

Bandung, April 4, 2020

Additions to Decree/Circular Letters dated: March 3, 17, 19, 21, and 31, 2020

Efforts to prevent transmission and spread of corona virus (COVID-19)

Dear Ministers and Brothers and Sisters,

From the middle of March 2020 we could not carry out divine services together normally at church.

The Church leadership is very grateful that you, Brothers and Sisters, obey the direction and policies of the government and pay attention to the Church's appeal.

Based on the Chief Apostles' conference with the European District Apostles on March 30, 2020, we convey the following matters:

- 1. We continue to refrain from holding divine services together and other gatherings that involve many people in the church, but attend the divine services on Sundays and Christian holidays through streaming. For midweek services, we conduct our own contemplation at our respective homes.
- 2. The Confirmation divine services cannot be held, we will see the possibility, whether the services can be held in May before Pentecost. The District Rectors together with the congregation Rectors determine when the Confirmation divine service will take place.
- 3. Regarding the funeral service, it is regulated by the authorised ministers by involving family representatives whose numbers are adjusted based on advice or instructions from the health staff. During the funeral service the ministers and family representatives must follow the health procedures concerning sanitation, physical distancing and other matters that are regulated in the prevention of COVID-19 infection.
- 4. The congregation Rector is asked to keep in contact with the brothers and sisters through the means of communication available.
- 5. Sunday school lessons should be carried out at home by parents with materials prepared by the Sunday School Working Group. Sunday School teachers are asked to continue to monitor and motivate children.
- 6. The Religious Instruction and Confirmation is carried out by students independently and monitored by the teacher.
- 7. We are very grateful for your faithfulness to bring offerings, Brothers and Sisters. The method of bringing offerings is left to the discretion of the congregation Rector together with the responsible District Rector.

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We continue praying for God's help in this difficult situation. In particular we pray that all Brothers and Sisters are protected. We also pray for those who become victims and for all of us who are affected by this pandemic. Hopefully this difficult situation ends soon.

Yours

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