

ANDREWS MEMORIAL SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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Dear Members/Worshippers of the Andrews Memorial SDA District of Churches,

In keeping with the World Health Organization's declaration of the CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) as a global pandemic, and various protocols issued by the Government of Jamaica (GOJ) through the Ministry of Health and Wellness, the Jamaica Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the East Jamaica Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, the Pastors and Leaders of the Andrews Memorial Seventh-day Adventist District of Churches wish to advise as follows:

SABBATH, MARCH 14, 2020:

- 1. **Communion Service**: The Communion Service which was scheduled for Andrews Memorial SDA Church has been postponed until further notice.
- 2. Sabbath Services: Our services will be adjusted as follows:
 - (i) Sabbath School 8:30 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.
 - (ii) Divine Service 9:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

YOUTH WEEK OF PRAYER will be streamed and we encourage you to participate at home by joining online.

Consistent with the GOJ's directives, all other services, activities and social gatherings are discouraged. As such, we encourage individuals, especially our elderly, young and persons with underlying medical conditions to remain within the confines and safety of their homes while joining us in worship with the use of the medium described in section 3 below. Nonetheless, a cohort of leaders will be at the Sanctuary on Sabbath to welcome and worship with persons who may not have received this communiqué or who have opted to be present at church.

Alternately, you may watch or listen to our worship services online at https://www.facebook.com/andrewsmemorialsdachurch or http://amsdac.interamerica.org as well as the Andrews Memorial SDA You tube channel.

House of Worship for all people 4. You may return your tithes and offerings by electronic funds transfer:

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- 5. We encourage you to adhere to the official guidelines issued by the Government of Jamaica through the Ministry of Health and Wellness, and also by the Jamaica Union Conference. These recommendations include, but are not limited to, washing your hands for 20 seconds with soap, staying home if you feel ill, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces and covering coughs and sneezes with tissue that should then be discarded immediately.
- 6. To help to boost your immune system we encourage you to continue to follow the health principles espoused by the Seventh-day Adventist Church: eat healthy foods, get regular exercise, expose yourself to some sunlight, get some fresh air, and get adequate rest.

SUPPLEMENTARY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES:

- Sanitizer dispensers have been installed at strategic locations on the church premises. We encourage the use of these when necessary.
- The frequency of cleaning activities and sanitization of church furniture has been increased.
- An assigned personnel has been designated to open the main door to the Sanctuary.
- Further enhancements to ensure your safety are under active consideration.

We are committed to providing periodic updates as this is a dynamic situation. We encourage you to visit the https://www.moh.gov.jm/ Websites as well as aforementioned Facebook page and website for new developments.

Now more than ever is the time to pray to our Lord in these disturbing times. We therefore urge you to engage in prayer at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily.

May we seek the Lord for faith, health and courage during these challenging times, and continue to hold fast to His words of hope "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble—therefore we will not fear" (Psalm 46:1-2).

God bless you,

Adrian Johnson

PASTOR.