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PASTORAL LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL FROM THE MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GHANA

Dearest in Christ,

The Peace of the Lord be with you all.

We are grateful to the Lord Almighty for bringing us this far in the midst of the COVID19 Pandemic. We are indeed not in normal times but we must be grateful to the Lord for keeping most of us alive up to this time. It is all by His grace. The Lord Almighty has been our refuge and our strength (Psalm 46:1) and we must sing praises unto His holy name.

Last night (on 31st May, 2020) the President of the Republic of Ghana addressed the nation on the state of the COVID19 Pandemic in the country. In his speech he alluded to the fact that the health effects of the Pandemic on the people of Ghana have not been as bad as was initially thought. He therefore was in a position to ease some of the restrictions imposed on public gatherings in the country.

There are about seven main points in the President's speech that affect us directly as a Church. These are:

1. We can now go into our church buildings to worship.
2. The church building must first be fumigated.
3. We should aim at 25% capacity of our building, with not more than 100 persons in any of our gatherings at a time.
4. All those who enter for worship should be registered.
5. Provision should be made for observance of all the MOH Protocols on COVID19 and these must be enforced (including the wearing of face masks).
6. We should pray for Ghana
7. The easing of restrictions start from 5th June 2020.

The Standing Committee of the General Assembly Council will, on behalf of the General Assembly Council, study the President's Speech more carefully and give specific guidelines (this week) as to how best we can safely open our church buildings for worship.

Meanwhile, let us all take quick steps to fumigate our church buildings and their surroundings before we open them up for worship on Sunday.

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