



SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST
CHURCH

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Dear Brethren,

Greetings to you!

Please note that in light of the recent public address by the Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago, the Honourable Dr. Keith Christopher Rowley, on the Corona Virus Pandemic and the responsible response required by all citizens, we at the Tobago Mission have made the following decisions:

- ❖ To suspend all Church Services (Sunday, Wednesday and Sabbath (a.m. & p.m.) for the next two weeks to March 31st in the first instance.
- ❖ That we put a hold on all workshops, meetings and programs (including the Mission Workers' Dinner that was carded for April 5, 2020) wherein the numbers were expected to exceed twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) persons.
- ❖ That Pastors collaborate with families encouraging them to have smaller or private funerals and weddings, and that such services should be shortened significantly and that sanitization of hands of persons entering the church should be practiced.
- ❖ That churches are not to attempt to do the work of the Medical Personnel or that of the Ministry of Health except to encourage and practice good hygiene.
- ❖ Notwithstanding the temporary cessation regarding weekly church service, due to the fact that we will still need to cover remuneration of teachers, and other Office Staff, we have advised our pastors to dialogue with their members on the prescribed process for collecting tithes and offering from our members. Please listen out for this update from your pastor.
- ❖ On Sabbaths 21st and 28th March, the Tobago Mission will go live with an online Church Service. This will take place from 9.00 a.m.-10.00 a.m. –Children Feature and from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. focusing on the Adult Sabbath School and a

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message from the President on the first Sabbath and one from the Executive Secretary on the 2nd Sabbath, 28th March. This is to be aired on Tobago ASI Media-Live.

- ❖ On Wednesday March 25th and April 1st at 6.30 p.m., look out for messages from two of our Ministers on the Tobago ASI Media.
- ❖ Kindly adhere to the instruction given by the Ministry of Health to not go to the doctor if you have any of the symptoms but to make the relevant call to the pertinent numbers given. Please see the Tobago Mission website for Health Facilities contacts.
- ❖ Do not go to work if you have the flu or any of the symptoms associated with the virus.
- ❖ When an appropriately sized meeting is called as is likely to happen for smooth ongoing operation of the Church or other business entity or institution, keep in mind the matter of social distancing and have seating adjusting accordingly.
- ❖ Each Church should ensure that all the items (Antibacterial liquid soap, Hand Sanitizers, Lysol, Clorox, wipes containing alcohol 60%) needed for maintaining a sanitized environment, must be acquired and be made accessible.
- ❖ Let's protect our elderly and those medically predisposed such as diabetes, hypertensive and kidney challenged individuals.
- ❖ Finally, let us keep courageous; keep hope alive; do our part in the practice of good hygiene; Look out for others; standby with extra foods so you can share if the situation worsens; keep standing on the promises of God and pray.

Psalm 50: 15 says, "Call on me in the day of your trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shall glorify me".

I encourage you to claim this promise today and everyday as we face this challenge together!

Yours respectfully,



Pastor Toney Mapp
PRESIDENT