Parents, Students, and Volunteers,

There is no question that we are all experiencing a spring and school year that is not like we imagined. As a culture, we plan our summers filled with sports camps, parties, vacations and we usually prepare months ahead of time. It was our hope that we could move through this pandemic quickly and be ready to serve together at Youth Week in June. Unfortunately, all indicators point to a much slower return to those summer plans.

With the health and safety of our students and volunteers our first priority, and also recognizing that this virus poses difficult financial challenges to both families and the organizations we serve at Youth Week, we are letting you know that Youth Week will not be happening in June 2020. We recognize that this will come as more difficult news to students and volunteers. We feel the same and are here for you. Please feel free to reach out to your student ministries director or leader if you have questions or want to talk. You can also email hcyouthweek@harborchurches.org to connect with a leader.

There are many factors that we examined as we made this decision. It was not an easy one. Not only was the health and safety of students a concern but also all of our volunteers, some of which fall into vulnerable categories, and those that may not be able to take time off from work in June. Nurses who are serving our communities and our 60+ community partners that we serve were also a consideration. We value each one and realize the difficulty for each of these groups to commit to Youth Week in a time of uncertainty.

Just as a building is not the church, Youth Week is not just a week. It is YOU! It is how you come together to serve your community. This summer, we all have the opportunity to reimagine what it looks like to meet very real needs and support organizations that have been hit hard by Covid19. We don't know what that looks like, but we are excited to see how each of us can pull together to live out our faith and serve others, to live out the essence of Youth Week in a world that needs it now, maybe more than ever before.

We are making a full refund available to students that have already registered for Youth Week. We have also included an option to donate your registration to Harbor Churches benefiting the future of Youth Week. Please fill out this form by April 30 to let us know how you would like your registration handled. Refunds will then be processed in May and issued back to the same credit/debit card that was used to register.

We are here for you and praying for you as you receive this news. Again, please reach out if you have any questions or just want to talk. And we will see you for Youth Week 2021!

In Christ,

Youth Week Leadership Team