

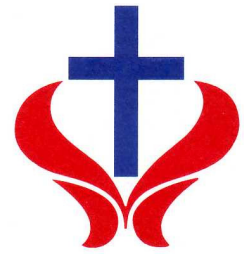
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Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Methodist Church in Singapore,

May God grant you peace in these times.

It has been just over a month since Singapore went to DORSCON Orange, and much has happened. Contact registration, Health and Travel Declarations before each service have become the new normal for us, and we are all more aware of the need for good personal hygiene practices.

Whilst we continue to have worship services, I urge you to maintain a high level of vigilance both in the screenings, as well as your personal health. If you are unwell, please do go see a doctor and not come to church until you are well again. There are a few Methodist churches which have started live-streaming and recorded services and sermons which you can listen to and watch in your time of absence.

We will reduce activities designed for seniors aged 60 and above as this age group is more likely to have a worse outcome should they fall ill. Social distancing will also mean refraining from gathering for fellowship after each service. If you attend a care group, please do continue to take temperature, maintain good personal hygiene, and disclose travel histories to help with contact tracing if necessary.

Please cooperate with your pastors and leaders as they labour to maintain a safe environment for God's people to come together to worship.

As a people called Methodists, we should look out for those around us who may need our help and do so in practical ways - looking after or tutoring children when parents are on Home Quarantine Order (HQO); thanking cleaners, public workers and healthcare staff; giving a mask to an ill neighbour so they can go visit the doctor safely; or even cooking a meal for a family on Stay Home Notice (SHN). We must exercise our social responsibilities as bearers of Christ's love and stewards of His peace.

Most of all, do not neglect to pray and to constantly come back into the presence of our Lord through reading His word and spending quality time with Him. My prayers are for you and your churches to emerge even stronger through this season.

Hebrews 13:20-21 (ESV)

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Still in one peace,

Bishop Dr Chong Chin Chung
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