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## **CITAM STATEMENT ON CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC 18 MARCH 2020**

Following the directive from His Excellency the President on March 15th regarding the presence of individuals who have tested positive for the Coronavirus, Christ is the Answer Ministries [CITAM] is taking immediate steps to first ensure that we comply with government instructions to secure public safety and second to ensure that we continue to provide effective ministry to our congregations in this new normal.

CITAM will, therefore, suspend all Sunday and Mid-week services in our sanctuaries for next three Sundays after which we shall advise on way forward.

We are encouraging our members and friends to join us online for virtual services beginning this Sunday 22nd, March from 10:00am; broadcast on Hope TV and Hope FM and live-streamed on the various CITAM Social Media platforms until further notice

We also encourage our members and friends to confine our meetings within their homes until further notice.

CITAM is also suspending all fellowship meetings (such as Men's or Women's etc.) and suspending all Keshas until further notice.

CITAM Pastors will conduct weddings and funerals as per government guidelines during this period and will also follow guidelines given regarding hospital and home visitations.

CITAM will communicate online on a regular basis with updates and any changes to the direction we have in place today.

We encourage Christians to express love and generosity to one another and especially to those requiring support with basic needs. We also call upon the government to ease the tax burden on citizen during difficult season.

While we recognize the seriousness with which our government has directed our national response to the pandemic; we remain ever confident that our Lord Jesus Christ is our ultimate protection, comfort and hope. We join with millions of Christians around the world in prayer for God's intervention and the opportunity for many to experience the love of Christ during these trying days.

We appreciate and support the timely call by His Excellency the President for a national day of prayer on the 21st March and encourage all our members and the nation at large to participate in this great initiative.

May the Lord heal our land

**David Oginde (Rev) PhD**

Presiding Bishop