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Hello Cultivate Family,

Over the last few weeks, our Leadership Team have been praying and seeking the Lord regarding direction for the 2022 Summer Programme. While we have been preparing and planning for the upcoming programme, we have remained open and expectant for God to lead us.

We recognise that the Summer Programme would be able to go ahead under the Orange Light of the COVID-19 Protection Framework, however we have not been confident and at peace that going ahead is the right thing to do. Thus, we have decided to cancel the 2022 Summer Programme.

We have made this decision based on three factors:

- **Low Student and Staff applications** – In the life of Cultivate, we have always had a high interest and number of applications to the point that we have struggled to fit everyone in the available bed spaces and has led us to consider moving our campus location to allow a higher number of Students and Staff. For this programme, this has not been the case and we have recognised that as God's leading.
- **The current season of ministry for our Leadership Team** – Our Leadership Team recognises that there is an emotional and physical toll to running the Summer Programme and, although they are willing to make those sacrifices, they reason it unwise to overload themselves as this comes in an already challenging season.
- **The growth and health of the ministry** – The making of disciples and investing in the young people of New Zealand is our greatest desire. We see this step of faith as an opportunity to take the time to prepare and diligently widen our Leadership Team, strengthen our New Junior Leader Programme, and develop new facets of the Cultivate Discipleship Programme to ensure greater growth in the future.

Although we recognise this as the right and healthy decision, we did not take this decision lightly as we know that Cultivate has become an integral part to deepening your relationship with Jesus Christ. We believe that our 2022 Summer theme, From Faith to Fruit, is still relevant despite our decision; as we make this step of faith, we will trust God that much fruit will come in due season.

We would like to confirm that we will now be turning our attention to preparing and planning for our Winter Retreat 2022: Glory to Glory, from July 15-18, 2022. For the Students and Staff who have applied for the Summer Programme in 2022, we will push your application to the Winter Retreat 2022 unless otherwise specified and we will be in touch in regard to refunds.

Please let us know if you any questions or concerns. We are praying for you in this season.

Yours sincerely,

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