



# TRINITY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (TRAC) METHODIST CHURCH IN MALAYSIA

PERSIDANGAN TAHUNAN TRINITI GEREJA METHODIST MALAYSIA



18<sup>th</sup> of April, 2020

To:  
Pastors,  
Local Church Lay Leaders,  
Local Church Executive Committee Chairpersons.  
Trinity Annual Conference  
The Methodist Church in Malaysia

Dear Brothers and Sisters-in-Christ,

## **Re: Decisions in view of Covid-19 Pandemic**

Blessed Easter!

Firstly, I write to inform you that our Executive Board has taken a decision that in view of the seriousness of the Covid-19 situation, TRAC churches should not rush to hold worship services even if and when the MCO is lifted later in April 2020. Therefore, throughout the month of May our churches will not be opened for worship services. This decision to suspend worship services will be reviewed in the second half of the month of May 2020.

We are aware that many of our churches are already holding online worship services or sending out Order of Worship Services to our members to help them worship at home. Some committee meetings, prayer gatherings, youth ministries, Sunday School ministries and small group gatherings are also being carried out online and we commend this. However, we are aware that not everyone is tech-savvy and hence they have been missing out on the various online ministries. We as a community of faith want to be inclusive especially in times like these and therefore, we are trying to make sure that no one is left out. We are trying to make sure that everyone is being reached out to and ministered to. Please be patient with us as we work out the nitty gritty of reaching out to everyone.

Secondly, I wish to inform us that Bishop Ong has consented that we do online Holy Communion from May onwards until we go back to some normalcy. Our Pastors will be able to provide guidance on this when we are ready to do so. Again, we know that not everyone will be able to come online to participate.

Finally, I pray that for all of us who have been busy serving, this present time will be a time for self-reflection. It is not important if we do not understand the pandemic in detail, however it is essential that we understand our relationship with the Holy One, understand ourselves better as a result, and understand those around us. May we arise from this situation with a deeper faith in GOD Almighty and a stronger commitment to HIM. May we understand what authentic worship is and what genuine servanthood is all about.

Easter Blessings,  
Rev. T. Jeyakumar  
President  
Trinity Annual Conference  
The Methodist Church in Malaysia