



Coronavirus Response Plan, Version 1.0

1. Church Council will continue to monitor the situation and consider advice given by the Government, as it becomes available. As such, our response plan may change quickly as more information becomes available.
2. For now, we will still meet together for public worship on Sundays. However, we request all members to follow the self-isolation requirements and not attend if you are unwell or have been exposed to someone who may have the virus.
3. We also recommend that those who are in a “high risk” category, eg. the elderly or those with respiratory issues, to not attend.
4. We are looking at options, such as live streaming the services, or providing DVDs, to ensure that those who are unable to come to Church will still be able to participate in some way with the services.
5. We will not share coffee after the services until further notice.
6. We will not pass the collection around, but take the collection at the door as we exit the auditorium after the services.
7. We ask that we all refrain from shaking hands and other physical contact.
8. We will have available hand sanitisers around the church building and ask that we all make use of these.
9. We will continue to pray and seek the Lord’s wisdom and guidance.

The below was shared by the RTC to students and is helpful to our situation:

Here’s a great quote from Martin Luther while dealing with a similar (although admittedly much more serious!) situation during an outbreak of plague: “I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me He will surely find me and I have done what He has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbour needs me however I shall not avoid place or person I shall go freely as stated above. This is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God.” Luther’s Works; Vol. 43, pg. 132