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Dear All,

Again we see the COVID-19 wind changing and the need to 'adjust' our sails regarding the most recent development with the Parklands Christian College and Chatswood Hills YMCA OSHC situation and the subsequent government closure of all metro South Aged Care facilities.

Given the developments and with the list of widespread movements of the individuals at the heart of the transmission, and the fact we do not know the movement and flow of potential contacts, that any 'gathering' of churches in the district under the current climate would be irresponsible.

Therefore, we are **directing all churches within the Brisbane South region to cease all gathering immediately (including worship) for the next two weeks.**

This will provide time for us to ascertain the impact of this outbreak and consider further action. But in the interim **ALL CHURCHES WITHIN THE BRISBANE SOUTH REGION ARE TO CEASE ALL PHYSICAL GATHERINGS IMMEDIATELY.** A number of congregations have already taken this action and we are grateful for their proactive approach.

We are praying that the potential health consequences and increase in transmission does not eventuate as in Victoria and Sydney.

I know this will impact a number of congregations that have invested much in reopening this Sabbath, but as always we are seeking to be part of the solution and not part of the problem. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact our Compliance Manager, Ms Ashley Bakay.

Thank you so much for all you are doing to lead the way and may God continue to be our guide as we move into the future.

Blessings.

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