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Beloved of Peace URC,

On August 19th, the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), Umair Shah (MD), updated the general statewide requirements for face coverings throughout our State. [The General Face Covering Requirement states:](#)

Every person in Washington State must wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth when they are in a place where any person from outside their household is present or in a place that is generally accessible to any person from outside their household, subject to the exception and exemptions below.

How will this General Requirement effect worship services at Peace URC?

In obedience to God who has established governing authorities (including public health authorities), the Council of Grace URC (our overseeing Church) expects everyone who attends Peace URC (beginning Sunday, August 29th) to abide by the DOH's General Requirement while inside the church building.**

While this is most likely unwelcomed news for most of us, we can be thankful that we do not need to make any changes to capacity, physical distancing, or the way we serve communion. In addition, the Minister will not be wearing a mask in the pulpit, nor will we need the plexiglass shield around the pulpit.

Please continue to pray for our civil leaders. (1 Tim 2:1-2) And please continue to pray for the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3) to be present among the saints of Peace URC.

The Apostle Paul boasted to others about the persecuted saints of Thessalonica. (2 Thes. 1:4) Even though he could boast about them, he says:

“To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfil every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Thes. 1:11-12)

Friends, as we continue to navigate these challenging times, my prayer for you is that God would make you worthy of his calling! Through the power of God the Holy Spirit, you would fulfil with every resolve for good, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you!

Thank you for your love and patience,

-Pastor Chris (On Behalf of Council)

** Please note that this Order is subject to certain exceptions and exemptions. See page 3 of the Order linked above.