

## 11th Advisory on COVID-19 Situation

10 July 2020

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Greetings in the Name of the Lord. Praise the Lord for keeping us all safe despite the Covid-19.

We would like to update the saints on the following matters.

You may have heard from the news that the MCCY has allowed religious organizations to gradually resume activities with congregational services of up to 50 persons at a time (Press Release dated 18 June). Following this announcement, some saints are asking when we can resume meetings at the meeting hall.

As such, we would like you to know that we have already been fellowshipping about this issue. We also would like saints to understand the specific details of MCCY's rules for the resumption of congregational services and how they impact our ability to meet.

Some of these constraints to what we must, can, and cannot do include:

1. The 50 persons can either come to meeting for individual worship (1m apart) or in groups of 5 also separated 1 m apart.
2. If there are separate religious meetings being held at the same time, the different groups must be separated into clear demarcated zones (with separate entry and exit points). Participants of a worship session cannot intermingle with the participants of the other meetings/zone before, during, and after the meetings.
3. Singing and other live performances **are not** permitted during the worship service.
4. There is to be no sharing of any common items during worship (including bible, hymnals, bread and cup for Lord's table).
5. Congregational meeting is only permitted after the congregation submit the safety management plan and that plan is approved by MCCY. The safety management plan includes various rules including the setting up a one-way flow for entry and exit points for all the permitted activities, and the management of the arrival of worshippers to avoid queues from forming.

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6. Worshippers should leave immediately after performing their worship. There should be no reception or mingling between worshippers, before, during or after each worship service.

As you can see from these highlighted rules for the congregational worship, the MCCY's concept of congregational worship are more applicable to other religions e.g., Chinese temple worship or other liturgical worship practices (e.g., Catholic Mass). In those cases, there is less or little 'fellowship', interactions, and or discussion during worship; where a priest or pastor can do all the religious rites for the congregation while the people who come just sit and listen or 'pray' silently.

In the light of these constraints, we are still praying and considering what we can and should do for now. For one, it would be difficult to resume our meetings (e.g. Lord's Table meeting, YYP, Adult meeting) given these MCCY rules.

At this moment, we would invite all saints to pray for and with us, to ask the Lord to grant us all wisdom and guidance. On our part, we will still wait for further clarifications and updates from MCCY. At the same time, we are doing the following two preparations:

1. We are preparing the required Safety Management Plan for submission to MCCY so that when the rules are changed, we can immediately submit the plan for approval.  
Note that they require the plan to be submitted and approved three days before any meetings can take place.
2. We have engaged a professional cleaning company to conduct a thorough disinfecting and cleaning of meeting hall premises. The first cleaning session will be 27 to 30 July 2020.

If you have any other feedback or inputs, feel free to reach out to us.

For the mountains shall depart  
And the hills be removed,  
But My kindness shall not depart from you,  
Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed,  
Says the Lord, who has mercy on you.  
(Isaiah 54:10)

The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Grace be with you.

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## 2019 新型冠状病毒疫情 - 第十一次忠告

2020 年 7 月 10 日

亲爱的弟兄姊妹们，

在主的名里问候大家。为着在 2019 新型冠状病毒疫情中得蒙神的保守，赞美主。

以下是关于新冠肺炎疫情事项的几点更新。

您可能已经从新闻报道中得知 MCCY 允许宗教组织逐步恢复活动的消息，但参加人数只限于 50 人以内（6 月 18 日的新闻稿）。消息一经发出，一些圣徒就询问会所何时能恢复各项聚会。

我们已经就此问题展开探讨与交通。我们也希望圣徒们能了解 MCCY 对于恢复团体聚会/聚集的规则与其具体的细节，以及这些限制将会如何影响我们的聚会。

这些限制包括我们必须做到的、我们能做的以及不能做的：

1. 这 50 个人可以独自敬拜（之间要相距 1 米）或是以五人一组（相隔 1 米）的方式来敬拜。
2. 如果同时进行不同的敬拜聚会，则必须划分明确的分界区（分别不同的出入口）。参加聚会者不能在聚会之前、期间、或之后与其他聚会/区域的参与者进行交流。
3. 聚会期间，禁止唱诗与其他的现场表演。
4. 聚会的期间，不得共享任何物品（包括圣经、赞美诗、为着主日擘饼聚会用的饼和杯）。
5. 只有在教会提交安全管理计划给 MCCY，且该计划经过核准后才能进行团体的聚会。安全管理计划包括各种规则为所有许可举行的活动设定单向的出入点；并对抵达会所的参加者进行管理，以免排队。

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6. 敬拜者在完成敬拜后应立即离开。在聚会之前，之中或之后，敬拜者之间都不应有任何的接触或互动与交流。

从这些团体聚会的规则中可以看出，MCCY 的团体聚会概念更适用于其他的宗教团体，例如华人寺庙的朝拜或其他礼拜的仪式（例如天主教的弥撒）。在这些典礼中，参与者少“交通”、互动和/或讨论。因为祭司或牧师可以为会众完成所有的宗教仪式，而来的人们只是静坐聆听或默默的“祈祷”。

鉴于这些限制，我们仍在祷告寻求并考虑现在什么是可行或是当行的。对我们来说，鉴于这些 MCCY 的规定，要恢复教会的诸聚会（如主日的擘饼聚会，青少年聚会，成人聚会等）是比较困难的。

此时此刻，我们恳请所有的圣徒们与我们一起为此祷告，祈求主赐予我们所有的智慧和指导。我们仍将等待 MCCY 的进一步指示与更新。同时，我们正在进行以下两项事工的准备：

1. 我们正在准备所需的安全管理计划，以便在更改规则时可以立即提交给 MCCY，供其批准。  
请注意，任何聚会都需要在得到批准的三天后才可以进行。
2. 我们已经安排了专业的清洁公司来为会所进行彻底的消毒和清洁。第一次清洁工作将于 2020 年 7 月 27 日至 30 日进行。

如果您有任何其他反馈或意见，请随时与我们联系。

大山可以挪开，  
小山可以迁移；  
但我的慈爱必不离开你；  
我平安的约也不迁移。  
这是怜恤你的耶和华说的。  
(以赛亚书 54:10)

愿主耶稣基督与你的灵同在。愿恩惠常与你们同在。

长老与执事们  
同敬启