



## *Conference News for 17th April 2020*

We are coming to the end of Easter week. This coming Sunday will be the second Sunday in Easter or Low Sunday which is a contrast to the high celebration of Easter last week Sunday,

This Sunday services will again be conducted via technological means as we continue in a total lockdown from Friday 1st April at 9:00 p.m., through Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 5:00 a.m. due to Coronavirus/COVIQD-19.

### **CHURCH SERVICES FOR THIS SUNDAY**

The following churches will be conducting virtual services this coming Sunday:

#### **Via Zoom**

Ascension

Trinity

#### **Via Facebook**

Global

Prayer at Share will be aired on ZNS Radio 1540AM, 104.5 FM, online on znsbahamas.com and On the ZNS app. On Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

### **DEVOTIONS**

Continue to look out for devotions and meditations from our churches which will continue to be sent via email.

### **A FRESH EXPRESSIONS CONVERSATION**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April – A ZOOM conversation with BCMC leaders around the topic of Fresh Expressions - a "form of church for our changing culture and primarily for the benefit of people who are not yet members of any church".

### **BROTHER'S KEEPER**

COVID-19, which is causing the closure of many businesses, is wreaking havoc on our economy and our lives. Businesses have temporarily or permanently laid off staff or reduced salaries. Many persons in our churches and in our immediate communities are feeling the effects of unemployment or insufficient money to support themselves and their families.

Some churches and their members have already responded to the needs of its members or communities and for this we are appreciative.

**The BCMC urges the churches and individuals who have and will have resources to continue be our brother's and sister's keeper at this time, as far as is possible, as some families are really struggling to feed themselves and to pay their bills.**

### **SUGESTED ACTIVITIES TO PASS THE CURFEW TIME**

We find ourselves at home, unexpectedly. We should try not to become couch potatoes. If we are working from home, we need not sit at the computer most of the time. So what do we do? Here are some options:

- Exercise – Walk (in your yard or neighbourhood) /download some aerobic exercises that could be done at home
- Start a new hobby – gardening?
- Read a book or magazine
- Read the Bible
- Do some craft work
- Bake or cook something different/special
- Do some puzzles
- Observe more prayer time
- Call a lonely or “shut in” person
- Tackle those projects you've been wanting to do for a long time

**Please be sure to observe the requirements for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19.**

**Stay safe and stay healthy**

### **WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL FIRST FRIDAY NEWSLETTER**

WMC's First Friday Newsletter is provided for your reading enjoyment.

[http://firstfridayletter.worldmethodistcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/April\\_2020\\_Print-PDF.pdf](http://firstfridayletter.worldmethodistcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/April_2020_Print-PDF.pdf)

### **HURRICANE DORIAN UPDATE**

Work is temporarily on hold.

Visiting Building and Cleaning Teams were slated to start coming in March. These Teams were mostly coming to help with clean up. However, the pandemic Corona Virus/COVID -19 is causing postponements/cancellations.

### **GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020**

With the Emergency Orders in place and the uncertainty of when the Corona Virus will leave our shores there is the possibility of a change of dates for The 2020 General Conference

## 22<sup>nd</sup> WORLD METHODIST CONFERENCE 18<sup>th</sup> TO 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST, 2021

The 22<sup>nd</sup> World Methodist Conference will be held from 18<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021 at Gothia Towers in Gothenburg, Sweden under the theme "On the Move". The World Methodist Council meets every five years to plan its programmes, elect leadership, organize its work and review progress made in various aspects of church activities/life. The Conference is open to anyone who wishes to attend. Interested persons may contact the Conference Office for more details.

## INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Intercessory prayers at Conference Office are temporarily in abeyance.

We continue to intercede for our country, our members and our churches. For the time we are in we must continue to pray unceasingly that we would emerge from these dark days with a bright tomorrow.

During this period of unprecedented shutdown of the country, and until the economy rebounds, so many persons will be without work and income. Please pray earnestly for our country and especially for those adversely affected.

## UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

All events are in abeyance due to COVID -19.



## PRAYERS

Please remember to keep the following persons and/or their families in prayer:

### Sick:

Mr. Klaus Sobeich, Grant's Town Wesley  
Mrs. Lorraine Phillpot, Ebenezer, wife of Assistant Treasurer, Mr. John Phillpot  
Ms. Alicia Munroe, Zion Methodist Church  
Mrs. Sheran Sweeting, Trinity, wife of Rev. Charles Sweeting  
Mr. Hubert Albury, Ebenezer  
Mr. Clifford Cates, Ebenezer  
Mr. Franklyn Bethel, Lay Preacher, Grant's Town Wesley  
Mrs. Eula Hepburn, Great Bethel, Cat Island  
Mr. Dennis, Seymour, Wesley, Inagua  
Mrs. Corella Sands, Epworth, Cherokee Sound  
Miss. Rosa Johnson, Wesley, Governor's Harbour  
Mrs. Olevia Bowles – Great Bethel  
Mrs. Linda Albury - Epworth, Cherokee Sound

Mr. Fred Neely – St. Michael's

**Death:**

Mrs. Thelma Thompson – lifelong Methodist and mother of Mrs. Ruth Lightbourne, Ms. Avis Thompson and Ms. Sharon Thompson of Grant's Town Wesley

**PRESIDENT'S ACTIVITIES**

11 April, 2020 participated in St. Michael's Prayers, Scripture and Witness

16 April, 2020 participated in CLET prayer meeting,

**Should you have information that you would wish to share among the congregations, please send it to [bcmc@bahamasmethodist.org](mailto:bcmc@bahamasmethodist.org).**

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