



Seventh-day Adventist<sup>®</sup> Church  
FLORIDA CONFERENCE

## **REOPENING FLORIDA CONFERENCE CHURCHES**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Conference covers a broad and diverse territory spanning 67 counties and many other smaller, local jurisdictional units;

**WHEREAS**, these local jurisdictions have adopted different guidelines and phases for resuming or continuing religious gatherings; and

**WHEREAS**, guidance from the Florida Conference will apply to the operations of more than 300 congregations;

### **IT IS ADVISED THAT:**

- ☐ IF your church board has met and, following the guidelines conveyed by the Florida Conference Administrative Committee, developed a plan for how any proposed services can be safely and appropriately conducted;
- ☐ IF your church has individually verified with each of your local jurisdictional authorities that you have clearance to hold services in accordance with your church's plan; and
- ☐ IF you have communicated to the Florida Conference Ministerial Department your plan and intentions to resume gatherings;

## **YOU MAY START IMPLEMENTING YOUR PLAN FOR REOPENING THE CHURCH ON OR AFTER JUNE 20, 2020**

### **KEEP IN MIND:**

1. The number one priority of the Florida Conference and each individual church is the safety of the public and our church members.
2. Florida Conference is not calling for our pastors and church leaders to rush to resume services by June 20th, even if their congregations are located in local jurisdictions that have approved such gatherings.
3. The determination to open each church is the responsibility of the pastor, church board, and other church leaders. Their first duty is to overall participant well-being.

