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'Being Church' in the times of COVID-19

Message from the President of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY)

Last Friday, on the 13th of March, 2020 it was made know that the first index case of Corona Virus was diagnosed in Ethiopia. Until that day we were only observing the struggles that other countries were experiencing through the media. But since then we too have become part of the global community waging war against this contagious virus. The pandemic has reached our country and this affects us and the members of our church and communities.

In a time like this, our instincts as Christians shall be to turn to God in prayer and fasting for our country and the world at large. The EECMY has already announced a one month nation-wide prayer and fasting beginning from the 9th of March (Yekatit 30, 2012) until the 8th of April, 2020 (Megabit 30, 2012). This needs to continue with even greater participation and commitment, but we recommend that it now be carried out in a home-based manner or small group setting rather than in big gatherings.

As a church, the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (EECMY) sees it as her responsibility to encourage all to act according to the guidelines given by the Ethiopia Health Authorities and follow the recommendations for the protection of us all. This means that we need to practice:

- 1) Social distancing - to keep a distance of 1-2 meter to other people
- 2) Only gather in smaller groups of 15 -20 people and avoid big gatherings
- 3) Wash our hands frequently and keep a high level of hygiene

In order to do this we encourage members to avoid physical contact when greeting, to gather for prayer, bible study, and worship in the homes and get together in smaller groups. Lastly, we encourage you to have water and soap available at your homes and church compounds for all who may enter and exit.

As Christians it is important to live an exemplary life, that is how we can be Church also in the times of the Corona Virus. By loving one another and serving our neighbor through avoiding spreading the disease, and by letting the well-being of our fellow citizens be our greater concern.

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And in this we also want to show our solidarity with church world-wide, and as brothers and sisters in Christ let us pray for each other and especially for the countries that struggle the most.

Rom. 12:12 says "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." With this we encourage you all to hold on to our hope in the Lord Jesus and be patient and faithful in prayer, as we continue to be Church united in Christ.

In Christ,



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