

POL-202 SEVERE AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

1. Policy

Peace Christian Reformed Church (“Peace CRC”) cares for its congregation (Vision step 2) by providing a safe environment during severe or inclement weather. This policy provides guides for decision making for cancellation of events when inclement or severe weather exists before or at the time of the event.

2. Implementation

- 2.1. Event – any regularly scheduled Peace CRC activity including but not limited to worship services or mid-week youth activities held either on-site or off-site.
- 2.2. The Peace CRC Council (“Council”) encourages the congregation individuals to exercise their own discretion and judgment when severe or inclement weather occurs. In the case of severe weather when at church, the individuals are invited and encouraged to use the lower level away from doors and windows as shelter.
- 2.3. Severe Weather During Events
 - 2.3.1. Warning - If at the starting time or during an event, a severe thunderstorm warning or tornado warning is in effect, the event is cancelled.
 - 2.3.2. Watch - If at the starting time or during an event, a severe thunderstorm watch or tornado watch is in effect, the event may be held but a Council member or event leader will listen and watch for developments.
 - 2.3.3. In a watch situation, if warning is issued, the watching Council member or event leader will inform the remainder of the group of the situation, and consult with another leader before canceling the remainder of the event.
 - 2.3.4. Each individual is encouraged to stay in the safety of the building. Peace CRC is not liable for personal injury or damage to personal property if the individual decides to stay or leave the building.
- 2.4. Inclement Weather Affecting Scheduled Events
 - 2.4.1. A decision to cancel an event will usually be made at least 2 hours prior to an event. The cancellation information will be posted on the Peace CRC website, Peace CRC Facebook page, and if available, the KCRG website.
 - 2.4.2. All Wednesday evening youth programs will follow the Cedar Rapids School District cancellations. When the Cedar Rapids Community School District cancels school or has an early dismissal due to inclement weather on a Wednesday then all Peace CRC activities are cancelled.
 - 2.4.3. If school has been held during the day, but weather conditions may require cancellation, the event leaders may collectively agree to cancel Wednesday evening or other week-night activities. If possible, the leaders will inform the participants of the cancellation at least 2 hours prior to the event.

Administrated by the Administrative Team unless otherwise delegated

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