



Dear ACC congregations, groups and clusters

It has been encouraging and inspiring to see the response of the church and individual Christians during this kairos time in our history. As Rev. Anne Hibbard outlined in the recent ACC Prayer letter “The worship centre may be closed down for a season, but the body of Christ continues. It is not a time for slumber in the church and the ACC, but rather to awaken.”

Prayer will be a foundation as the church offers a word of hope and peace grounded in the gospel.

On-line services among our churches

Some congregations are better placed than others to use technology to help connect with their own members and the wider community. I am aware that several ACC congregations and groups have already organised streaming of their Sunday services. Some of these are available after the initial live time on Facebook and YouTube. [Wesley Mission](#) have an English language service, and are also conducting services in Mandarin, Samoan and Indonesian.

If you are looking for a service on Sunday see the link on the [ACC website](#). This is where a listing of services listing of services is being maintained. I would be pleased to add your congregation or ACC group to the list. This is a significant way we can learn and support each other as well.

Devotional talks and sermons.

If you are also providing devotional talks and sermons, I can provide a link to your church website or as appropriate and we are able, place the material on the ACC website.

Help with Zoom

There are many ways of streaming and having a video based gathering. Smaller congregations and groups may be interested to see if Zoom is a possible way for your congregation. I am available to help talk about this if you want more information. A helpful function is the ability to call in by landline phone if a person does not have a computer, tablet or smart phone (video function is the primary base).

Finally, I found [Pastor David McDonald’s brief article](#) on social distancing helpful – it has a provocative title, but relevant and practical as we consider how to maintain our communities of faith.

The National Chair, Rev. Dr Hedley Fihaki, and the ACC Council send their greetings and love in Christ.

Congregations and members are being upheld at the ACC based Zoom prayer times on Wednesday morning (8 am AEDST) and Sunday afternoon (3 pm AEDST) and at many other times (Details in last prayer letter or from the office).

Peace and strength in the Lord

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