

To our entire TEC family.

I thought I should provide an update first of all about the upcoming August weekend and essentially the future of TEC or at least what we know. I met with the leader for August and we had to make the difficult decision to postpone the weekend. While I hope by August the risks have been greatly reduced it would be illegal right now within the state of Illinois to even have our meetings with the number of people that would be present, plus our churches are not allowed yet to have meetings within them. I wish I could tell you what the future holds but until we can get a vaccination to protect people and the people they come in contact with, I don't see a way to have a normal weekend and I can't imagine having a weekend without some of the events that social distancing would make impossible. We have been discussing ways that we can all stay involved in some way as we want to make sure everyone still feels connected and knows that we are praying for one another. Hopefully we can develop something that can get us together in a modified form either outside or virtually.

After being on nearly every weekend for the last 8 years not being able to be with my TEC family has felt really sad. I didn't fully realize what a big part of my life all of you have been and what a blessing it has been to spend time together. I was speaking to one of our TECites the other day and mentioned if we didn't realize before that church was made up of the people, we sure do now. I miss my church. Know that I love and pray for all of you every day, however, I also know when we have no control like we do now, we can be assured God is in control and He will bring good out of this. The Gospel this past Sunday was from John 14:15-21 and discussed Jesus not leaving us alone but giving us the Holy Spirit. He says to His disciples that the world will no longer see Him as He was physically returning to Heaven, but Jesus suggested if you have the Holy Spirit within you, you will always see Him. Have you seen Him? I have seen the fruits of us not being so busy and hopefully being able to focus more on Him, our prayers and each other. Jesus I trust in you, it is true we will get through this together and His plan does not have to be my plan. Stay strong and continue to be the Light of Christ to others who really need hope right now.

Hoping we can all be together again soon

God Bless

Deacon Aaron