

Update: March 31, 2021

Greetings East Bay Family,

I trust that this message finds you and your family safe and healthy.

Now that Alameda County has advanced out of the most restrictive red tier to the orange tier, and places of worship are allowed to operate indoors with modifications and 50% capacity, our re-entry team has been hard at work creating plans to do so safely. As mentioned during our Annual Meeting, we do not have a definite re-entry date. That said, we are putting systems in place that will allow us to prepare for our eventual safe re-entry onto our church campus. We will continue to update you as more information becomes available.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, your Board of Trustees, staff, and ministers have been working to move our community into a purely online experience while at the same time staying informed about the County of Alameda's Officer's orders. [Click here to see the latest information on their website.](#)

While we have no plans to reopen the East Bay campus at this time, the **Health and Wellness Ministry (HWM)** is partnering with the Board of Trustees to make sure that when the time is right, we will reopen in a safe manner, adhering to local and state guidelines. I am working closely with HWM Co-leads, Lola Pratt and Zee Lewis, to stay on top of developments and monitor our re-opening options. If you have questions, please contact Arleen at arleenking@gmail.com.

We Will Reopen When It Is Safe for Everyone

Our facility and volunteers' impact analysis indicates that we cannot provide online and in-person services now. We want to be confident that when we reopen the building, we can do so safely in a way that considers all of our congregants, including our most vulnerable. Until then, the East Bay community continues to be the place of love it always has been.

What Is Our Focus?

Our focus continues to be what it always has been: a dedication to the entire planet's spiritual transformation. We are committed to being a point of empowerment, allowing Spirit to direct every thought, word, deed, and personal transformation action. We will continue to expand our focus to include building community online, staying connected online, praying, learning and studying online, sharing, and celebrating online.

We Have Faith in the Future

Your trustees, stewards, staff, and leadership are creating long-term plans for our community. We have faith in the future based on our connection and commitments as a community.

I am amazed at how we have stayed connected through these challenging times. Our work together is a great testimony of our faith and the power of strength in numbers. I am eternally grateful for our community members coming together and keeping East Bay in the flow-through prayer, virtual services, online classes, and more.

We will continue to share information and updates on our [website](#), in our weekly e-blasts and in the monthly Love In Action magazine. Our love for ourselves and our community keeps us connected until we can be together in person.

Peace and Blessings,

Arleen King, Board President

On Behalf of the East Bay Church of Religious Science Board of Trustees