

Council News: May 19

Yes your council is meeting! We are all tech savy and enjoying each other's company on Zoom!

The meeting May 19 focused on our ministry and how to continue to serve in the best possible way. We are, of course, much concerned about the financial situation we find ourselves in without rental revenue and fellowship, but our finance team is being diligent in accessing grants and funds available through Government Covid relief, and adjusting the upcoming Budget as best we can.

We are encouraged that so many of our mid-week groups have found ways to meet electronically and our Sunday Services can reach many of you via your computer. Outreach has found a way to stay active and is delivering lunch to the Innerscity Pastoral Ministry May 24. Of course, as requested, the lunch is in bags. Our Property Committee has been busy sprucing up the yard and filling cracks in the parking lot, and a plan is in place to repaint the upper hall. We know that there are still some we are not reaching, and we are working on a strategy for regathering.

A Team has been put in place to deliver a concrete plan with necessary guidelines to enable us to meet. We are not expecting a rapid opening, as the health and welfare of our congregation is paramount, but please be assured we are working to ensure we get there as quickly and safely as we can.

As of May 19, plans to hold an Annual Meeting in June, as is our tradition, are on hold. The strategy team may come up with an alternative to a face to face meeting as decisions need to be made before the end of our fiscal year July 1. An Annual Report will be distributed as soon as possible so you will be kept informed. (The deadline for contributions for the report to be sent to Laurie at the office is June 1)

Our "Call Tree" should have reached out to you by now. If you have not heard from one of our cheery volunteers, please contact the office. The Call Tree is the best way to be informed of any decisions made by our opening strategy team. Our website is also kept up to date.

A plan is being formed for a virtual Vacation Bible School in July. Amy will be posting information soon to gauge interest before we proceed.

Council will meet via Zoom again in June (not just for a picnic this time). If you have any concerns or comments for Council, please do not hesitate to contact Laurie at the office and she will forward your message.