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This weekend, we are making an important transition into Stage 1 of being more COVID-resilient as a church, beginning with 50 worshippers across all our services. There are new adjustments to make and new procedures to follow as we gather on-site for services. Please be patient with our lay volunteers as they are also adjusting to the new safety guidelines required by the authority. Let's work together to keep Cathedral safe and conducive for worship.

It is no secret that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted churches, and by churches, I mean us—the people of God. How are you holding up spiritually and psychologically?

I am sure none of us have it easy. Some of you have shared with me your concern about the impending retrenchment exercise in your company, and some of you are missing and concerned for your loved ones who are based overseas. Still, I am aware that some of you have lost family members to COVID-19 and are grieving. We share your pain and grieve.

How are we to get through this tough and challenging season? The author of Hebrews shares some important instructions:

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near” (Hebrews 10:23-25).

This is one passage that does not require much explanation. However, I just want to point out that when the author penned these words, he had the disciples in the early church in mind. The disciples would usually band-together as a small community. I want to suggest to you, the only way we can get through this tough and challenging season is for us to hope in God, and to band-together as a community of faith. Whether as a family, or cell group, or with a few fellow church members, let's band-together to encourage one another and to spur one another on.

Lastly, we need to urgently step-up our prayers—As believers, we are told in Hebrews 4:16 “Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

In particular, the nation Afghanistan needs our prayers. I would like to ask each of you to take time to pray for peace in Afghanistan and for the displaced refugees. Let's all join at the throne of grace and lift up the situation in Afghanistan to our Lord, and King.

