

Reflections from the LAAMB

Ever wonder what it will look like when we finally get back to worship?

Yesterday our Parish Partnership Council met together for the first time since this pandemic started. People had brought their own chairs, put on their masks and we were 2 metres apart. Some mentioned how good it was to be together again.

Helen, the chair person of the Reopening/Regathering Committee gave her report. This committee, which had representation from all our churches, has put in a lot of hours working on the five page checklist that Helen presented. Several people commented that all this information was very helpful to keep our congregations safe.

As part of her presentation she handed out the following page to be read out as people come back to our first worship service on Thanksgiving Sunday.

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Welcome back. It is so good to be able to see each other again and worship together. Just a few important items to share with you as we begin worship together.

As you know we on the peninsula have been very fortunate to have few cases of COVID-19 and we intend to keep it that way. So we are asking all of our people to remember that in person gatherings indoors is most concerning to the health professionals. So we must do our part to keep ourselves and each other safe and well. To this end, the committee that has been working on re-opening protocols asks you to remember and follow the following guidelines:

- Keep at least 2 metres (6ft) from others outside your bubble at all times
- Wear a mask – please bring your own as we have a limited supply of extras
- Sanitize your hands upon entering the building
- There is a logbook that we need to have filled out each week for contact tracing purposes. The first time you are in church we will need all of the information completed. After that it is only necessary to include your **name, phone number** and indicate that you have answered no to the **Covid-19 screening questions**
- Each church will have different ways to indicate where to sit and which way to enter and exit the building, so please follow signs or instructions
- If you use the washroom, please follow the posted sign and wipe down surfaces
- The offering plate will not be passed so offering needs to be placed in the plate before or after the service
- Sanitize your hands before receiving communion
- Communion will be only the wafer at this time. Once you have been given the wafer please return to your seat before removing your mask to eat it
- No singing is allowed at this time
- Take your coat to your seat, do not use the coat rack

So enjoy the service and let's remember why we are here. God loves us, cares for us, so that we might love others.

I hope this gives you some idea of what it will look like when we get back to resuming in-person worship on Thanksgiving Sunday. We will certainly have much to be thankful for.

Pastor Perry