

# Covid-19

#MethodistsSelfIsolate



Martin Luther had this to say during the Black Plague:

*"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbour needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy..."*

*Martin Luther, Works v. 43, p132. Letter: Whether one may flee from a Deadly Plague.*

## #BEPARTOFTHESOLUTION

We acknowledge that our faith is prolife as Christ said, "I have come so that you may have life and have it in its fullness"

We acknowledge that our Church stands for Justice and Service as one of our Mission Pillars. It is justice not to gather under these circumstances.

All Methodist in the Southern Africa are called by God to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ for healing and transformation. This is toward a Christ Helaed Africa for the Healing of the Nations.

We therefore resolve to be part of the solution in the fight against the spread of the Coronavirus. We commit tot the following:

- **Self Isolation** – No Church gatherings for 2 weeks. We would rather pause for 2 weeks than closedown for 3 months. We will worship with our families at home during this time.
- **Hygiene** -We will sanitize and wash our hands. We will sneeze and cough onto our elbows.
- **Resources** - We will continue to enable Church life through EFT.
- **Pastoral Visits** – We will exercise caution and visit where we are most needed. We will pray for all who need us.



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