

May 12, 2020

Dear Friends,

With heavy hearts, we announce that Covenant Point has cancelled all programs for summer 2020. This painful decision reflects the prayerful discernment of our board of directors and staff leadership. Camper and staff safety in the midst of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic simply could not be achieved in compliance with guidance from healthcare and public officials, our own high standards, and respect for the well-being of our local community.

We navigated these last months praying, seeking and hoping for a pathway forward for summer programs. Thank you for waiting patiently with us as we discerned what was next. For the first time in 94 years, there will be no campers and guests on Covenant Point's sacred grounds. We grieve this immense loss and we know you do, too. It is difficult, sad and previously unthinkable - and yet we believe it is the most loving, wise and appropriate course of action for Covenant Point at this time. You can find more information and an FAQ on our [website](#).

Despite this hard news, please be aware that we continue to look for new opportunities we can embrace - perhaps even yet this summer. If official guidance opens opportunities for us, we will explore them fully. Perhaps by August we may safely gather for some camp programs, annual triathlon, or other new opportunities that may emerge. Our creative and energetic team will be more than ready to serve you when that day comes.

And beyond the summer, we hope and pray we can safely offer fall retreats and winter camps. Faithfully continuing the wonderful ministry of Covenant Point is our heart's desire. Our vision remains steady on our long-term future, so whatever we do will be developed under stringent safety guidelines, you can be assured.

We recognize that this crisis has created severe financial hardship for many families. We want you to know that affected camper families will have the opportunity to receive a full refund, transfer their fees to a future CPBC program, or donate their fees to support our ministry through the pandemic.

Finally, many of you have reached out in recent weeks to ask us how things are going at camp, to let us know you are praying for us, and to ask what you could do to help. Please know that we appreciate your prayer and support, and are deeply encouraged by your kindness.

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)*

With faith, hope, and love,



Rev. Erik Strom, Executive Director

On behalf of the whole Covenant Point Staff Team

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