



Building up our "new" Services

As we know by now, a huge reset button has been pressed and this is also affecting our onsite Congregational Worship Services (CWS). As some have rightly observed, these are "new" Services and in a sense they are. Fresh planning has to be done and the spiritual focus needs to be sharpened even as we seek to work within MCCY guidelines. At the moment, it is obvious that we cannot quickly return to pre-Covid times.

The Service Pastors and their teams are indeed putting a lot of effort into each Service, whether onsite or online. Even with the limitations (no singing, no mingling), one has to experience it to remind ourselves that communal worship is still best done the age-old way. Your presence will also be an encouragement to everyone present.

We have earlier said that we are planning to host an online Communion Service in early September. Due to the logistics involved, we are putting this on hold till we are able and ready to host this Service. If you aim to at least receive the Lord's supper once a month

in our CWS, that may suffice for this season. Meanwhile, we will continue to work at our online Services and your faithful worship participation (and feedback) will as always, encourage the teams behind it.

We had a wonderful Ordination Service last Sunday and this is a reminder to all present, including existing clergy priests, of our ordination vows. The work of pastoring and shepherding is unique to the Church and if neglected, something fundamental will be missing. Please pray for our clergy, deaconesses and pastors that they may continue to experience the work of the Holy Spirit of "shedding abroad our hearts with love" (Romans 5:5). When we minister pastorally, whether in listening, speaking, praying or teaching, it is a sacred moment infused by the presence and power of the Spirit. The pastoral care also extends through our members and Connect Groups.

May each day be filled with the presence of the Spirit as we seek to mediate the presence of Christ to those around us.