“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.” 1 John 4:7-8 (NRSV)

Love is at the heart of the gospel message. It is essential to the work we do at Camp Agapé and the mission we share. It is out of this deep abiding love for one another that we come to you with this message.

- Love for our campers who return summer after summer to make lifelong memories with us.
- Love for our partner congregations who graciously support and pray for our ministry.
- Love for our donors who give generously to see that this work continues.
- Love for our summer staff – young adults who give their summers to share themselves with our campers and volunteers.
- Love for this place of grace in its 59th year of ministry.
- Love for the communities from which our campers all come.
- Love for our world amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is out of this love that we share this message.

The Camp Agapé Board of Directors met May 16 and unanimously voted to suspend all Summer and Day Camp programs. This difficult decision was made with heavy hearts. Like many of you, our summer does not feel complete without camp! We never envisioned this scenario. Still we know that God is love. We trust that when we act out of love for others, Christ’s love flows through us. God has a guiding hand on the ministry at Camp Agapé and we have faith that we will come out stronger on the other side. As soon as we can safely do so, Camp Agapé will reopen. The board’s decision leaves room for creative onsite options later in the summer, options that more easily support social distancing. We will continue to seek ways to support you and offer experiences to grow in faith. We hope to proceed with a busy fall calendar.

It is okay to grieve the loss of Summer 2020 at Camp Agapé, we grieve with you. But, as Easter people, we look to the resurrected Christ. With that same hope, we live in a present ripe with new opportunities, and await a future that is brighter and more beautiful than anything we can imagine. “Beloved, let us love one another.” The world needs us now more than ever. We cannot wait until that day when we can again worship around the campfire at the Cross at Camp Agapé!

Grace and Peace,

Deacon Rick Frederick, Executive Director; Jill Shook, Board President