

The Honourable Scott Moe
Premier of Saskatchewan
226 Legislative Building
Regina, Saskatchewan S4S 0B3

Dear Premier Moe,

Thank you for all the work you are doing to keep Saskatchewan residents safe during COVID-19. When it comes to the existing 30-person limit on worship gatherings, however, I would ask that you please work to implement a more fair and reasonable system based on a percentage of the building's capacity, provided that physical distancing rules can be maintained. A 30-person limit on church gatherings is simply not reasonable for large church buildings that can hold many hundreds.

Please change the public health orders to give worship gatherings a percentage formula similar to that accorded to businesses (for instance, retail services are reduced to 50 percent capacity and 'big box' retailers are limited to 25 percent capacity). This would be fair and consistent and would permit more of us to gather in a safe and responsible way.

This issue is extremely important to those of us who rely on worship services as a source of solace and motivation, and a necessary part of our mental health. For many people, worship is an essential service.

Thank you for your attention.