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14th Advisory on COVID-19 Situation

15 Jun 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank the Lord for continuing to guide the Church each step of the way during this challenging times. As you know, we suspended our onsite Lord's Day Bread Breaking Meeting since May given the new Phase 2 (heightened alert) measures. Recently, the government announced the gradual reopening based on the Phase 3 (heightened alert) measures (issued on 11th June). Specific measures that would impact congregational and worship services as well as religious activities are appended below.

If you observe from the measures below, the Phase 3 (heightened alert) rules for congregational and worship services for 100 persons and above (max 250 pax) require that the Church conduct pre-event testing (PET) for all worshippers before each service. Because PET requires significant resources and time, the Elders and Deacons do not think that this is a viable approach to restart the Lord's Day Bread Breaking Meeting. Alternative approaches such as having different meetings of up to 50 attendees would also entail significant resources (e.g., additional groups of SMOs and various serving ones). As such, the Elders and Deacons have decided to continue suspending the onsite, physical Lord's Day Table Meeting until the local Covid-19 conditions improve and when this PET requirement is relaxed.

We will continue to closely monitor the updates from the respective government agencies and apprise the brothers and sisters of any changes to our meetings and activities.

May we continue to pray for the Lord's sovereign hand over all these uncertainties and continue to show care and concern for each other.

Jesus is Lord.

Elders and Deacons

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Appendix

(extracted from MCCY announcement issued 11 June 2021)

| Religious Activity | From 14 June | From 21 June |
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| Congregational and Other Worship Services | <p>Up to 50 worshippers, without pre-event testing.</p> <p>For more than 50 worshippers, and up to 250 worshippers, in zones holding no more than 50 worshippers each, with pre-event testing for all worshippers.</p> | |
| Live Performance Elements during Congregational and Other Worship Services | <p>Up to 30 persons allowed to be involved in / support the worship service.</p> <p>Unmasking, singing, and playing of wind / brass instruments are not allowed.</p> | <p>Up to 30 persons allowed to be involved in / support the worship service.</p> <p>10 allowed to unmask, of which 5 can be unmasked for singing or playing of wind / brass instruments.</p> |
| Other Religious Activities (e.g. religious rites, classes) | <p>Religious rites allowed, subject to prevailing group size of 5.</p> | <p>Religious rites and other religious activities (e.g. pastoral services, religious classes allowed, so long as they are conducted in gatherings not exceeding 50 persons. This is also subject to the total premises cap of 150 persons.</p> |

冠状病毒 19 疫情的第 14 个忠告

2021 年 6 月 15 日

亲爱的弟兄姊妹，

感谢主在充满挑战的时期继续步步引领教会。自政府于 5 月份收紧高警戒解封第二阶段防疫措施，我们就暂停主日在会所的掰饼聚会。6 月 11 日，政府宣布我国将逐步重返高警戒解封第三阶段；有关宗教集会与活动的措施载于附录中。

根据高警戒解封第三阶段的宗教活动规定，教会得为 100 至最多 250 人的聚会进行活动前检测。鉴于检测需要用到相当多的资源与时间，我们认为这不是重启主日掰饼聚会的可行方法。替代方法如几个最多 50 人的不同聚会亦需要相当的资源（例如额外的安全管理组员及各项服事的圣徒）。故此，我们决定继续暂停实体的主日聚会，直到本地疫情好转、会前检测规定放宽后。

我们将继续留意政府部门的公告，并通知弟兄姊妹关于聚会及活动的任何变更。

让我们继续祷告主，愿祂主宰的手掌管这一切，并持续向彼此表达关爱。

耶稣是主！

长老与执事同敬启

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附录

(摘自文化、社区及青年部 2021 年 6 月 11 日的公告)

| 宗教活动 | 从 6 月 14 日 | 从 6 月 21 日 |
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| 宗教集会 | 无活动前检测：最多 50 人。 有活动前检测：超过 50 人，最多 250 人，每区不超过 50 人。 | |
| 宗教集会时的现场表演 | 最多 30 名服事者。 不可摘下口罩、唱歌、吹奏乐器。 | 最多 30 名服事者。 10 人可摘下口罩，其中 5 人可摘下口罩唱歌或吹奏乐器。 |
| 其它宗教活动 (如宗教仪式，课程) | 可进行宗教仪式，每组最多 5 人。 | 可进行宗教仪式和其它活动（如牧养服务、宗教课程），每组最多 50 人，全场最多 150 人。 |