could say it's one of our new primary mission fields. **We will continue meeting only online during the month of June.**

## **How will the Summit be communicating more plans and updates?**

We will plan **another member meeting** in the next month to communicate specifics on where we are as a church, what we're planning to do and when, and how we plan to do it, all with you and your family's safety in mind.

## **How will the Summit transition to in-person gatherings again?**

**When we do start to gather in person again we will start in a step-by-step fashion.** Though we don't have specific dates and times, know that we're preparing a reopening plan to use when we are ready to do so.

As of now, a general plan could include:

- Starting with one, family-friendly service at one location to help us prepare well to open all of our permanent locations. This would be a smaller, touch-free, RSVP-only gathering.
- At a later date, hosting one service at multiple locations, later scaling up the number of services, keeping all of the above constraints in place at each location and service.
- Continuing to delay the reopening of Summit Kids and Summit Students on-site ministry until it is safe to reopen them.

## **How will the Summit's mobile campuses gather in person again?**

**Because of the amount of control we have at our permanent sites, when we do begin in-person gatherings, we will likely welcome our whole church to worship at those locations first.** We're working with campus teams to stay in contact with our temporary locations. Depending on what these locations permit, and when, it may be that we are only gathering at our permanent locations for a season. At some point, mobile campuses may meet in alternate facilities or in additional spaces at one of our permanent facilities.

## **What about Bible studies and small groups?**

**For now, Bible studies and small groups will remain online.** As we look ahead to the month of June, we're suggesting that if you are comfortable with meeting with people, you might invite a few neighbors or friends over to watch a service with you. In order to encourage unity within our small groups, regardless of anxiety or vulnerabilities, small groups will remain online for now.

**Why not have worship gathering alternatives, like drive-in services?**

Most of those churches who are providing worship gathering alternatives don't have the online capabilities that we have. For them, these alternate gatherings increase their ability to reach their people. However, **for the Summit, the best and safest way to engage our people on the weekends is through our online services.**