



Per e-mail

17 December 2020

To All Rectors

Letter to be read to all congregations this evening, Thursday, 17 December and on Sunday, 20 December 2020 after the divine service, before the conclusion of the closing musical rendition.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

NEW LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS

Following the announcement by our President on 14 December 2020, it is necessary for us to adhere to the updated lockdown measures. Our country has been hit by a second wave of coronavirus infections, hence an appeal for responsible behavior.

I have considered this announcement, and in the best interest of our brethren wish to reiterate that we all need to take the necessary precautions in our attempts to curb the spread of the virus. We must sanitise or wash our hands, wear a mask and maintain the required social distance.

In addition to the current safety protocols in congregations, the following will be implemented with immediate effect:

- All divine services may not be attended by more than 100 people. In addition to this, the number of attendees in our venues may not exceed 50% of the capacity at the venue.
- Post-funeral gatherings are prohibited.
- All congregations are to display their new seating capacity with 1.5m distance on the notice boards along with the name of the Covid-19 compliance coordinator.
- Visits by ministers to the homes of our members who are sick will be reduced to an absolute necessity during this time.

Sincere thanks also to all our Covid-19 Compliance coordinators who assist the pastoral leaders and ensuring that our places of worship are safe and compliant to regulations.

Thank you for your adherence to the latest changes.

Yours sincerely,

Cc: All Apostles and Bishops
District Rectors and Helpers
Section Heads