



# Reshaping our "rule of life"

Discussions are under way to increase the capacity or the number of our Services. This will happen slowly and stage by stage. Please pray for the COVID-19 task force which is now headed by our Vicar's Warden, Keith Chua. He replaces Deaconess Bessie, who has chaired the team over the Phase 2 period. The Service pastors as well as the incoming Vicar and clergy are also being consulted. We have to consider the needs of our English, Chinese, Tamil, Hokkien, Myanmar and Filipino congregations. Please pray for wisdom as there will be many practicalities to look into.

By the looks of it, much of

2021 may have to continue in the same direction. Because of safe distancing measures and the space division needed between groups of 50s, the capacities of our halls will be limited to about 40% capacity or even less. I will advise that we try to worship at onsite Services at least once a month; or more if you can find the space. Meanwhile, creating good and meaningful rhythms around our online Service (or live-streamed ones if we do switch at some point) will be important. We are likely to run online Holy Communion at least once a month.

In this pandemic season, it



is important to develop a new “rule of life.” A rule of life is about cultivating devotional, social and vocational patterns to sustain and express our faith. I use the word “new” as obviously, the pandemic has changed our social habits.

A “rule of life” for Sunday worship can be this:

- A fixed time of worship every Sunday, if possible, in sync with your regular onsite Services.
- If possible, worship communally (“Come and let us go...” - Psalm 122:1) with your family and household. Perhaps for the Online Communion Sunday, invite some CG members or friends. You can also do this for the other Sundays. Share a meal together after worship.
- Giving is a part of our worship. During the free worship segment or if there is an offertory song, do give online. For those less familiar with online tools, they can give through someone who is. Do note that part of our giving is also about our involvement in missions to the needy, may it be spiritual or physical.
- Ministry is also a reflection of our worship. Indeed, we are to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord.” Pray for one another

towards the end or ask around if there are prayer needs.

- Ministry to the world - Do remember that it is now much harder for newcomers to join us in our onsite services. However, you can invite them to your home to watch the online Service. Some of you are getting ideas on how you may use the Christmas season to spread some Christ-filled cheer.

If or when the gathering is increased to 8, this will allow for more options. Meanwhile, we do welcome your feedback or creative ideas on how we may strengthen our online and onsite Services.

Have a blessed weekend.

