

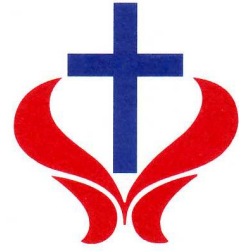
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Beloved Pastors, Leaders and fellow Methodists,

May the God of all love grant you peace!

As a country, we are more than two weeks into the Circuit Breaker measures to stop the spread of COVID-19. Singaporean and PR infections have fallen, but we have witnessed large numbers of our foreign workers being affected in their dormitories and workplaces. Do keep them in prayer, as well as the healthcare workers, both frontline and supporting staff. We are taught in *Leviticus 19:34a* that we are to treat the foreigners as our own people. Let us also be good neighbours to them, our foreign workers, work pass holders and domestic workers.

We will still be observing a pause of our regular worship services for an extended time and will continue to suspend the sacrament of Holy Communion. We all long for the day we can gather again in His presence to worship Him.

I would never have imagined that we would be marking the 135th Anniversary of MCS in this way; nevertheless, we continue to obey God's will and rely on Him daily in prayer. There are families who may not weather this storm as well economically as others and be really hard-pressed. Do consider donating your Solidarity Payment of \$600 or whatever amount to the Methodist Welfare Services through <https://www.giving.sg>. Our combined collection will be used to help families in need.

It is encouraging to know many Methodists have rolled up their sleeves and helped wherever possible in big and small ways, and I encourage you to continue to do so for then you shine a light through their darkness.

***Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another,
agree with one another, live in peace;
and the God of love and peace will be with you.***

2 Corinthians 13:11 (ESV)

One Master, One Lord,

Bishop Dr Chong Chin Chung
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