



11th February 2021

PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

We, the Three Church Mother Bodies namely Council of Churches in Zambia (CCZ), Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia (EFZ) and Zambia Conference of Catholic Bishops (ZCCB) wish to inform the general public that we will hold a **virtual ecumenical prayer Church Service** on Sunday, 14th February 2021 at the Anglican Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Lusaka beginning at 14:30 hours.

The purpose of this Church Service whose theme is ***“In God We Put Our Trust”*** will be to pray against the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) which has continued to threaten the world and claimed millions of lives world over. People from all walks of life are invited to **virtually attend** this ecumenical prayer service from the comfort of their Church buildings, homes and any other location where they will be. The Prayer Service will be streamed live on The Council of Churches in Zambia, the Evangelical Fellowship of Zambia and the Zambia Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Facebook pages. It is our belief as three Church Mother Bodies that God is the only answer to the continued and even much deadly second wave of the Coronavirus Disease which has so far claimed 885 lives in Zambia, out of the 64,513 cases recorded from the time the pandemic entered the country. All Media Houses and Journalists are free to cover this important event.

In the meantime we urge the general public to religiously adhere to all Ministry of Health preventive guidelines such as masking up at all times, observing social distancing, sanitizing, washing hands with soap and clean water, and taking plenty of water regularly. We further urge the general public to seek medical attention early whenever they observe any sign of COVID-19. The pandemic has reached everywhere in all the districts across the country, becoming a cross cutting matter. But we are certain without any doubt that COVID-19 can be drastically reduced by 80 percent if we all religiously abide by the rules and guidelines, coupled with fervent prayers.

On behalf of:

Fr Cleophas Lungu (ZCCB Secretary General);

Bishop Andrew Mwenda (EFZ Executive Director);

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emmanuel Chikoya', enclosed within a circular scribble.

Fr Emmanuel Chikoya

CCZ GENERAL SECRETARY