



Caring for Our People

Manaakitia ā tātou tāngata

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As-salāmu ‘alaykum. Peace be with you.

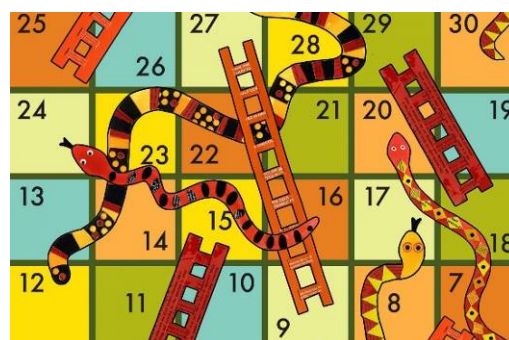
Covid19: It is still a game of snakes and ladders...

Congratulations Team Mates! With the loosening of the Alert Level restrictions it feels like we are coming out the other side of the pandemic and it feels good!

Truly though, we are in the eye of the storm with the potential to get dragged back into the thick of illness again. I envisage many more months of mindfulness and effort is still coming for our team of 5 million.

After NZ conquers Covid-19, we have to wait for the rest of the world to catch up, otherwise NZ is going to be right back at the start again. Just like snakes and ladders: sometimes you leap up the ladder, and other times you slip back down that slippery snake.

So after NZ conquering the first wave of Covid-19 there are things we are have to keep doing to minimise a second wave or until such time as there is a vaccine and the borders are fully opened to other countries because it is safe.



Our two key weapons will be practicing **great public hygiene** and ongoing **contact tracing**. Ideally we should build these habits now and keep them going as we move into our new normal.

We have already been working on cleaning and hygiene, but this contact tracing is going to feel a bit odd and possibly it will feel time consuming. We need to work through the setting up our processes until they become a habit.

As a Church there are two things we need to do:

1. help people trace where they were - NZ Covid Tracer App
2. know who and how many attend our services and events – attendance registration

We can encourage people to use the NZ Covid Tracer App by making sure our buildings have QR Codes available to use. If your church building still requires a QR code then please email healthandsafety@methodist.org.nz with the following four details per building

building name, building address, contact person, contact phone number

Alternatively you may go directly to the following page and follow the instructions there. <https://ministryofhealthnewzealand.cmail20.com/t/i-l-xdkddit-jinlthrhrt-y/>

You will be issued with a PDF file similar to this picture →

From there you can print as many copies as you need for your building entries.

It is an easy process and you can request different QR codes for different areas such as Hall and Church.



Registering attendance can be done in many ways and some of these have been discussed in 'Looking Forward – Contact Tracing 04 June 2020'. I particularly like the idea of taking a photo of everyone as a record of attendance. And then use it as a memory of celebration, like this...!



Connexional Office Staff Meeting 08 April 2020

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 2nd Top: Lucille Havenga, Rae Maxted, Hugo McLennan, Jo Smith, Greer McIntosh
 3rd row: Jennie Hood, Sarah Andrews, Elaine Knegt, Bruce Johnston, Steve Walker
 Bottom row: Peter van Hout, Debbie Sykes, Gail Smith, Wendy Keir, Stacey Cochrane*

Please contact me if you need a copy of the Looking Forward document (the website is still giving us problems for updating documents so they must be emailed out).

Finally... Great work everybody! **Thank you for helping to get our team of 5 million this far.** Thank you for the little things and the big things. I would like to share my happy list with you.

- The minister who added me to their pastoral phone calls – I truly appreciated that phone call and it gave me an understanding of how difficult it has been for all ministers to answer their calling at this time.
- The minister who wanted to focus on delivering non-technological service during lockdown to ensure that everyone had access to a service. This reminded me to remove as many obstacles as possible to allow people easy access to information.
- David and Louis and their teams’ work with the Atawhai Assisi cluster. Outstanding. Thank you all for showing us once again what can be achieved in times of need. I’m sorry that I could only watch from afar.

Kia kotahi mō te whaioranga
Unite for the recovery

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