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Dear Pilgrim Park/Tower Hill family and friends,

At any other time, we would be writing to tell you of the plants blooming, the plans coming together, the staff training and the community forming—all the necessary components of the successful season of summer camping. But this isn't any other time. This is a unique moment where our every action has the ability to stop, spread or slow down the movement of the Corona virus.

And so it is with heavy hearts that we announce that our Summer Camps will not take place as planned for 2020. Grandparent and me, Sport, Worship and Wonder, HUG, Godstock, and Spirit camps will all be on hiatus this year. This decision was made with the safety and well-being of our campers, our staff, our volunteers, our families and our whole communities in mind. Until we have a clear way of knowing who does or does not have the virus, we would have to follow the 6-foot distancing for all interactions. While we might be able to make these accommodations for sleeping and eating for smaller groups, there is just no way that we could guarantee this distance with our daily camp activities.

It is our plan for the camps to return, better than ever, for 2021. If you are registered for a 2020 camp, we have three options for your registration and deposit. 1. We can simply move your registration and deposit to the 2021 season. 2. You can request a refund of your deposit. Or, 3. you can choose to donate your deposit to our 2020 operation budget to help us sustain Outdoor Ministries at Pilgrim Park and Tower Hill during this time.

Please know that we share your disappointment. We know how healing it would be for your children and youth to be together with their friends in a place that is special--sacred and holy. As soon as it is safe and viable to do so, we will welcome you back with open arms!

Peace,

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