



SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

South Caribbean Conference

April 23, 2021

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Dear Brethren:

Salutations and felicitations to you on behalf of the Administration of the South Caribbean Conference of Seventh day Adventists (SCC).

It has been thirteen months since we had to first close our church doors due to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus. While we have lost a lot due to this virus, we must agree, that we have also gained a lot more during this time of uncertainty. We have better packaged church services and meetings and we have also expanded our reach to the wider community through our online programmes.

One of our noteworthy accomplishments is the airing of a Family Life series done by the Five Rivers SDA Church on TTT over the Easter Weekend. Many of you, like myself viewed the production with a sense of godly satisfaction because of the gifts and talents resident in the local church and that God is still able to mend broken families.

It was our hope that we would have been seeing the tail end of COVID-19 by the second quarter of 2021, but we have been again plunged into restrictions that have pushed us back. In light of this the ADCOM of the SCC on April 23, 2021 took the following decisions:

1. To affirm that as a church we will adhere to the COVID-19 regulations announced by the Minister of Health on April 21, 2021.
2. That while we have been reduced to 25% of our capacity at worship services, we will encourage pastors to organize multiple worship services particularly on Sabbath mornings. We suggest that we use the Sabbath School class structure or some similar mechanism to determine attendance.
3. That while the beaches can be used for baptisms, we should avoid using them and instead, use the church fountains, rivers and or a swimming pool for baptisms and that a maximum of five persons attend, including the pastor and deacon/ deaconess.
4. That we work with our members and visitors to ensure that the stipulated number (10 persons) attend funerals and weddings.

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5. That we keep our churches open on Sabbaths, Sunday nights and Wednesday nights in spite of the diminished number of persons required to attend our services.

Additionally, to safeguard the staff of the SCC, the following measures will be put in place at the Conference Office effective April 26, 2021 until further notice. We are requesting that you call the SCC office if you are desirous of seeing a Director or his/her assistant. **(See attached guidelines)**

Please be advised that the IADPA Bookstores and the South Caribbean Credit Union will remain open for business and that they will maintain their normal business hours.

We thank you for your assistance as we work toward decreasing the spread of the Covid-19 virus. May God continue to bless you.

Yours in the Master's Service

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Moses".

LESLIE MOSES
President