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Adjustment to Emergency Management Act: Places of Worship

Dear Sisters and Brothers

As we prepare for the celebration of Easter, I greet you with the traditional Easter greeting!  
Christ has risen  
He has risen indeed!

Some good news has been received from the WA Commissioner of Police under the provisions of the Emergency Management Act regarding the lifting of some restrictions on Places of Worship from Good Friday until 6pm May 7<sup>th</sup> 2020.

- Live Streaming & Recording of Worship and Religious Services  
Places of Worship may now be used for the recording or live streaming of Worship Services. The number in attendance is limited to a maximum of 10 persons (being a mix of technical/music and clergy) who must still adhere to the 4 square metres of space requirement for each person.
- Weddings  
Places of Worship may now be used for weddings but must not involve more than 5 persons – Celebrant, couple, and two witnesses.  
*From a Uniting Church perspective we still encourage congregations NOT TO USE their Places of Worship for weddings unless they are able to ensure proper hygiene protocols both before and after the service.*
- Funerals  
Places of Worship may now be used for funerals but must not involve more than 10 persons in addition to those whose presence is necessary to conduct the funeral – Celebrant and Funeral Director Staff.  
NOTE: Funerals involving a larger attendance of mourners may now be held PROVIDED that the funeral has been approved in writing by the State Emergency Co-ordinator.  
*From a Uniting Church perspective we still encourage congregations NOT TO USE their Places of Worship for funerals unless they are able to ensure proper hygiene protocols both before and after the service. It should be noted that Funeral Chapels are better geared to ensure compliance with hygiene protocols than most congregations.*

Yours in Christ



Rev David de Kock  
General Secretary

