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*A Revived Church and a Renewed Nation*

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## NATIONAL COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAMME

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused millions of deaths, untold suffering, and harmed the livelihoods of many, many people across the world. As safe and effective vaccines have become available, the Council of Churches of Malaysia (CCM) calls on all Christians to participate voluntarily in the national Covid-19 vaccination programme, to protect not just themselves but others from Covid-19. This is a simple expression of our Christian moral responsibility towards ourselves, our families, our communities, and our country, in treating life as sacred.

We take note that vaccines approved for use by the Malaysian government have been vetted as safe-for-use and are already used to vaccinate millions of people throughout the world. From an ethical perspective, we uphold the sacredness of life in view of the grave danger posed by Covid-19, and hence encourage all Christians to receive the vaccine.

CCM further appeals to the government to provide free and voluntary Covid-19 vaccination to all who live in Malaysia without discrimination – both citizens and noncitizens – beginning with the most vulnerable and needy. No vulnerable person, nor any community, should be deprived of the right to the vaccinated or be fearful of seeking vaccination.

We pray for God’s guidance and the success of our government’s efforts, salute our frontliners, and commit our services to the common good, and seek to bring an end to the pandemic that has stifled peoples’ social lives and choked our national economy so badly.

May God Bless and protect all those involved in the vaccination programme.

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