



June 10, 2020

Dear Brothers of Byron Center PRC,

We thank you for your reply to the letter we sent expressing our concerns regarding your decision to resume public worship services in disobedience to the state's temporary restriction on public assemblies. We are glad you received the letter in the brotherly spirit we intended, and that you replied with the same gracious spirit.

Having read your response to our various points of concern, we have a better understanding of how you came to your decision and the safety precautions you took. Though we do not agree with your reasoning, we respect your autonomy as a consistory to make the decisions you think best for your congregation. We also appreciate the exchange of our differences and the opportunity for reevaluation and reflection it afforded us. We intend to leave the issue here, with thanks to God for the sharpening effect of iron on iron.

The past few months all of our consistories have had much opportunity to discuss and debate the best ways to respond to the virus in light of obeying the God instituted authorities, caring for the spiritual and physical health of our congregations, and giving a good witness to the community. We trust that, even though as men we do our work with weaknesses, blind spots, sins, and sometimes even with disagreements on how to apply certain principles, the sovereign and Almighty God has been graciously working through us in strange and unsettling times. We trust that He will continue to care for us as the days grow ever darker and our prayer becomes ever more fervent, "Come Lord Jesus, yea, come quickly."

We thank you for your prayers, and include you in our own, that our collective labors as servants and undershepherds might glorify our Heavenly Father.

In Christ,

The Consistory of Zion PRC.

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