

# The Methodist Church in Singapore

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Beloved Brothers and Sisters in the Methodist Church in Singapore,

A meeting was held with the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) and various church leaders on Thursday, 19 March 2020.

As Christians, we have to seek the welfare of the city that God has placed us in, and if this means foregoing the privilege of gathering together to worship our Living God as one body for a season, we will do our part to help. We are fully committed to working with the authorities to promote the physical distancing measures advised by MCCY.

**We will suspend all worship services for an initial period of two (2) weeks and plan to resume services on Palm Sunday, 5 April 2020 with all precautionary measures put in place.** We will still provide pastoral care and prayer support through means that do not require large face-to-face gatherings.

**Please do not attend another church during this period of suspension as that would defeat the purpose and sacrifice we are making to break the chain of infection.**

When the physical church cannot congregate, the spiritual church must elevate. I urge each of you to spend a determined time in prayer 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 your faith as we await our Lord's return. We must remain one in the unity and bond of the Holy Spirit.

Listen to your pastors and leaders and follow their advice as they strive to minister to you during this time. Look out for neighbours in need and be God's light and love to them in small, practical ways. Join one of the podcasts or live-streams from our Methodist Churches accessible at <https://www.methodist.org.sg/livestream> or your own church's arrangements for your spiritual feeding and growth. If you are not already in one, join a care group of believers so that you may experience and express God's love with His people in smaller groups.

We look forward to the day when God's people can come together again to worship Him.

**2 Samuel 10:12 (ESV)**

***Be of good courage, and let us be courageous for our people, and for the cities of our God, and may the LORD do what seems good to Him.***

Together in Christ,

Bishop Dr Chong Chin Chung  
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