

Dear Church Family,

I'm quite sure that when Jesus said he would be with us even to the end of the age, his promise extended through the Covid-19 Pandemic.

As a church, our heart is to put our arms around every member and move forward together. This is a commitment we make as we move into New Zealand's new Traffic Light System. This new system creates some difficult decisions about how we hold our gatherings – and every person is important to us.

Our DNA is to prioritise the reputation of Jesus in our community, the unity of the Spirit amongst us, the opportunity we have to care for others (not just ourselves), and the need to show grace, patience and kindness to all – especially those who see things differently.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to hear from you as a member of our church family, and then help the Elders to make the best – albeit imperfect – decision for the church family going forward. We will all feel tension in whatever decisions are made going forward, and this will call for extra grace and love.

We want to hear from you as an individual. Your personal details will remain confidential to the Elders. Some of the questions are personal. If you'd prefer not to include your name, that is fine, but we would love to hear from as many of you as possible. Please fill in this questionnaire by **(DATE, TIME.)**

May this be a moment when we all choose to step in, with love and commitment to the body of Christ. It's just like the Lord to use a time of crisis and disruption to bring about something new, wonderful, and good. We need each other more than ever – you are needed, and the Lord Jesus is calling us together.

With Christian love

The Elders

QUESTIONS:

- We'd love to know how to support you spiritually. How would you assess your own heart and spiritual health?
 - ❖ I'm doing really well – I feel connected, joyful and content.
 - ❖ I'm doing pretty good - I feel solid and committed, but....
 - ❖ I'm not doing the best – I'm feeling the fatigue and challenge of life.
 - ❖ I'm really struggling – I really need some help.
 - ❖ Other:

- Would you like a pastoral visit or phone call to discuss the above: YES / NO

- By the end of 2021, I am choosing to be:
 - ❖ Vaccinated.
 - ❖ Unvaccinated.
 - ❖ I'm waiting for a different type of vaccine.
 - ❖ I'm not sure yet.
 - ❖ I'd prefer not to answer

- With respect to vaccination, rate your level of concern on the following. **Rated 1-3 (1- no concern, 3-high concern):**
 - ❖ Ethical (e.g. moral questions over vaccine development).
 - ❖ Theological (e.g. my faith is in God not a vaccine, my conscience is unsettled).
 - ❖ Political (e.g. concern over human rights/government direction)
 - ❖ Vaccine Safety (e.g. risks/long term outcomes of vaccination).
 - ❖ Personal Health (e.g. low immunity)
 - ❖ Are there any other areas of concern for you?

- Under the proposed Traffic Light framework, and assuming the presence of Covid in our district, I would be happy to attend the following kinds of gatherings:
 - ❖ I would attend a service that includes unvaccinated and vaccinated people.
 - ❖ I would only attend a gathering with vaccinated people.
 - ❖ I would only attend a life group.
 - ❖ I would only be part of an online service.

- Optional Comment (in particular, please share any ideas you have for how gatherings could look)

- Is there anything else you'd like to share for the Elders to consider as we make these decisions?