

Dear Willow Creek Stake Members,

As many of you saw, last week the church put out a [letter](#) regarding members safely returning to church. The letter outlines two phases to resuming meetings. Following that letter, we have met with our Area Seventy, received additional instruction from the Utah Area Presidency, and have counseled together with our Bishops and stake council members. This email is to give you an update regarding the plans for our stake.

While we are anxious to be together in worship services, we plan to move forward cautiously, ensuring that we do not cause undue safety risks. Additionally, as we begin to meet, attendance at the meetings will be completely optional -- if you feel uncomfortable attending, you should not feel obligated. We are currently working on a plan that will outline meeting schedules, the process for administration of the sacrament, sanitation processes, and other details. Once we have that plan completed, we'll share additional details with you. Because there are several things that need to happen before we begin to meet, such as acquiring all the sanitation supplies we'll need, we anticipate that it will most likely be late June when we resume sacrament meetings once again.

You'll remember from Moroni chapter six, that Moroni talked about the positive conditions in the Nephite's Zion-like society. He wrote (Moroni 6: 5-6):

And the church did meet together oft, to fast and to pray, and to speak one with another concerning the welfare of their souls.

And they did meet together oft to partake of bread and wine, in remembrance of the Lord Jesus.

We're excited for the day when we will return to "meet together oft" once again, but know that we will be sure to do this in a safe and careful way as directed by the Lord.

One last thing... we continue to encourage everyone to consider what you can learn though these unique times. Ponder and pray about how these experiences can change you for the better. As Elder Neil L. Andersen of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles said recently, "You can never find yourself in a time that the Lord won't teach you if you are righteous. This life is a time for becoming, not just for experiencing. It is a time of being taught from on high. As we are righteous, compensatory blessings always come — even in the most difficult times of our lives."

We will keep you updated as our plans develop around resuming church meetings.

We love you!

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