



# The Glen Methodist Church

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Dear people of God,

Greetings to each and every one of you in the loving name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We thank God for a wonderful Lent and Easter weekend, and all those who participated to ensure that everything went well. It was also great to welcome some members of the Congregation back to in-person Services. We know that some of you are still hesitant about gathering together at this stage, but don't worry, we've got you covered, as we will continue transmitting all our Services online as well. Please note that all Covid 19 health and safety protocols will continue to be fully adhered to for those who attend physically.

Coming back to In-Person services means that many of the Church activities have resumed in earnest, and to that effect, I have attached our reworked Commission Structure, with many Ministries needing Coordinators and Ministry participants. I would like to ask you to prayerfully look at where you can get involved in and let the Stewards in charge of that Commission know. We hope to give our different Stewards slots during services, to explain the vacancies in their Commissions. In the meantime, we need volunteers who have done the following Courses to participate in running them:

- The Alpha Course.
- Griefshare.

Please take note of the following important points:

1. All our in-person Services **will continue to comprise only one, 9h00am Service, and the number of Bookings via the Church will determine if we branch out to multiple services.**
2. It is important that people who will be coming to the Service phone the Church office the latest by Thursday preceding the Service, to be placed on the attendance list.
3. **Our Services will continue to be live on our Facebook Page** for those who will not be able to attend in-person.
4. We are considering having Children's/Youth Ministry if we have some bookings for children and Youth, but the booking must be done through Kyle

and Glynis (Please phone the Office, and Pasencia will forward the booking to them).

Below are, again, the Guidelines drawn up by our Church Readiness Team under the direction of Dr Trevor Terblanche. Please note that there's still fear that we might have the third Covid 19 wave during winter if Covid 19 protocols are not followed by all of us. As a Church community, we wouldn't want to be counted as super spreaders, hence we encourage everyone who does not feel well before coming to the Service, to please stay home. Please familiarize yourself thoroughly with the protocols below, to enable all of us to conduct services which are as safe as possible for all our Church attendees.

Yours in Christ's Service

Smanga and Wessel

### **Glen Guidelines for In-person Church Worship during Covid-19**

#### **Glen Covid 19 Update - including In-person Church Worship**

***Mask / Sanitise / Distance remains the default mode for Covid 19 prevention....*** Please remember we are All , with Love and Caring, Co-responsible for each other and to reduce the risk of Covid-19 – Continue asking God for Patience to address 'Covid-fatigue' as we continue to together journey through the next 12 to 18 months (into Vaccine-land) – and beyond!

#### **Brief Update:**

Our country has been through a harrowing 2<sup>nd</sup> Covid-19 wave which is now thankfully receding – our thoughts and prayers are with each person , especially 'Glen-tonians', who has been negatively impacted , remembering their need for practical love and support, Not stigmatisation...!

We continue to be grateful for the commencement of our phased Covid-vaccination program with vaccine/s which will be effective against our local strain/s – we strongly recommend that each of us gets vaccinated via the registration-process at the allocated time and place once we get the go-ahead from the Department of Health.

In light of the level 1 directives given by our President, we at the Glen can accommodate ***a limit of about 130 Congregants, with*** relevant protocols being followed, including some ***singing by the Congregation....***

We give God thanks for His ongoing Presence, as we listen for His voice, remembering that we are His implementation-instruments for an evolving and practical Customised Care-ministry during these times...!

Many Blessings