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To our dear and cherished church Family at Scots-Memorial Uniting Church; Hobart.

The Church Council met yesterday in light of the escalating global pandemic of Corona Virus. The issue was brought to us by other congregations and together we mulled over information that each of us had gathered from the media, from our Presbytery, Synod and Assembly, and from medical professionals.

A clear trend in the statistics of countries who have come into contact with this insidious virus is that the nations who have fared most favourable, are the ones who have responded earliest and with the most cautious diligence. The reality is that within our congregation are many members who are considered most at risk.

With our hearts heavy with care, we have decided to suspend our Sunday Services until we are advised that it is safe to resume.

Other suspended activities include;

- Tuesday Services
- Thirsty Ground
- Mission Club
- Activities by all users of our halls and church building

We acknowledge that some will see this measure as way too extreme whilst others will see that we are acting within our duty of care. We love meeting together to share the Joy of our God's abundant presence and we are so sad to have to make this call.

Is this a time where God is calling us to draw near in Spirit and pray for our ailing planet? Could this be a Lenten withdrawing into the wilderness where we re-connect with the Spirit and the people of our households without the distractions of usual business?

Please continue to keep in contact with us and each other through phone, e-mail and post. We'll endeavour to keep the sharing of information through these means as well. If you are sick we won't be able to visit you, but we will call you on the phone and we will give you all the support we can.

Yours in Christ's service,

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