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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with a great deal of joy and a great deal of caution that we plan to reopen our building for services on June 7th. Please know that this is a very prayerful and careful decision that we are making. We realize the very great need for fellowship and a time to be together for the purpose of growing closer together and closer to the Lord. We have a strong desire to use our facility to reach out to our community to bring people to a saved relationship with the Lord.

At the same time, we are trying to be extremely careful and mindful of the dangers involved with coming together physically at this time. We are attempting to take every precaution to make sure that physical distancing, sanitizing and disinfecting are taking place as needed. Please follow the guidelines given to us by the CDC and if you are symptomatic, not felling well or have any known exposure to an individual with Coronavirus we ask that you please stay at home. (We care for you and ask that you connect with us and let us know of any needs that you may have.)

We plan on offering three different alternatives for you to prayerfully consider. We will still be holding outside services at the church property across from the Hartford Fairgrounds on Saturday evenings. You may choose to remain in your vehicle or space yourselves appropriately in your own lawn chairs for this service. We plan on having a time of singing, the Lord's Supper and a message from God's Word each evening.

If you are comfortable meeting in the building, we are planning on June 7th as a starting date. At this beginning point, we are planning on limiting our attendance to 75 individuals. We ask you to please let us know if you are planning on being present at this service. There will be no nursery or children's programming at this service at this time. We encourage families to sit with each other and for children to remain with parents at all times during the service. Rows of chairs will be spaced at least six feet apart from other chairs. Although masks are not required, we would encourage you to make use of one if this is possible for you.

We will not be passing objects during the service. Communion elements will be dispersed in a sanitary manner. There will be a special box at the entrance of the Family Life Center in which you can place your offering to the Lord. Families and individuals will be encouraged to enter the building well spaced from others and dismissed very carefully so that a safe distance can be maintained.

Sunday morning's service will also be live streamed. If you are not yet comfortable coming to either of the previouslymentioned locations, we would encourage you to be a part of the service online. We urge you to have a communion service in your home each week with your family.

We have a team together working on logistics for disinfecting the building at the appropriate times. We are checking with our insurance company to make sure that we are taking proper precautions. We have a professional chemical representative coming in to demonstrate the use of proper chemicals to be used in a pump sprayer. We are planning on having hand sanitizer available at several locations.

We will do our best to keep in communication with you concerning meeting together. Please pray for our congregation and communicate with us any ideas or concerns that you may have.

Our ultimate goal continues to be "Living to Connect to Jesus." Please stay connected with the Lord's Church in Croton. May the Lord bless you, your family and our congregation as we seek to accomplish His will.

In Christ's love,

Croton Church of Christ

P.S. If you plan to be in attendance at the service on June 7th in our building please R.S.V.P. to 740-891-3191 or send us an email: connect@crotonchurch.com. Thank you!