

Alive Ministries' values for restarting in-person ministries

We believe that we are commanded to **LOOK NOT ONLY TO OUR OWN INTERESTS, BUT TO THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS**. We will defer our own preferences and set aside our own advantages for the sake of others, choosing the role of the humble servant, because we are united with Christ (Phil. 2).

We believe that **PEACE AND WISDOM** are gifts from God, just for the asking. We will pray unceasingly for those gifts—not only for the church and its leaders, but for our communities, nation and world, and all those placed in authority over us.

We believe **RELATIONSHIPS** are valuable, and that the body of Christ is strengthened as it gathers together. We will begin in-person gatherings as appropriate.

We believe **SAFETY** is a high value, and that physical, emotional, and public health concerns are all high priorities. We will consult the local, state, and federal guidelines and expert public health officials to help us determine our own safe, healthy practices.

We believe our **WITNESS** to the community in how we restart is an important part of our mission. We will pay attention to how different communities (other churches, Alive congregations, community, volunteers, families, elderly, the vulnerable — emotionally and physically) feel about strategies for gathering.

We believe that being **FLEXIBLE** with our strategies will be important as new information, restrictions, increases/decreases in numbers of COVID-19 cases, and social climates change. We will communicate and evaluate consistently regarding our strategies in order to create unity through transparency.

We believe that **EFFECTIVE DISCIPLESHIP** is a value that guides our strategies. We will include in our strategic plans opportunities for creating Christ-centered communities, engaging spiritual practices, growing Kingdom perspectives, and empowering people to be on mission.