



Dear Church Family,

This is issue #2 (two) of regular Corporate communication. This communication replaces issue #1 (one) in relation to direction to Churches.

Today, the Australian Union officers (AUC) and Conference presidents from across Australia met to consider the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is expected that later this evening the AUC will release a full press release statement.

In short, the recommendation from the AUC is churches suspend all services until the end of April 2020. The South Queensland Conference Crisis Management Team has moved to support the recommendation and as of the issuing of this notice all church services and allied meetings will be suspended until end of April.

To quote the AUC:

*...we recognise the importance of community and worshipping together, especially on Sabbath. However, we have considered the current advice of the Australian Government and their health experts; as well as many of our own Adventist health professionals; and similar actions by Adventist church leaders around the world, and have made this decision—one we believe is timely and needed to protect our members, particularly those who are more vulnerable in our churches and the wider community. As Christians, we have a responsibility to help minimise the stress on our health system and those who work in it.*

The South Queensland Conference has moved to provide each of our Pastoral team with professional subscriptions to ZOOM (an online video conferencing tool) to allow each minister to continue to conduct various administrative meetings of the church, without added cost to the local church as it carries out its ministry.

Thank you for noting this important notice and following the directions as set by the Crisis Management Team in supporting the recommendations of the AUC.

Yours sincerely  
SQC Crisis Management Team