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Dear Members and Friends of NCCS,

The National Council of Churches received many messages and letters from you in response to the **Additional Guidance to Religious Organisations for permitted on-site activities**.

We sought clarification from MCCY and hereby offer the following advisory:

Applying for Time-Limited Exemption

1. Application for Time Limited Exemption (TLE) from MTI through <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg> one day prior to the conduct of all activities is required for all non-essential service providers since 7 April 2020. This TLE requirement will apply to all churches (and other religious organisations) with immediate effect. To apply go to: <https://www.gobusiness.gov.sg/exemptions/login>. Login in using the church's CorpPass and password and select "TLE". You will be allowed to submit up to 2 TLE applications each week. A PDF and video guide to help members submit TLE applications are at <https://covid.gobusiness.gov.sg/guides/TimeLimitedExemptionpdf/> and <https://go.gov.sg/timelimitedexemption/video/> respectively.
2. Churches are also required to update MCCY through www.cpro.gov.sg of our TLE applications upon submission to MTI. This is to assure MCCY that churches are abiding by the safe distancing measures for places of worship.
3. If you have needs beyond what is provided for, you can appeal to MCCY via cpro@mccy.gov.sg MCCY and MTI will assess the appeals on a case-by-case basis.

Carrying out on-site activities with Time-Limited Exemption

4. As MTI allows TLE applications of 2 days per week, it is suggested that needs be consolidated and be included in the same day/s applied for. For example, application for 3 persons, with 2 for recording of services and 1 for other essential administrative duties from 9.00am to 5pm on the same day can be submitted in a single TLE application. Members should keep minimize the number of on-site staff/volunteers and limit to essential activities, with safe distancing measures in place.
5. The same TLE application can cover different teams of 2 persons recording a session at different time slots.
6. There is no need to apply for a TLE if permitted on-site activities (i.e. live streams, recordings, administrative duties) are carried out by church workers who live on the church premises.

7. Churches that need a staff to liaise with essential service contractors (e.g. cleaning companies, security firms) and other duties deemed essential are advised to apply for a TLE before returning on-site. Churches should advise these essential service contractors to apply for a General Exemption if they have not already done so.

We seek your understanding and cooperation because the health of all depends on all of us.

May the Lord bless you according to His abundance grace in Christ Jesus.

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