

**CHRIST CHURCH GABRIOLA**  
**SUMMARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 17, 2021 via ZOOM**

CCG Council Chair for June 17, 2021 to August 12, 2021 is Betty Schultze, one of two Council members, along with Mona Smart, who rotate the duties of Council Chair and Secretary. Please contact Betty or Mona regarding any church related matters.

Following is a summary of the main discussion topics and decisions of the June 17, 2021 Council meeting. The summary also includes an announcement concerning the implementation of our Covenant through a newly formed ad hoc Strategic Planning Committee that Council has tasked with developing a strategic plan.

**Christ Church Gabriola and COVID**

Council has been closely monitoring *BC's Four Step Restart Plan* that began May 25. The plan outlines a gradual process toward returning to normal social interaction and activities. Currently, the province is in step two of the plan.

After reviewing the many protocols, restrictions and the still continuing flux of the COVID situation, Council has decided the CCG church building will remain closed until September 7, the earliest proposed date at which the province hopes the normalizing of social interaction and activities, particularly indoor activities, can begin. Until then, we will take advantage of the lovely summer weather by holding an outdoor Eucharist similar to those we held last September. More information about this service will be available shortly.

Council will continue to monitor *BC's Four Step Restart Plan* to ensure we reopen our building and resume our worship and community life as soon as we safely can and in accordance with provincial and denominational authorities.

When we do reopen our building and gather together in person (hopefully without food and drink restrictions or the need for masks) our first Sunday service together will be a joyous occasion marked by a special worship service followed by a festive serving of refreshments. Our aim is to celebrate our first in-person worship service with heartfelt gratitude and joy.

**Financial Update**

*In the Short-Term*

We are almost halfway through the year, and CCG's revenue and expenditures continue to track budget as expected. The Offerings are a little ahead of budget, and the expenses are a little behind budget, resulting in a positive balance for May.

*In the Longer-Term*

The Finance Committee has completed a 10-year financial projection based on the Church's current expenditures and demographics, to help Council plan ahead in a fiscally responsible manner. This model forecasts that the Church will be in a cash shortfall position within the next 6-8 years.

Following consultation with the congregation, the Council will present a longer-term Financial Direction and Objectives for CCG as part of a comprehensive strategic plan by early November (see ANNOUNCEMENT at the end of this communication).

### **Building Maintenance**

Council has approved the cost of a Building Upgrade project. The flat roof covering a portion of the Church will be replaced and upgraded in early July. Installation of a new Sanctuary heat pump and hot water tank remains to be scheduled. Painting of the window trim and fascia may occur late this season, or at the beginning of next summer.

### **Transforming Futures**

Following the July 4 Sunday service, Brendon Neilson from the Synod office will give a short presentation on Transforming Futures. Please come with your questions.

### **Karen's Summer Away Dates**

Karen will be away the following dates.

Study Leave

- July 12-18 including Sunday July 18: No zoom service; self-guided meditation/worship in printed form will be available.

Vacation

- August 16-22 including Sunday August 22: No zoom service; self-guided meditation/worship in printed form will be available.
- August 29-September 4 including Sunday August 29: Presider for service TBD.

We wish Karen a restful summer break.

**Next CCG Council Meeting:** August 12, 2021, 1:30pm

## **AN ANNOUNCEMENT**

### **Strategic Planning Committee has begun to establish long-term goals based on our Covenant**

Council has authorized a new Strategic Planning Committee to guide the implementation of the Covenant adopted by the congregation in March of this year. To date, the Committee has met three times to review a strategic planning process, identify roles and the scope and direction of their work, and to complete a preliminary Strengths, Opportunities and Challenges assessment. The Strategic Planning Committee has established the following aims:

1. Establish key goals for each of the Covenant's four major themes: Worship, Connect, Learn and Grow, Service.
2. Specify initiatives and activities to best attain these goals. The Committee will look at both Covenant-related goals and the *Transforming Futures* project to understand how they may align.
3. Evaluate volunteer and financial resources needed to realize our goals and implement associated initiatives and activities.
4. Schedule priorities and timelines.

The Strategic Planning Committee will consult with the congregation at key points in the planning process and provide regular updates of their work.