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Dear Senior Ministers and EDC/Session Clerks,

**Re: COVID-19 - Synod's Advisory No. 6 to Member Churches**

Shalom in the Lord.

1. Following the Synod office's WhatsApp to you on 24 March 2020, MCCY has now issued guidelines on how the latest measures will apply to our church setting. This follows the MOH advisory issued on that same day, **24 March 2020**. Further to the **suspension of all congregational worship and religious services imposed from 26 March 2020, 2359 hrs to 30 April 2020**, stricter safe distancing will be enforced.
2. During the suspension period, essential rites (e.g. weddings and funerals) and private worship may continue, **subject to a cap of 10 persons at any one time and with the precautionary measures listed in the Annex of the MCCY advisory**. We are advised to minimise physical interactions even during funerals and wakes.
3. If necessary, non-congregational activities involving **10 or fewer people** (e.g. Bible studies, cell group meetings) may be held with the same precautionary measures listed in the Annex of the MCCY advisory, even if they are held outside the church premises.
4. The limit of 10 persons at any one time does not apply in places of worship where pastoral and administrative staff/volunteers are **performing their duties** (e.g. providing pastoral services, setting up live streams of worship services). Again, the same precautionary measures listed in the Annex of the MCCY advisory must be adhered to.
5. We are advised to fully implement the safe distancing and other precautionary measures in the MCCY, MOH and MOM advisories with immediate effect. **MOH will be promulgating the necessary regulations under the Infectious Diseases Act to legally enforce safe distancing measures**. Persons and organizations who do not comply will face stiff penalties.<sup>1</sup>

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6. In the current COVID-19 situation, it is not possible to hold the AGM physically. The Synod Office will send out the guidelines from COC and ROS relating to the delay/postponement of holding the AGM. COC has no objection for churches to convene their AGM via virtual mode (e.g. Tele-conferencing).

7. At the same time, the Synod's Theological Review and Response Committee (TRRC) is working on the guidelines on conducting the Holy Communion in the event there is a prolong period of suspension of worship services. We will inform you once the guidelines are ready.

## Blessings

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1 Offenders will face a fine of less than \$10,000 or imprisonment of less than 6 months or both. In addition, existing levers under the Infectious Diseases Act, including the temporary suspension of operations, may be used against errant persons and operators.

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