



Dear Clarkson Community Church family

Over the past 5 months we have been meeting online and we are deeply grateful for the ways you have connected with God and with each other during these unprecedented times. Your faithful participation and deep generosity are evidence that God is at work and I am thankful for each of you.

Yesterday during our online church service we let you know that we are planning to reopen the church building after Labour Day weekend. A team of staff and elders have been working to put together our reopening plans and we are glad to be able to share them with you. We are committed to following all health guidelines and have also purchased a fogging machine cleaning system and contactless hand sanitizer stations that we know will help us pursue the safety of the church and those who enter. Our reopening plan has three components, the church office, church rentals and church services.

### **Church Office**

We will be reopening the church office to the public three mornings per week. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30-12:30 staff will be available for those who need to stop by the church. If you would like to talk to someone on staff it would be helpful if you contact us to make an appointment as not all staff will be in the office every day.

As per health requirements, masks and physical distancing will be required for everyone who enters the church building.

### **Church Rentals**

We have had several groups contact us about using the church building. Beginning with our regular renters (Spanish and Arabic services and Narcotics Anonymous) and followed by other local groups, we will begin to allow renters to use the church building. Each of these groups will be required to pay cleaning costs and meet the requirements of our church for mask use and physical distancing. We will ensure that the number of rental groups does not affect the safety of the church building for regular church programs.

### **Church Services**

From September 13 we will have in-person services at the church, first with an outdoor service (Sept 13) and then indoor services (beginning Sept 20). We are committed to continuing to produce an online church service each week and will use this content for our in-person services as well. We believe this best allows us to continue to be one church, made up of those who attend in-person and those who attend online. We know that many have appreciated the broad range of people involved in the services through interviews and scripture readings and continuing to use video allows everyone to be involved, whether attending in-person or online. Each week the indoor, in-person services will include some video components and some live components. While the number of live components will initially be small, this will increase as we have a better understanding of the health challenges and the ways that we can best care for those who attend.

Over the coming days we will share more information regarding our in-person services, including registration process, cleaning practices and the ways we will be ensuring safety as we consider communion, singing, kids & youth and social times. We are committed to ensuring physical distancing and ensuring that all who attend are wearing masks, as per health requirements.

We know that this is a challenging time for many and we want you to know that being part of the Clarkson Community Church family is not dependant on attending an in-person service. However you choose to worship in the coming weeks, you are loved.

On behalf of the staff of Clarkson Community Church,  
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