**West-Side Anglican Neighbourhood Ministry**

**Street Outreach Protocol in a Time of Physical distancing**

We have put together this document as we start to plan how we might re-start the Street Outreach of WANM in this time of social distancing.

**Collection of donations and preparing packages.**

As of August 1st, it is planned that all four churches will once again be collection sites for donations that will go toward the packages to be handed out to our neighbours on the streets.  Each church must approve this and put in place their own protocol as to how this will be managed.

It is suggested that food, drinks, and socks, be dropped off at an outside location at each church (or a place just inside the doors if someone is in the building to receive donations).  Each church will determine the best time and method of receiving the donations.  It is recommended that the donations be sanitized (or simply left alone for 72 hours) to reduce any possibility of the spread of COVID-19.

**Preparing Packages**

After August 1st, each church will once again be responsible for preparing packages to be given out.  Each church must approve this and put in place their own protocol as to how this will be managed.

It is strongly encouraged that masks be worn by the volunteers of the Indoor Team (unless they are working on their own) who place the donated items in the bags in preparation for the Outdoor Team.  The bags should be strong bags and only contain packaged food items (no sandwiches, eggs, fresh fruit, etc at this time) and other items that will be useful to our friends on the street.  No clothing at this time except for new socks.  Ideally all the bags will be wiped down with a cleaning agent after they are packed.

**Point of meeting and mode of transport**

August 15 is anticipated to be the first Saturday to return to our Street Outreach (again with the approval of each church’s leadership, St. Philip’s Trustees and the Diocesan Leadership).

Outdoor Teams will meet outside at the assigned church.  They will be met by the Indoor Team or Parish representative, who will place the box of packages at the designated meeting place (which must be outside). All should be wearing masks and remain 2 metres apart for this exchange.

To respect physical distancing, the 2 volunteers (maximum) will need to travel in separate vehicles. The Outdoor Team volunteers must have hand sanitizer with them at all times, this is to be supplied by the host church.

**Handing out the supplies**

Volunteers must maintain 2 metres between each other and between the clients.  Before meeting a client, volunteers must sanitize their hands and put on a mask.

For the actual hand-off, please place the bag (package) 2 metres from the recipient and then step away to allow them to pick it up. The packages are in bags and this will allow easy transfer.

After meeting with the client, and on the way back to the cars, the volunteers must sanitize their hands once again.

**Reporting Back**

As we have in the past, the Outdoor Team needs to report back in regards to their outing.  Please be very careful about keeping track of the names of all the clients and the specific time and location that you met with them.

Please also report back as to how things are going and how this process is working as we made need to adjust as we put these protocols into place