



March 19, 2020

Release #2: COVID-19 Advisory

TO: The Members of the Church in Jamaica Union Conference

Dear Brothers and Sisters

*“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind”
(2 Timothy 1:7)*

The COVID-19 virus has affected the global community including Jamaica, and the Government of Jamaica has placed a restriction on public gathering of persons to a maximum of twenty, in order to contain the spread.

As such, after consultation with the leaders of our conferences and institutions, we have taken the decision that all regular worship services on Sabbaths and during the week that will involve more than twenty persons be discontinued as of Sabbath March 21, 2020.

Our present situation is a very dynamic one and could change in a matter of days. Therefore, until further notice, we are asking you to worship in your homes or in small groups of less than twenty persons.

We further advise that Pastors, Elders and worship leaders utilize the recommended programmes from the local conference or local church, and the religious content carried by the Seventh-day Adventist Church via the various electronic and social media platforms, to plan and conduct worship in the respective locations.

In addition, NCU Media, together with our conferences, will host a full Sabbath worship service until we are able to resume worship in our churches. Please invite your families, friends, and brethren to tune in via NCU Radio (91.1fm, 91.3fm, 91.5 fm); NCU TV (Flow 188 or 617); Bless TV (via YouTube); and conferences’ websites and social media platforms.

Our pastors are tasked with finding creative ways of reaching out to the membership and ensuring that you are spiritually nurtured during this period. The social welfare programmes that are normally geared at addressing the needs of our vulnerable members on Sabbaths, should be addressed by our conferences and churches during this period.

Additionally, your conference will share with you the various options for returning your tithes and offering.

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As a reminder, this Sabbath is designated as a **Day of Prayer** for the various challenges associated with this pandemic.

Let us continue to pray for each other and support each other as best as we can; we will get through this TOGETHER! We also encourage you not to lose hope, and to use this as an opportunity to enhance your relationship with the Lord, as the signs foretell that His coming is near.

Your Brother in Christ

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