**CHRIST CHURCH GABRIOLA**

**from CCG Council Following April 21, 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 September 8, 2022 Council Meeting were as follows.

**September 15, 2022 Anniversary Party Update**

Council is releasing a special announcement to encourage everyone to join us at the church on Thursday, September 15 after 4pm to celebrate the fifth anniversary of CCG. It will be a special occasion to mark our coming together five years ago and to look forward to the next five years. We kindly ask congregants to RSVP via the link to Survey Monkey in Hilary’s email communication.

**COVID Protocols Update**

Council continues to closely monitor the COVID situation and to prudently use the protocols to balance the need to safeguard as much as possible the health of the congregation with creating meaningful worship services and congregational gatherings. Council’s September 8 update to the protocols follows this one-page update and is also available on the website.

**Strategic Plan Implementation**

Karen outlined the next steps of the implementation team’s plan. The next steps include meeting with the committees and asking them to identify goals, collaborating with them to do some of the items that are included in the strategic plan, and hearing about other steps they might consider.

**Zoom Component of Hybrid Worship**

The Worship Committee will collect feedback from congregants who have attended hybrid services **specifically via Zoom** regarding their experience.

**CCG Christmas Bazaar**

Please note in your calendars the CCG Christmas Bazaar is to be held December 3, 2022 at the Community Hall.

**Storage Room Clear-Out**

Council is sponsoring a clear out of the storage room. Council and Building & Grounds member, Loretta Smith, will be asking committees to review their items currently in the storage room to identify what is to be kept and what may be disposed of.

**CCG Records** (land rights, property records, registers, logbooks, certificates of burial or cremation, etc.). Council wishes to thank Don Butt who took photographs of all of these documents for proper archival storage.

Thank you.

**CCG Council Update of COVID Protocols As of Sept 8, 2022**

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**Protocols for non-CCG as well as all CCG related activities *excluding* Sunday worship.**

1. Showing vaccine passport is optional.
2. Hand sanitizer available.
3. In church building, air to be circulated as much as possible. Windows and doors open as much as ambient temperature and weather conditions permit.
4. Bathroom with window is the designated toilet facility and only it is open. Users sanitize with the provided spray bottle the sink and toilet seat.
5. Church office is closed.
6. Kitchen open.
7. In the Hall, possibility for some social distancing through the arrangement of tables for food and beverage service and conversation.
8. Masking optional.

**Current Sunday Worship Protocols** (Next review will be at the October 8 Worship Committee and October 22 Council meetings)

1. Congregational listing of vaccine passport holders at church entry.
2. Masks required.
3. In the Sanctuary, continue following a *partial socially-distanced seating* as per the current arrangement.
4. Passing of the collection plate not yet reinstated; currently, plate is prominently displayed on the pedestal.
5. Hymnals now available in pews and congregants are singing rather than just humming.
6. Currently continuing to follow a modified communion protocol; wafers only, no liquids.