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Dear Clergy, Pastors and members of the Diocesan Standing Committee,

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP DURING RECOVERY MOVEMENT CONTROL ORDER (RMCO)

Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord Jesus!

I am sure you are aware of the latest Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) on non-Muslim Places of Worship issued by both the Federal Government and the Sabah State Government for the period between 10 June -31 August 2020 under RMCO. I appreciate very much the careful measures the government has introduced to contain and defeat this current pandemic of Covid-19.

After consulting the senior clergy of our Diocese, I have decided to resume public worship in our church buildings **ON 1 AUGUST 2020**. If churches are not ready and unable to comply with the SOP issued by the government and the guidelines for service practices issued by our Diocese, the rector and priests/pastors in charge together with the PCC, may decide on a later date to resume public worship in their respective churches. All rectors and priests/pastors in charge must inform the Diocesan office the planned date of resumption of public worship on or before 20 July 2020. A summary of the SOP and guidelines for service practices are enclosed for your adherence. Please be guided accordingly.

May the Lord bless you and His beloved flock under our care with His presence, strength and comfort.

With every blessing in Christ,

The Most Revd Datuk Melter Jiki Tais
Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia
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A 'new normal' for administering Holy Communion. Some proposals for consideration:

1. Wine served from one or more chalices:
 - 1.1 the celebrant administers to the communicants **in their pews**; to minimise congregational movement. The celebrant administers to each communicant the bread and wine (intinction), without physical contact – drop onto their open palm. Social distancing maintained throughout;
 - 1.2 the communicants **proceed to the front** to receive from the celebrant the bread and wine (intinction), without physical contact – dropped onto their open palm. They consume, then return to their seats. Social distancing maintained throughout.

- 2 Wine served in many small cups:
 - 2.1 the celebrant and an assistant, approach the communicants **in their pews**. The celebrant administers the bread while the assistant administers the wine, served in small cups on a tray. The communicants receive the bread and collect a small cup of wine from the tray. Then consume. The celebrant may also choose to have everyone consume together after the distribution.
 - 2.2 the communicants **proceed to the front** to receive from the celebrant (bread) and assistant (wine in small cups). Consume, and return to their seats.