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To

Bellville Church Members

Dear Fellow Believers,

RE: CHRISTMAS SERVICE 25 DECEMBER 2021

Greetings in the Name of our Father

I trust that the holiday season has brought much needed respite to all the hardworking folk in the congregation, and to those retired members a time to be united with loved ones.

As we have repeatedly communicated, our in-person services would continue until such time as we as leaders feel the need to revisit the services in the light of the increased risk of infections in the church community and the wider community.

This week has seen a number of positive cases of the Covid-19 virus, but also a number of members who experienced symptoms but did not go for tests. We have informed you of Elder Crouch. Thinking of his immediate family gives one enough reason to be cautious. Some of us have had visitors during the last week or so who also tested positive.

Without sounding alarmist, the leadership has the responsibility to protect the worshipers on a Sabbath. In fact we have a Christian and a civil duty to do so. It is thus incumbent on us to review the in-person services as the situation changes. ***It is thus with regret that we have decided to not have an in-person service on Christmas Sabbath.*** This is not an easy decision, but such is the environment we live and worship in.

We pray that you will find a service online to tune into. May the true Spirit of the Birth of our Saviour be felt in every home and may this Season of Joy be one of Thanksgiving for the Blessings we have enjoyed, amidst so much hardship and pain.



By God's purpose our next in-person service will be on the 8th of January 2022. We look forward to seeing you there.

Be blessed and stay safe, by His Grace.

Christian Greetings,

Elias Links

Co-ordinating Elder

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