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**RE: FURTHER GUIDANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH MISSION IN ZIMBABWE AND ALL OUR STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN ZIMBABWE ON BEHAVIOUR AND PRACTICES NECESSARY TO COMBAT THE SPREAD OF THE NOVEL STRAIN OF CORONA VIRUS THAT CAUSES COVID 19.**

The National Response to the novel strain of the Corona Virus that causes Covid 19 as pronounced by the Zimbabwean President, His Excellency E D Mnangagwa has given rise to the need for the National Executive Board of the Apostolic Faith Mission in Zimbabwe to supplement its earlier statement dated Tuesday, 17 March 2020. Unless otherwise stated, this statement is merely advisory in nature and does not substitute any directives issued by or on behalf of the State or any advice, personal or general issued by your competent health advisors.

## **INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF CONFERENCES AND COUNCIL MEETINGS**

1. All outstanding General and Departmental Provincial Conferences and Council Meetings be and are hereby postponed indefinitely.
2. The National Youth Conference and the Council thereof that was scheduled for the period 2- 6 April 2020 at Rufaro Conference Centre be and is hereby postponed indefinitely.
3. The National Ladies' Conference and the Council thereof that was scheduled for the period 23- 26 April 2020 at Rufaro Conference Centre be and is hereby postponed indefinitely.

## **CHURCH GATHERINGS**

1. All our places of fellowship and worship, including entry and exit points, and all furniture, microphones, musical instruments, pulpits and decorative material must be cleaned, disinfected or fumigated before and after use. Where you are unable to disinfect, fumigate or clean up the entire place of fellowship and worship and the entry and exit points, and all the items referred to above, at least all the surfaces that come into contact with people must be disinfected, cleaned up, or fumigated.
2. All places of worship and fellowship must display in conspicuous places, this guideline and the recommended hygienic practices to be followed at church and at home as set out in the attachment hereto.
3. The Government restriction of public gatherings to not more than 100 people is mandatory and must be observed. Where we gather in groups of not more than 100, we recommend that the groupings exclude all those coming from countries that are infected with the novel corona virus that causes Covid 19 or all those that should

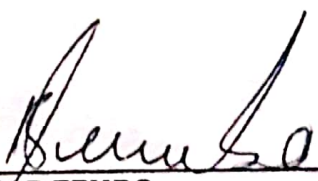


- otherwise be under quarantine or any people that have symptoms of infection by the novel strain of corona virus that causes Covid 19 or symptoms of any flues or fevers.
4. In all our small gatherings that comply with the Government restriction of not more than 100 people, we recommend that people maintain a distance from each other of not less than 2 meters, avoid speaking loudly to limit the spread of spittle, and avoid physical contact with each other except where such contact is necessary to save lives or to comply with mandatory provisions of the Word of God. Consequently, except where necessary to save lives or to comply with peremptory provisions of the Word of God, all Eucharist services and sacraments, including the sacrament of Baptism are hereby temporarily suspended. However, should it be necessary to carry out such sacraments, it is advisable to seek guidance from your respective Assembly Boards.
  5. Every venue for fellowship and worship shall be required to provide running water and soap or disinfectant at entry and exit points at the very minimum where it shall be mandatory for members to wash their hands both on entry and exiting the place of worship and fellowship.
  6. Where Church cells or sub- assemblies or home worship and fellowship groups exist that have less than 100 people, these must be utilised subject to compliance with this guideline. The Assembly Boards are encouraged to ensure that members receive adequate fellowship, teaching, prayers and pastoring during this difficult crisis.

#### VIRTUAL SERVICES

1. In addition to home groups, cell or subassembly meetings, members are encouraged to conduct virtual meetings through video conferencing, audio conferencing, watching recommended services online, television or listening to recommended services on radio or other transmitting devices.
2. The following are some of the links to the online services that are broadcast on Facebook by some of our Assemblies that could be utilised in any event:  
<https://www.facebook.com/shilohword1/>  
[https://web.facebook.com/groups/319313965329894/?ref=group\\_header](https://web.facebook.com/groups/319313965329894/?ref=group_header)
3. We encourage you to pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5v17) in the firm belief that the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous avails much (James 5v16).
4. We encourage you to continue to show love, care, kindness and affection to the afflicted and those that are more vulnerable than us. Throughout this crisis, we expect all members of the Apostolic Faith Mission in Zimbabwe to continue to practice our values which are embodied in the single value: **CHRISTLIKE!** in order for us to realise our vision, which is: **FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE EVANGELIZE, HEAL THE SICK AND PREPARE SAINTS FOR THE SECOND COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

**MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.**

  
**REV B TEMBO**  
**SECRETARY GENERAL**

