

## *LE Ministry in Covid times – July 2020*

Thank you for your faithfulness with following the Covid19 guidelines and creativity in developing new ways of distributing literature in your LE ministry during the time of lock down. This will hold you and your ministry in good stead as most states cautiously emerge out of the Covid-19 crisis. God's word tells us crises will become more frequent and LEs who have used this time wisely are now better prepared to adapt and continue in their ministry God has called them to.

Here is an update and **revised Covid-19 guidelines** for best practice moving forward in these changing times. Whatever situation we find ourselves in, we need to continue to prayerfully fulfil our God given mission within the context and framework of the day with integrity. This work God will bless as people are hungry for answers. Be inspired by the Record article [GLOW tracts make a big impact](#).

### **Literature Ministry Update**

As of July, AM has begun working from the office four days a week with Covid Safe policies applied. We are monitoring the environment and government advice and are better prepared to change position should a return to work from home be required.

**Summit:** Due to a potential second wave of Covid in NSW and Covid budget cuts, the 2020 Avondale Summit has been deferred. Instead this year it will be a digital Summit starting with the General Conference World Celebration of Literature Evangelists Zoom meeting on Sunday 26 July 2020 and a digital Australian & New Zealand Zoom Summit in October – we are currently sourcing the best speakers. Look out for more on this shortly.

**Outreaches:** It is recommended each conference revise their position on outreaches on a state by state basis. Where the local government authorities permit, then they can resume. Outreaches should be avoided in areas that are hotspots, such as Victoria and some suburbs of Sydney.

**LE Covid Safe Plan:** It is **important** that each LE completes an individual personalised Covid Safe Plan for their activities. It needs to be in your business or personal name. This demonstrates that you have thought about your safety and are acting reasonably for the safety of others. LEs have downloaded this from their state government website and laminated their completed plan to carry with them. This can be shown if asked for or displayed in the front of your prospectus or on your pop-up display. Please send Marilene a copy for our files.

### **LE Covid-19 Guidelines**

Be informed of any changing Covid status and adhere to local **state government health restrictions** at all times.

Continue to do your due diligence and check with your state authorities for advice applicable to your work. This can be found online and by contacting the help number. It would be a good idea to keep handy a written record of that advice. Due to each state taking different positions, I suggest one leader or LE from each conference make enquires on a state by state basis. I also request that you share this information with myself and LEs in your Conference.

Thank you to those who have sent the required information. If you haven't, please send to me by Friday, 24 July.

### **Please provide the following** – Deadline 24/7/2020

- 1. LE Covid Safe Plan** – Emailed direct by LE to Literature Ministry office attention of Marilene.
- 2. State Government position** - Confirmation in writing from a Conference LE leader or a key LE in each Conference advising of the state government position. Do they permit or restrict the type of LE ministry you do?

When your state government permits, you can start back. If not, continue to distribute literature by creative ways through phone, email, messenger, WhatsApp, FaceTime, Zoom, social media, the Living Well Resources website and coupon or other electronic ways. We are hearing exiting stories of LEs developing and making sales from these methods.

**When and where government and local authorities allow face to face business visiting, here are some LE Covid-19 safe recommendations.**

1. Start by visiting your contacts, existing customers and leads by appointment. Gauge community response and adapt accordingly.
2. Full adherence to government health and local authorities' advice.
3. Stay at home and get tested if you have the slightest cold or feeling unwell.
4. Comply with **social distancing rules**. Social distancing of a minimum of 1.5m is enforced. In most states it is enforced with fines and jail time. In NSW there is a \$1000 personal fine and \$5000 fine for businesses.
5. **Contactless transitions** are recommended ie: PayPal, Bank Transfer, online. If cash is necessary use zip locked bags and have the customer place inside the bag and quarantine for a couple of days and/or sanitise.
6. Protect against cross contamination - carry and use **hand sanitiser in your pocket** for both parties if sharing books, paper or pens becomes necessary. Sanitise hands prior to handling 'clean' items and after handling all other objects.
7. Handle books with **sanitised hands**
8. Minimise the number of people handling books - only pass a book to customer after purchase. Have a separate large zip lock bag to quarantine all items handled by potential contaminants. Quarantine handled paper materials for the required period of time.
9. Deliver books in original plastic wrapping when provided.
10. Use a small zip lock bag for your phone and keys.
11. Do not shake hands.
12. Where possible visit outside and minimise length of visit - under 15mins. Might be a good idea to set your timer for 10mins.
13. Use extra caution to avoid seniors and high risk people.
14. Avoid talking face to face with people who are unwell.

**Prepare**

Be prepared for when the window of opportunity for visitation opens completely again.

- **Learn your LE Canvass!** *Knowing your canvass well is the key to success.* Regular LEs now be learning or revising the new Holistic Health Canvass. All LE stream canvasses including Jump Start can be found on the [LE Resource Hub](#).

**Stay Connected and up to date**

**Messenger:** Request to join the LE messenger group for updates, group sharing and encouragement with fellow LEs. This group is not for spam forwards, but is for LE ministry purposes.

**LE Fortnightly Zoom meetings:** Join the regular LE Zoom meetings scheduled for every second Thursday AEST for team devotional, the latest LE updates and stories throughout Australia and New Zealand. We are better together as we learn from each other. The next few are on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of August and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of September.