

Seventh-day Adventist Church™

South Queensland

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Dear Church Family

I am writing to you personally today to firstly express my encouragement and continuing prayers for you and your family's health and well-being at this time of challenge with the serious Co-Vid 19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic.

I am sure you are well aware of the situation and how such is impacting our daily lives in so many ways, including now our church life through the necessary closing of our local churches at this current time. We are also taking measures right across the Conference to proactively deal with the crisis to seek to protect our staff, church members and others as much as possible, and be an active part of community measures as well at this time.

My personal message to you to today is to also seek your ongoing financial support for God's ministry and His church through these troubling times.

While we have confidence in God's leading (particularly through these times), there is no doubt that like all other businesses and organisations in the community we will be and are feeling the very real financial pressure of the situation, particularly as our churches close. I am also sensitive to the fact that many will lose employment over this period which will have the sad but inevitable flow on effects in terms of available financial support for the ministry of the church.

We are actively re-examining our expenditure budgets across all areas but we also need your continuing financial support at this challenging time.

I have prepared the attached information sheet to outline clearly as many varied and flexible options as possible for you to continue to support the church financially over this time, both in terms of the contribution of tithes and offerings as well as financial support for your local church. We are seeking to have means in place that are as convenient and accessible as possible to the widest possible number of our church family, so that you can continue to remain faithful to God through your financial support.

The alternatives outlined on the attached include:

- **Access to Electronic Giving (e-giving) via the Internet website**
- **Access to e-giving by the new APP that can be easily downloaded to your mobile phone and/or ipad**

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- Details on a Manual Credit Card Sheet that can be completed and emailed to us to allow for giving via credit or debit cards
- Access to Phone Service, should you wish to phone your credit card details through for our staff to assist you in your tithes and offerings
- Details for Direct Bank Transfers to our Conference bank account, should you prefer to give in this way
- Details on a Personal Deposit system, available here at our Administration and Resourcing Centre (Spring Hill)
- Details on Mail Delivery for giving donations

Please know that our finance team here at the Conference are available to assist you in any reasonable way as you continue to financially support God's work. We can be contacted by phone on 3218 7777 during business hours or by email at any time via the following contacts:

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Thank you personally in advance for your continuing support, both in your prayers and financially, as we continue to carry God's work forward in South Queensland. These are unprecedented times calling for unprecedented action and decisions but I have every confidence in the commitment of our church family and most importantly, God's continuing leading of His church.

Again, thank you for your support and if you have any questions at all that may not be clear from the above or the enclosed material, please do not hesitate to contact either myself (scotthopkins@adventist.org.au) or one of our Conference finance team so we can clarify such for you.

Yours sincerely



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