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Pastoral Letter – June 12th (Friday), 2020

Today's Pastoral Letter contains the guideline for reopening Sunday worship service at Young Nak as I promised. We had a Session meeting last night and we all felt the importance of the safety of our people. We wanted to make sure that all the steps were carefully thought through as people came church for worship. We decided to postpone the reopening of worship service to the following Sunday. Please read the guide carefully and do your part in keeping the virus out.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,  
Pastor Minh Song

### [Guidelines for Resuming Sunday Worship / Young Nak Church of Toronto](#)

#### <Introduction>

Following the Ontario government's recent announcement, the church building will be reopening for physical worship starting Friday June 12, 2020 with the limitation of 30% of the building capacity to ensure safety and physical distancing guidelines are still followed. Safety of our church members is of the utmost concern. Please read this guide carefully and help create a safe environment for all to worship.

#### **For precautionary reasons, the following people should continue with online worship at home:**

- Persons or their family members showing any of the following symptoms: coughing, fever, difficulty breathing.
- Persons or their family members who are engaged in frontline work.
- Any persons who have travelled overseas in the last 14 days or who have family members in the same household that have travelled overseas within the last 14 days.

**In addition**, the federal government advises those who belong to **'the vulnerable population'** to re-consider attending mass gatherings. Again, you are advised to worship online.

- Aged 65 years or older
- With compromised immune systems
- With underlying medical conditions

Young Nak Church has thoroughly prepared safety protocols and procedures to limit and prevent COVID-19 community spread as church members gather for physical Sunday worship in the main chapel.

- Safety measures for entering the church building (thermal check/hand sanitizer/disposable gloves)
- Adjusting the space between chapel seats
- Cleaning and disinfecting of the chapel taking place before and after each worship session

#### <Timeline for Resuming Sunday Worship Services>

Please note that we take our members' safety seriously. The following schedule may change if we sense that safety is compromised.

#### 1) Sunday Worship Services – 8am, 10am, 12pm, 2pm (CoaH)

**\*\*\* Online Sunday worship will still be available at the same time for those who find it difficult to attend the physical Sunday worship in the main chapel. \*\*\***

**June 14th** – There will be no worship service in the church. We will take the time to ensure that all safety guidelines are in place such as markings and posts.

**June 21st** – There will be 8 am, 10 am, and 2 pm (CoaH) services. Ordained church officers (pastors, elders, ordained deacons, kwonsas) and cell group leaders will be invited first to check for any potential problems with the overall process of resuming physical worship.

**June 28th** – From this week, all members will be allowed to attend worship at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. by alternating the two groups (CoaH will have its own guideline): **Guidelines specific to CoaH will be communicated within the next two weeks.**

- First week – odd numbered cell groups and KM young adults Group A
- Second week – even numbered cell groups and KM young adults Group B

To ensure physical distancing measures, we estimate 200 people can attend each service, and more, if couples and families sit together. (The maximum capacity of the main chapel of Young Nak Church, which includes both the main floor and upper balcony, is 1,060 people. Therefore, 30% of that capacity is 318 people). However, it will be difficult to maintain physical distancing measures in the chapel if the number of attendees is more than 200.

## 2) Other Worship Services

Except for KM Adult and EM (CoaH) services, all other worship services will continue online only (Education ministries, Wednesday service, Early Morning Prayer, etc).

- KM Young Adults will worship together with KM Adults
- Education ministries may possibly resume physical worship in September in accordance with government guidelines for the reopening schools. Until then, education ministry worship services and education activities will be made available online so that children and parents may participate together at home.

### <Important Notes for Worship Attendees>

1. Admission is only permitted if the worship attendee has already pre-registered via the Young Nak or CoaH homepage (name, phone number, email, cell group number, selecting which service to attend). The reason is to help deal with the possible situation of a confirmed case of COVID-19 occurring among attendees by being able to identify the attendee and notify other attendees and health officials. It is recommended you pre-register at home to prevent any congestion at the entrances to the church building and the main chapel.
2. You must bring your own mask. If you do not bring and wear your own mask, you will not be allowed to enter the church building. Masks must be worn during the entire worship service including while you sing and pray aloud.
3. You must enter the church building through the east doors by the church's main office (Victoria Park Avenue). To exit the church building after worship, you must use the west doors by the main chapel (McNicoll Avenue).
4. Vehicles are only allowed to enter the church parking using the McNicoll Avenue driveway. Please park your vehicle beginning from the west parking lot and walk along the outside of the building to the east entrance.
5. Don't arrive too early. Entrance to the main chapel will only be permitted 15 minutes prior to the start of each worship service. Late attendees will also not be permitted to enter the church building once the worship service is started.
6. Maintain physical distancing (2 metres) even when greeting each other.
7. Once inside the chapel, sit only in the seats designated with a mark.
8. Promptly exit the church building after worship and leave in a safe manner. Vehicles must only exit the parking lot using the Victoria Park Avenue driveway. As you exit, only right turns are permitted to maintain traffic flow.
9. The elevator will not be available/operating until further notice.
10. The Lord's Supper/Communion will be postponed until the COVID-19 situation ends.

### <Protocol for a Confirmed Case of COVID-19>

1. If a worship attendee tests positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of being inside the church building, he or she must notify the church immediately.
2. The church will promptly report the confirmed case to the proper government health officials and notify all attendees who attended the same worship service.
3. The identity of the person with the confirmed case will not be revealed.

### <Precautions for Pastors and Support Staff>

1. You should refrain from working inside the church building except for any essential work. If you have any symptoms, you should immediately notify the elder or pastor in charge.
2. Be sure to maintain physical distancing (2 metres) at all times.
3. You must always wear a mask inside the church building except when leading worship for recordings/live streaming.
4. For all meetings, ensure physical distancing measures (2 metres) otherwise communicate through online platforms.
5. Use hand sanitizer often.
6. Workspaces are sterilized frequently. Be careful not to leave out food or office appliances that could come in contact with the disinfecting chemicals.

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