

# UPDATES 21 MAR 2020

## WORSHIP SERVICES SUSPENDED FOR 2 WEEKS

### *Dear Charisians*

Bishop Dr Chong Chin Chung announced on 20 Mar 2020 that Methodist churches will suspend all worship services for an initial period of two weeks (i.e. 22 and 29 Mar 2020), and plan to resume services on Palm Sunday (5 Apr 2020) with all precautionary measures.

**The purpose of this suspension is to discharge our social responsibility in light of COVID-19, and seek the welfare of the city in which God has placed us.**

Please do not physically attend another church during the suspension of worship services as that would defeat the purpose of the sacrifice that brothers and sisters in Christ are making to break the chain of infection.

## **WORSHIP SERVICES DECENTRALISED TO SMALL GROUPS**

Meanwhile you will continue to receive pastoral care and spiritual feeding through small groups and family worship.

The pastoral team has prepared a Worship-service-order pack for the small groups and family worship to worship God on Sundays. **Small group leaders or worshippers can download the Worship-service-order pack** from <https://tinyurl.com/CharisMCHomeChurch>. The pack will be uploaded on **Sunday mornings from 9AM for English Worship and 12pm for Mandarin Worship each Sunday**, and contains:

- Order of worship;
- Pre-recorded sermon;
- QR Code for e-Tithes and Offering;
- QR Code for attendance and Travel & Health declarations;
- E-bulletin;
- Ministry Highlights;
- Sunday School materials.

The small group coming together may come together either physically or online as determined by your small group leader. Please take instructions from him/her.

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**It is important that we continue to enjoy the privilege of worshipping God through praise, prayer, preaching of the Word, tithing and offering and encouragement while practicing social responsibility.**

Because it is a worship session, let us be in a worshipful posture and have appropriate attire as if we were in the sanctuary.

**For more information...**

- On **joining a Small Group**, please contact Loong at loong@charismc.org.sg.
- On **Sunday School materials**, please contact Wendy at wendytay@charismc.org.sg.
- If you are not able to join any Small Groups for worship, please **download the Worship-service-pack** from <https://tinyurl.com/CharisMCHomeChurch>.

## **GUIDELINES FOR MEMBERS DURING THE SUSPENSION**

**During the period of suspension (i.e. from 22 Mar 2020 to 4 Apr 2020):**

1. Please **do not come** to Living Hope Methodist Church (LHMC) or the House of Peniel at Koon Seng Road on Sundays. **Church office staff can be contacted via email (office@charismc.org.sg) or 9618 3630.** MWS-Charis ACE has been closed since 10 Feb 2020, and will remain closed till further notice.
2. There will be **no shuttle or loop service bus** between Koon Seng Road and LHMC on Sundays.
3. For **pastoral care**, you may contact Charis church office at office@charismc.org.sg.
4. **Continue to participate in body life:**
  - **Small groups** can continue to meet online or in person;
  - Other ministries, such as prayer and pastoral visits, will continue;
  - **Join in the Charis MC 10PM synchronised prayer.** Contact Loong at loong@charismc.org.sg if you'd like to receive the prayer requests;
  - Keep on **encouraging** our brothers and sisters in Christ; and
  - Keep our **witness** strong by blessing all who are in need.
5. **Pray for our church and country** that we may emerge stronger than ever. Reflect on the Word more deeply in this season of Lent, and repent, revive and restore our faith as we await our Lord's return. Remain one in the unity and bond of the Holy Spirit.

***In the meanwhile, let the peace of God which surpasses all understanding guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:7)***

**Rev Lui Yuan Tze, Pastor-in-Charge  
Too Shiun Jye, LCEC Chairman**

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## ADDITIONAL REMINDERS

**Please remember as before that persons who meet the following criteria should not attend Small Groups or any ministry meetings, see a GP if having flu-like symptoms, and rest at home:**

1. Have returned from any country or region outside of Singapore in the past 14 days;
2. Have been in close contact with any suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19;
3. Live in the same house as someone on Home Quarantine Orders (HQO) or Stay-Home Notice;
4. Currently serving a Stay-Home Notice, or are on a Leave of Absence from work;
5. Have fever or respiratory symptoms (cough, sore throat, runny nose, breathlessness, etc.) in the last 1 week; or
6. Have been in any of the known local clusters in the past 14 days.

### **If meeting in person,**

1. Group sizes should be kept small;
2. Practice full precautionary measures such as taking temperature before meeting and practicing good personal hygiene;
3. Practice social distancing;
4. Persons who are 60 years and above or who have multiple medical conditions should consider meeting online instead.

