

March 23, 2020

Dear Members of the awesome Elmira's "gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans, str8, social group" (hereafter referred to as the "social group"),

Two developments in the last week with COVID-19 prevention and public safety make it necessary to write to you. The first development is the restrictions placed on organizations by Gov. Andrew Cuomo to not hold social meetings in New York State until further notice. The second development is our host organization Ray Of Hope Church (the church of the LGBTQISA..... Community in Elmira) decided on Friday, March 20, to comply with Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the "no meeting" policy until further notice. To be clear, Ray Of Hope is not closed but has moved all of its public services to the on line platform, Skype, they have used for years.

After talking with other regular attendees of our social group we think it best to not meet for our popular "Movie, Munchie, & Mingle" social events until the restrictions on public meetings is lifted here in New York State.

We hope all of you, your friends, families, and coworkers are doing everything you can to stay healthy and protect the health of others. We can do this little part to help stop the spread of the virus.

We look forward to socializing again in the very near future.

Br. Shawn,

Pastor of Ray Of Hope and Organizer of this Meetup