



Kanata United Church

December 22, 2020

Dear Friends,

We are sending this email, in order to let you all know that the Task Group, which is dedicated to making recommendations regarding the ever-changing protocols of Covid19, met last night in response to the Press Conference given by the Premier yesterday afternoon announcing the anticipated lockdown.

At this time, some very clear direction, in terms of how all Ontarians are to conduct themselves between December 26 at 12:01 and January 23, 2021 were laid out. The most specific of which, was in terms of leaving our homes for essential reasons only such as: groceries, medical appointments and pharmacies. To that end, and effective December 26 (and encouraged right away) the following measures will be in effect for KUC to ensure we are not encouraging people to leave their homes by:

- recommending all staff work from home when possible
- postponing Book Fair activities until the lockdown is lifted
- and returning to the stream-lined worship participation with the previous limitations which will only allow Josh, the tech person and I to be present in person. As well, either the spouse of the tech person will offer the readings in person, or reading will be done on-line or through a pre-recorded file sent to the tech people in advance. This measure extends to no vocalists as well, until the restrictions are lifted.

To be sure, here in Ottawa have reduced numbers leaving us very hopeful that this will not extend beyond the 28 day period, but as always, the Task Group will keep everyone posted. Naturally, this is somewhat disappointing, but given the concern of the rapid spreading variant that may eventually arrive here in Canada, and the reality that there are people who are travelling to various parts of the province and beyond, we are not exempt from a possible increase in reported cases. This is a safety measure as well as a leadership measure to ensure we are not asking anyone, even in a small way, to detour from the restrictions and recommendations of the Province and our Medical Officer of Health.

In the meantime my friends, I wish you all a very Merry, albeit different Christmas. Kanata United Church is a community filled with love and care, and the year that is almost behind us, has certainly demonstrated the depth of our faith and commitment of our community

May the blessing of the season be upon you all. Cherish this Christmas. In its' difference, there is hope, peace, love and joy. Be well and stay safe my friends.

In Christ,

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