

MEMORANDUM FROM THE PASTORS

Date: Thursday, March 12th 2020
From: Pastor Ronald Jeyaseelan and Pastor Steve Bainbridge
To: Our Church Family

In light of the prevailing threat of the Covid-19 virus; we as a body of believers ought to be careful how we meet and greet our fellow church members.

Considering the vulnerability of the people group that we have in our congregation, we as pastors would like to impose a policy on how we meet, greet or welcome each other until such time the threat of the Covid-19 virus is officially taken off.

We are adopting this new social expectation for this current crisis period.

We as pastors would like to advise our church family on the following:

- Please refrain from shaking hands
- Please refrain from making any physical contact with each other [including hugs]
- We will also limit the time of Fellowship after the church service on Sundays

Though we may feel awkward not to do what we have been so accustomed to; remember that we are not being rude; instead our new way of greetings would “show thoughtfulness for other people’s health and well-being.”

- The head of the World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, recommends solemnly placing one’s hand on one’s chest.
- US Surgeon General Jerome Adams prefers an elbow bump.
- Prince Charles has opted to offer a ‘Namaste’ sign instead of a hand shake
- You may simply greet them verbally in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This is not to say – we are unfriendly. We want to protect the body from this enemy’s attack.

If you have recently come down with a fever, dry cough and headaches or other symptoms [see the link from the Public Health] please refrain from coming to service, and take advantage of our online options.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/being-prepared.html>

Much Blessings

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