

COVID-19 PROTOCOL

For the safety of our members and surrounding community, and to ensure that Cornerstone does not become an incubator of the COVID-19 virus, Council has adopted the following protocols. These protocols are effective immediately and will remain in place until further notice.

CORPORATE WORSHIP

- In-person corporate worship services are cancelled until further notice
- Livestream services will be available Sundays at 9:30 am and 3:00 pm.
 - *For those who have had trouble with the live stream, we encourage you to view the archived version which will be available on Livestream shortly after the service*
- Upcoming congregational events such as Office Bearer Nomination and Profession of Faith may be delayed. The dates for these events will be confirmed once we are able to resume in-person worship services
- Outgoing attestations will be processed and announced as usual
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- Baptisms will be delayed until our next in-person worship service
- Weekly church bulletins will be distributed via Church Social

During the time we are unable to meet and worship together, all members are encouraged to set aside intentional times of family worship and dedicated prayer.

OPERATION OF COUNCIL AND CONSISTORY

- All in-person meetings are cancelled until further notice. Virtual meetings will be held as needed (through Skype or a similar platform).
- An Emergency Response Team has been formed consisting of Council executive, the chair of the deaconry, and br. Steve Mans, who works in the health care field.
- The Emergency Response team will review this protocol document on a weekly basis and make and communicate adjustments as the situation evolves

DEACONS

- Counting of money will be suspended until further notice
- Members will be encouraged to support the deaconry through e-transfer. E-transfers can be sent to cornerstonecanrctreasurer@gmail.com and must be specified for the deaconry (no password required). Please note that donation receipts cannot be issued for deaconry funds.
- Opportunity for e-transfers will be provided during the regular offering time in the virtual worship services

CATECHISM, BIBLE STUDIES, CLUBS, AND COMMITTEES

- All in-person catechism classes, Bible studies, and club events are cancelled until further notice. Committees are advised to suspend meetings during this time.

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

- All fellowship groups are advised to suspend in-person meetings but to stay in touch and encourage each other, especially with seniors and other members who may be more vulnerable

PASTORAL CARE

- Each ward's elders and deacon should check in with their ward members weekly and more often in cases of illness and quarantine.
- Elders and deacons must ensure all senior members, and others who may be vulnerable, have access to the support they need, including food & supplies.
- Elders and deacons must ensure all communications are delivered to members who do not receive Church Social messages
- All in-person visits from elders and deacons are suspended other than in cases of extenuating circumstances.

BUILDING USAGE

- No access will be granted to the church building other than for live streaming, emergency meetings, and funerals

COMMUNICATION

- On-going communication about our COVID-19 protocols will be communicated via:
 - Church Social
 - Website
 - Social Media
 - Phone Calls (for members without access to the above methods)