

CHRIST CHURCH GABRIOLA
FROM CCG COUNCIL FOLLOWING FEBRUARY 17, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING

CCG Council Co-chairs Mona Smart and Betty Schultze rotate the duties of chair and secretary. Please contact Mona or Betty about church matters. The main discussion topics and decisions at the February 17, 2022 Council Meeting were as follows.

Community Engagement

Feedback received from our faith community indicates the weekly newsletter Hilary compiles and distributes via email is being read and enjoyed. Many thanks to Hilary for her diligence in providing such interesting articles, links to thoughtful videos like the one on the theologian, C. S. Lewis, and amusing cartoons.

Some of our congregants have been working with island organizations investigating extreme weather shelters for those on Gabriola who are inadequately housed. Council supports congregants who are exploring this issue and looks forward to learning more about it.

Reopening the Church Building

With the recent lifting of some of the COVID sanctions by provincial health authorities, which are supported by our two denominations, Council approved the reopening of the church building on March 6 for CCG gatherings and meetings, and the launch of hybrid worship (online and in-person) on April 10. All those who enter the building will be expected to follow the protocols outlined in two documents: 1) CCG Building Use Protocols 2) CCG Hall and Sanctuary Bubbles diagram (to maintain social distancing). Proof of vaccination, mask wearing, and maintaining a social distancing of 1.2 metres (4ft) as much as possible, are primary protocols. All protocols will be reviewed monthly to assess their alignment with the fluxing COVID situation. The two protocols documents are included with this newsletter.

Hybrid Worship

With the reopening of our church building, the Worship Committee has scheduled the first hybrid worship service for April 10, 2022, the first Sunday in the Easter Holy Week and the Liturgy of the Palms. Currently, the worship and technology committees are assembling and testing the equipment necessary to stream the service, reviewing and testing all components of the service to ensure they are feasible in both formats, establishing processes for congregants to register as an in-person worshipper, adapting the roster to suit both formats, etc. The Worship Committee is doing everything possible to offer a meaningful worship experience both online and in-person. Such an aim is a balance between technology costs and complexity and the volunteer and financial resources a small congregation can offer.

Stewardship Campaign

The stewardship campaign was officially launched with the release of an invitational letter to all congregants in mid-February. Updates about our current but also long-term financial objectives as they relate to our future direction will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead. Timely has been the Strategic Planning Committee's tabling of the future-oriented Strategic Plan to Council. We will be discussing the Strategic Plan at our March meeting.

A Thank you to Angela Nutter

Council wishes to extend our warmest thanks to Angela who is stepping down from her positions on CCG Council as warden and as a member of Personnel Relations and the Strategic Planning committees. Over the years, Angela has fulfilled with excellence and dedication almost every church position, not just

in local parishes including CCG, but in the Anglican church at all governance levels. We will deeply miss her experience and guidance as a wise elder – and her wry, dry Yorkshire humour!

Annual General Meeting

Council began preparations for the CCG Annual General Meeting including the annual report; the deadline for submissions is March 1, 2022. Please note the meeting is scheduled for March 27, 2022 following the church service.