



## LETTER TO ALL INVOLVED WITH MMD

Dear MMD Parents, Participants & Supporters,

In light of the recent developments in the spread of the coronavirus, and the nature of this unique March Madness Day event, we had to make a hard call. We are cancelling MMD and postponing the event to another date this year.

North Ridge Youth (NRY) and the North Ridge Basketball Academy (NRBA) share a commitment to the mission of North Ridge Church to love our city in Jesus name. We believe that, in this instance, cancelling and postponing this event is the best way we can uphold this commitment. We make this decision based on the fact that MMD is very different from the normal activities that we have each week, as the MMD 3 on 3 Tournament involves much more body-to-body contact than the youth meetings or private instructions we regularly hold @ NRY or the NRBA. We make this decision in view of the precedent of multiple sporting events, which have recently been canceled due to the same fact.

We do not make this decision out of fear as we know that our God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of love, power and a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7) We make this decision out of a love for our city and a desire to do what is best for our community: protecting our family members, friends and neighbors who are most susceptible to the affects of the virus. We make this decision in faith that our God is all powerful and that the name of Jesus is higher than any name, including any virus or disease. That is why we will be postponing instead of merely cancelling it, trusting that our God will bring the virus to a swift end so that we can hold the event later this year. We make this decision with a sound mind, with wisdom we believe we have received from God to be a part of the solution and not the problem of the spread of coronavirus.

In summary, March Madness Day is cancelled for now, but not for good. We look with prayerful expectation for a date later this year that we can have this event. We will keep you posted on when the rescheduled event will be and if you are available, we would love to have you a part. We pray that you have an amazing weekend & encounter God's love & health in tangible ways.

Because of Jesus,

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