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15th Advisory on COVID-19 Situation

30 Aug 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the name of the Lord. Even though it has been a tumultuous period with many changes in restrictions and rules, we recognize that our Lord is sovereign and that He continues to shepherd His church through this storm. We praise Him that Singapore is now transitioning out of Phase 2 (Heightened Alert) as announced by the Multi-Ministry Task Force on 6 August 2021. The Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) also released their new rules and conditions under which churches are permitted to carry out activities in places of worship on 7 August 2021.

This advisory is about the resumption of onsite meetings at the meeting hall.

The elders and deacons have carefully reviewed MCCY's new rules and conditions, and have put together an updated plan to resume our Sunday Lord's Table and Ministry of the Word onsite meetings. The new condition that we had to take into account in our planning is that the government requires any worship meeting that has more than 50 persons to be limited to people who are categorized as "vaccinated". This requirement applies to both worshippers and religious workers. This vaccinated category is defined as:

- a) Those who have received the full regimen of Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty, Moderna or WHO EUL vaccines, with an additional two weeks for the vaccine to be fully effective.
- b) Those who have recovered from COVID-19,
- c) Those who have obtained a negative result on a Pre-Event Test (PET) taken in the past 24 hours before the expected end of the event. (This test does not refer to a self-administered Antigen Rapid Test (ART) rather, it must be a PET conducted by an MOH-approved COVID-19 test provider.)

On the other hand, worship meetings that have 50 or fewer persons do not have this requirement.

While we believe that all brothers and sisters should be able to come for the Lord's Table, we are also mindful of the current pandemic situation and that we should abide by the lawful rules and regulations implemented by the authorities.

As such, the plan is to have two onsite meetings on the Lord's Day – a morning meeting (up to 150 attendees) and an afternoon meeting (up to 50 attendees) from 12 September 2021. The following are the specific details.

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For our morning meeting, we are able to accommodate up to **150 attendees** (three zones of 50 each). The following are the details:

- 1. This meeting is open to all **brothers and sisters who are vaccinated** (as defined above).
- 2. We will resume the onsite Lord's Table Meeting as per the government's Safe Management Measures (SMM).
- 3. All attendees have to register via this link (https://cis.eventbrite.sg) before they can attend the onsite meeting.
- 4. There are three zones of 50 attendees each: Zone A (seats near to the piano end), Zone B (seats near to the audio room end), and Zone C (seats in level 2 extension hall). Details of how to register for tickets are explained in **Appendix A**.
- 5. All ticketed attendees need to follow the procedures as stated in **Appendix B** and follow the instructions of the serving ones on duty. Do take note that attendees need to have either the TraceTogether app or token. All attendees must wear masks at all times.
- 6. We need to validate each attendee's vaccination status.
- 7. For those who are unable to attend the onsite meeting, we will continue the livestream meeting on Sundays, starting at **10.15am**.

For our afternoon meeting, we are able to accommodate up to **50 attendees** (one zone). The following are the details:

- 1. This meeting is open to all **brothers and sisters regardless of vaccination status**. As such, we will not validate vaccination status.
- 2. All attendees will be seated on level 2.
- 3. All attendees have to register via this link (https://cis.eventbrite.sg) before they can attend the onsite meeting.
- 4. The rest of the rules and registration procedures are as per the morning meeting's.
- 5. There will not be any livestreaming for the afternoon meeting.

We are also planning to resume the Sunday Youth Meeting and the Children's Meeting. Implementation details are still being fellowshipped among the serving ones and will be released in due time.

This new arrangement will require more brothers and sisters to come forward to serve. We encourage all to continue to bring this matter in prayer before the Lord. At the same time, we do believe the Lord's command is for us to continue meeting together so that we may be His testimony. So let us remind each other that we should be:

"... children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world" (Phil. 2:15).

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

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Appendix A: Instructions on how to register for the Lord's Table Meeting

- 1. Please register via the registration link provided (https://cis.eventbrite.sg). Registration opens on every Wednesday at 10.00am and closes on Sunday at 9.30am.
- 2. The morning meeting: please select Zone A or Zone B or Zone C.
- 3. The afternoon meeting: you do not need to select any zone there is only one zone.
- 4. Please enter your full name and provide your travel/health declaration.
- 5. You will receive a confirmation email that will serve as your 'ticket'.
- 6. Tickets are assigned on a **first-come-first-served basis**. Please <u>do not double book</u> as each zone is limited to 50 attendees. Similarly, the afternoon meeting is limited to 50 attendees.
- 7. If you have successfully registered for a meeting and are not be able to attend it, please use the link in the confirmation email to cancel your registration.
- 8. If you do not have internet access or are unable to register online, please contact your serving ones for assistance.
- 9. When you help another person to register, please do a separate registration. Cancellation of one ticket in a group of two or more will cancel the entire booking. This means that you will need to register for the remaining person(s) all over again.

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Appendix B1: Procedures for attending the morning meeting

Before the meeting, please note:

- 1. There are limited parking lots.
- 2. Please arrive at the meeting hall from **9.30am** for registration. If you are late (after 10.00am), you will not be allowed to join the meeting.
- 3. There are 3 entry points/3 exit points and toilets designated for the three zones (50 attendees per zone).
- 4. Safe Management Officers (SMOs) will ensure **NO** queues within the meeting hall, including mingling or chatting or eating/drinking.
- 5. Please ensure that you have the TraceTogether app or token.
- 6. Safe Management Ambassadors (SMAs) will ensure you use the TraceTogether app or token to record entry and exit, and will validate your vaccination status.
- 7. Please use the entry for Zone A or Zone B or Zone C according to your ticket. SMAs will check your tickets before you are allowed to proceed to level 2.
- 8. Ushers will direct you to your seats. Please abide by their instructions.
- 9. Please observe good personal hygiene and remain masked at all times.

During the meeting:

- 1. Observe safe management measures
 - a. You will be seated 1 metre apart. The three zones are at least 3 metres apart.
 - b. You must keep your masks on at all times (except to eat the bread and to drink the cup).
 - c. There will be **no singing and other live performances**. You may sing in your hearts when the hymns are being played.
- 2. Partaking of the bread and cup
 - a. All individual portions of the bread and cup are placed at the distribution points (outside the main doors).
 - b. When announcement is made, starting from the first row, please move to the distribution points to collect a cup of bread and a cup of grape juice, with <u>safe distancing observed</u>. Please follow the ushers' instructions.
 - c. The brothers serving the bread and cup will come to you to collect the 2 cups after the bread and cup service.

After the meeting:

- 1. Please leave the meeting hall immediately after the meeting, commencing from the last row.
- 2. Please do not stack the chairs up.
- 3. Ushers will direct you and please abide by their instructions.

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Appendix B2: Procedures for attending the afternoon meeting

Before the meeting, please note:

- 1. There are limited parking lots.
- 2. Please arrive at the meeting hall from **1.45pm** for registration. If you are late (after 2.00pm), you will not be allowed to join the meeting.
- 3. There are 1 entry point/1 exit point and toilets designated for the meeting.
- 4. Safe Management Officers (SMOs) will ensure **NO** queues within the meeting hall, including mingling or chatting or eating/drinking.
- 5. Please ensure that you have the TraceTogether app or token.
- 6. Safe Management Ambassadors (SMAs) will ensure you use the TraceTogether app or token to record entry and exit; they will not validate your vaccination status.
- 7. Please use the designated entry. SMAs will check your tickets before you are allowed to proceed to level 2.
- 8. Please observe good personal hygiene and remain masked at all times.

During the meeting:

- 1. Observe safe management measures
 - a. You will be seated 1 metre apart.
 - b. You must keep your masks on at all times (except to eat the bread and to drink the cup).
 - c. There will be **no singing and other live performances**. You may sing in your hearts when the hymns are being played.
- 2. Partaking of the bread and cup
 - a. All individual portions of the bread and cup are placed at the front.
 - b. When announcement is made, starting from the first row, please move to the front to collect a cup of bread and a cup of grape juice, with safe distancing observed.
 - c. The brothers serving the bread and cup will come to you to collect the 2 cups after the bread and cup service.

After the meeting:

1. Please stack the chairs up from the last row and leave the meeting hall immediately.

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关于冠状肺炎疫情的第十五次公告

2021年8月30日

亲爱的弟兄姊妹,

主内平安。尽管疫情局势不断变化,政府的应对措施不断更新,但我们认识到我们的主是至高无上的,祂继续在这场风暴中牧养祂的教会。正如抗疫跨部门工作小组于2021年8月6日所宣布的,新加坡现在正在从高警戒解封第二阶段过渡向下一阶段,为此我们赞美主。文化、社区及青年部(MCCY)于2021年8月7日也发布了允许教会在敬拜场所举办活动的新规定和条件。

本公告关于在会所恢复现场聚会。

长老和执事仔细审查了MCCY的新规定和条件,并为恢复主日的实地擘饼聚会和话语职事聚会制定了计划。根据新规定,只有被认定为"完成疫苗接种者"才能参加超过50人的敬拜聚会,且此要求适用于敬拜者和服事者。"完成疫苗接种"的定义为:

- a) 已按方案完成接种辉瑞/复必泰、莫德纳或世界卫生组织紧急使用清单中的疫苗, 且**距完成最后一剂已超过两周,** 以让疫苗完全有效,
- b) 感染冠病后完全恢复,
- c) 在活动预期结束时间之前的 24 小时内进行抗原快速检测的结果为阴性 (检测必须由卫生部批准的检测机构完成)。

另一方面,参加人数不超过 50 人的敬拜聚会则没有以上要求。

虽然我们相信所有的弟兄姊妹都应该能够来参加主日擘饼聚会,但我们也需要 留意当前的疫情形势以及遵守当局实施的合法规定。

因此, 我们计划从 2021 年 9 月 12 日起于主日举办两次现场聚会——上午聚会(至多 150 名与会者)和下午聚会(至多 50 名与会者),以下是具体细节。

上午聚会最多可容纳 150 名与会者 (三个区组, 每区 50 人)。细节如下:

- 1. 向所有完成疫苗接种的弟兄姊妹(如上文定义)开放。
- 2. 我们将根据政府的安全管理措施恢复现场擘饼聚会。
- 3. 所有与会者必须通过此链接(https://cis.eventbrite.sg)注册后才能参加现场聚会。

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- 4. 与会者将分成三个区组就坐, 每区 50 名:
 - A区(靠近钢琴端的座位),
 - B区(靠近音响室的座位),
 - C区(二楼扩展厅的座位)。

有关如何注册门票的详细步骤,请参阅附录A。

- 5. 所有已注册的与会者都需要遵从**附录 B** 中所述的程序,并遵循当日服事者的指示。请注意,与会者需要在手机中下载好 TraceTogether 合力追踪应用程序或携带携手防疫器。所有与会者必须全程佩戴口罩。
- 6. 在入场登记时, 我们需要验证每位与会者的疫苗接种状态。
- 7. 对于无法参加现场聚会的人, 我们将在主日上午 10 点 15 分继续进行聚 会直播。

下午聚会最多可容纳50名与会者(一个区组)。细节如下:

- 1. 此聚会向**所有弟兄姊妹**开放**,不论是否已接种疫苗**。因此,我们不必验 证你的接种状态。
- 2. 所有与会者将在二楼就坐。
- 3. 所有与会者必须通过此链接(https://cis. eventbrite. sg)注册后才能参加现场聚会。
- 4. 其余规定及注册步骤与上午聚会相仿。
- 5. 下午聚会不进行直播。

我们也计划恢复主日的少年聚会和儿童聚会。服事者还在交通有关细节,详情 将在适当时候公布。

这个新安排需要更多弟兄姊妹出面服事。我们鼓励大家继续把这件事带到主面前祷告。同时,我们确信主的命令是要我们继续聚会,以作祂的见证。所以让我们互相提醒,要"···在这弯曲悖谬的世代作神无瑕疵的儿女。你们显在这世代中,好像明光照耀"(腓 2:15)。

愿主与你门的灵同在。愿恩典与你门同在。

长老与执事同敬启

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附录 A: 注册擘饼聚会门票的指示

- 1. 请通过此链接 (https://cis.eventbrite.sg/) 注册。注册时段为每星期三上午 10 点至星期天上午 9 点 30 分。
- 2. 上午聚会:请选择A区或B区或C区。
- 3. 下午聚会: 只有一区, 无需选择。
- 4. 请输入全名并提交旅行/健康申报。
- 5. 你将收到一封确认电子邮件作为"入门票"。
- 6. 门票以**先到先得**的方式派发。由于每区仅限 50 名与会者,请<u>勿重复注册</u>。 下午聚会也同样仅限 50 名与会者。
- 7. 如果你在成功注册后却无法出席聚会,请使用确认邮件中的链接取消注册。
- 8. 如果你无法上网或注册,请联络你的服事者以寻求帮助。
- 9. 如果要为他人注册,请另外进行。两人或以上一组的注册,若有一人要取消门票,将取消整组人的门票。这意味着你需要为余下者重新注册。

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附录 B1:参加上午聚会的流程

聚会前注意事项:

- 1. 停车位有限。
- 2. 请从上午9点30分开始到达会所登记。迟到者(上午10点以后)将无法入场参加聚会。
- 3. 三个区组(每区50名与会者)有指定的三个入口、三个出口以及厕所。
- 4. 安全管理员将确保会所内不出现汇聚排队、聊天或饮食的情形。
- 5. 你必须在手机里下载并在会所里使用合力追踪应用程序或携带携手防疫器。
- 6. 安全管理大使将确保你使用合力追踪应用程序或携手防疫器记录出入并验 证你的疫苗接种状态。
- 7. 请按门票使用 A 区或 B 区或 C 区入口, 并让安全管理大使检查你的门票后才上二楼。
- 8. 招待员会领你入座,请遵照他们的指示。
- 9. 请注意个人卫生并全程佩戴口罩。

聚会中:

- 1. 遵行安全管理措施
 - a. 座位之间相隔一米。区组之间相隔至少三米。
 - b. 除了吃饼喝杯外, 你必须全程佩戴口罩。
 - c. 没有歌唱和其它现场表演。播放诗歌时, 你可在心里歌唱。
- 2. 领受饼杯
 - a. 分配好的饼杯都放在分发点(聚会厅门外)。
 - b. 请遵从报告和招待员的指示,按顺序从第一排开始,到分发点领取一杯饼和一杯葡萄汁,并注意保持安全距离。
 - c. 领受饼杯结束后, 服事饼杯的弟兄会来收取那两个杯子。

聚会后:

- 1. 聚会结束后, 从最后一排开始, 请立即离开会所。
- 2. 请不要把椅子叠起来。
- 3. 招待员将引导你,请遵照他们的指示离场。

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附录 B2:参加下午聚会的流程

聚会前注意事项:

- 1. 停车位有限。
- 2. 请从下午1点45分开始到达会所登记。迟到者(下午2点以后)将无法入场参加聚会。
- 3. 请使用指定的入口、出口以及厕所。
- 4. 安全管理员将确保会所内不出现汇聚排队、聊天或饮食的情形。
- 5. 你必须在手机里下载并在会所里使用合力追踪应用程序或携带携手防疫器。
- 6. 安全管理大使将确保你使用合力追踪应用程序或携手防疫器记录出入。
- 7. 请使用指定入口,并让安全管理大使检查你的门票后才上二楼。
- 8. 请注意个人卫生并全程佩戴口罩。

聚会中:

- 1. 遵行安全管理措施
 - a. 座位之间相隔一米。
 - b. 除了吃饼喝杯外, 你必须全程佩戴口罩。
 - c. 没有歌唱和其它现场表演。播放诗歌时, 你可在心里歌唱。

2. 领受饼杯

- a. 分配好的饼杯都放在聚会厅的前部。
- b. 请遵从报告和招待员的指示,按顺序从第一排开始,上前领取一杯饼和一杯葡萄汁,并注意保持安全距离。
- c. 领受饼杯结束后, 服事饼杯的弟兄会来收取那两个杯子。

聚会后:

1. 聚会结束后,从最后一排开始,请把椅子叠起来,然后立即离开会所。