

Topeka Community of Christ

Guidelines for Canceling Sunday Morning Fellowship

The Topeka Community of Christ (TCC) looks forward to fellowship and worship on Sunday mornings. However, there are times when inclement weather suggests Sunday morning fellowship (Sunday school and worship service) should be canceled. The following are guidelines for the Pastor/designee to consider when deciding if services should be canceled:

- ❖ It is the desire of the TCC to meet for fellowship and worship on Sunday morning. However, cancelation of Sunday services will be considered when necessary for safety concerns.
- ❖ The Pastor/designee, in consultation with the Presider, will make the decision to cancel Sunday services.
 - The weather conditions at the church building will be the main location considered. Many of our members travel out of town and out of county in all directions. The weather may be more severe in one area than another.
 - Factors to consider
 - Temperature – Extremely cold conditions, including wind chill.
 - Icy conditions – travel conditions and the condition of the parking lot and sidewalk.
 - Snow accumulation – travel conditions and the condition of the parking lot and sidewalk. A Blizzard Warning for the area is reason to cancel. A Winter Storm Warning is strong reason to consider canceling.
 - Official government issued warnings to avoid travel, current vs expected weather conditions, and an active tornado warning extending into the worship time.
 - If the Speaker for the day is a guest traveling from out of town and request to cancel, the Presider may continue with services if the weather conditions in Topeka are considered safe. The Presider may consider opportunity for prayer and testimony as a worship alternative.
- ❖ The decision to cancel Sunday morning services should be finalized by 7:45 AM Sunday morning. The Pastor/designee will notify the social media administrator for posting on Facebook and the church website. The Pastor/designee will text, email, and/or call the members who have provided contact information. It will also be posted on the local broadcast media – if possible.
- ❖ The decision to cancel is always a difficult one. Best judgement will be used, but hindsight may have us reconsidering our decision. We do the best we can and know that we live in Kansas where the weather can be unpredictable.