

Pastoral Letter to the Ang Mo Kio Methodist Church Family (15 August 2021)

Dear Family and Friends of AMKMC (TRAC),

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. I hope that you have been healthy – physically, mentally and spiritually.

While new COVID-19 measurements have been announced and many local churches have already resumed their onsite worship service, we have adopted a cautious approach to the situation. As 1 Corinthians 12 reminds us: The Body of Christ is made up of many different parts. Each of you is a part of the Body of Christ, and if one member suffers, we all suffer. The stronger parts of the Body must support the weaker ones, so that we will be able to stay collectively strong together.

As a Church and a family, there is much to consider in terms of how and when we should resume on-site worship services. The important factors of consideration are (1) how to cater to as many of you as possible, (2) how to ensure that there are enough volunteers and staff who are fully vaccinated on-site, and lastly and most importantly, (3) how to do all the above without jeopardising the health and safety of everyone involved.

After several weeks of prayer and discussion – with both Church staff as well as the Local Executive Church Committee (LCEC) – we have finally come to a decision.

On-site worship services will resume on 22 August 2021 per the following:

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| 8am service (230 pax) | (1) fully vaccinated individuals, (2) unvaccinated individuals with pre-event testing (PET) (3) and individuals exempted from PET (e.g. children under 12, recovered from COVID-19) |
| 10.20am service (230 pax) | (1) fully vaccinated individuals, (2) unvaccinated individuals with pre-event testing (PET) (3) and individuals exempted from PET (e.g. children under 12, recovered from COVID-19) |
| 5pm service (50 pax) | - Open to all, BUT - Please give priority to non-vaccinated attendees |

= AMKids classes available for children aged 4 to 10 years at 8am and 10.20am svcs =
= Holy Communion will be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month =

While our morning worship services are usually the most popular and easier for us to find manpower volunteers, we must also be careful not to expose non-vaccinated people to a larger crowd. As such, we strongly encourage those who are **fully vaccinated** to attend the morning worship services to make room for those who are not vaccinated to attend the evening worship service. In the meantime, please take note of the following.

For the 8am and 10.20am services:

- If you are **fully vaccinated*** against COVID-19, you may come for the worship service without doing the PET.
- If you are **not fully vaccinated**, you will need to go through pre-event testing (PET) within 24 hours of the end of the worship service at MOH-approved COVID-19 test providers. The cost is estimated to be around \$55 for the Antigen Rapid Test (ART) and \$250 for the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) swab test. You will need to book an appointment on your own and bear the cost for the test.
- You may drop-off your children aged 4 to 10 years for AMKids, but please do not intermingle with the other worshippers.

**According to MOH guidelines - from 10 August 2021, individuals who are fully vaccinated with the WHO EUL vaccines such as Sinovac-CoronaVac, Sinopharm, and AstraZeneca will be eligible for the vaccination-differentiated safe management measures. Thus, an individual will be considered "fully-vaccinated" two weeks after he or she has received the full regimen of Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty, Moderna, or any WHO EUL vaccines.*

For the 5pm service:

- Open to all worshippers, but please give priority those who have not been fully vaccinated.
- The 5pm service is capped to 50 pax because fewer MOH-approved clinics are open to do PET on Saturday evenings after 6pm or on Sunday mornings.

Online service:

- In the meantime, our online worship service broadcast remains at 9am on Sundays.
- If coming physically to the onsite worship service remains a challenge or a concern, in order to fulfill the biblical concept of gathering as the people of God, you are encouraged to open up your homes, host up to 5 guests and worship together. Unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to remain in groups of no more than 2 persons to ensure your own well-being.

More information (FAQs) as well as registration for on-site worship services (from 22 Aug) will be available on our website at www.amkmc.org.sg/onsite-worship. For prompt updates, do continue to visit our [COVID-19 Advisory](#) and check our [Sunday Service Bulletin](#). You may also subscribe to our [WhatsApp Broadcast](#).

I anticipate the opportunity to welcome you in Church on 22 August and beyond. May God's blessing be upon us as we resume our journey of renewal as God's family.

Yours sincerely,



Rev Anthony Lee