

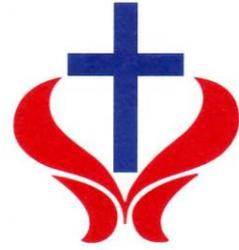
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ's Church,

May God's peace reign in your hearts.

The Government of Singapore has announced closures including places of worship to help reduce the risk of local spread of COVID-19. As responsible members of the community in Singapore, the Methodist Church in Singapore will put our hands to the plough together with our fellow-citizens and work together this coming month to break the possible chain of cross-infection.

Churches remain open for individual ministry, but we will not hold any gatherings (even informal ones) of more than 10 people on the premises other than for work.

This has been a Lent to remember in the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Methodism in Singapore. Let us never forget the contributions of the saints who have gone before us in the history of Singapore and the call to our generation to rise up at such a time as this. Giving up the pleasure and privilege of worshipping God together for a season is a sacrifice we will make to save our nation. I ask all Methodists to heed this trumpet call to action.

Please continue to exercise the precautions advised by our authorities and maintain good personal hygiene and physical separation. Follow the instructions of your pastors and leaders as they ensure compliance in your local church environment. Every worshipper has an important part to play in this effort.

In Acts 8:4, when the physical church was scattered, they went about preaching the word wherever they were and made the Gospel 'viral'. As we remain apart or in smaller numbers, be the church to your neighbours and the communities you are placed in, whether home, marketplace or in the spheres of friendship you are in. Join a small group as you carry God's love and hope in your heart and head and express it with your hands. Let others see the light of Christ burning brightly in your lives.

We continue to minister and come together online through recordings, live streams, and audio podcasts. A list may be found at <https://www.methodist.org.sg/livestream> but listen to the announcements from your pastors for more details.

There may be further changes in the future but our God is unchanging and ever-merciful.

***The Lord watch between you and me, when we are out of one another's sight.***

Genesis 31:49b

Together in faithful service,

Bishop Dr Chong Chin Chung  
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