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Territory Clergy, Wardens, LMWS and Parishes:
Covid-19 Update

Friends,

I want to thank everyone for doing their best in these times. As a church, the Territory has been excellently compliant with provincial health regulations and the parishes have been exemplary in carrying out all the mandates from the Province.

Today, Provincial Health Orders have come out with new guidelines **effective immediately**:

- 1) All In-Person Services are cancelled. In two weeks, the Province will revisit this.
- 2) All services are moving Online
- 3) All buildings are allowed to be open to allow for ESSENTIAL groups (i.e AA, NA) and they must continue to follow Provincial guidelines.
- 4) Church based businesses (i.e. Thrift stores) if they continue to operate must comply with the new Provincial Health Orders. If they cannot, they must cease operations until further notice.
- 5) All Church offices can stay open at the parish's discretion, providing Government mandates about masks and social distancing are followed.
- 6) The Ordination of Linda LaGroix to the Diaconate on December 5th will continue, but is limited to 10 participants. Attendance at the Ordination is by invitation only, and has already reached the limit of 10 essential people.

Despite the timeline given by the Province, we cannot assume our In-Person services will resume by any given date. It is conditional on how Covid numbers recede.


I know this is disappointing to all of us, but we have a duty and obligation to follow these Provincial Health Orders. We as the Territory have done exceptionally well and we should be proud of how we've handled everything in these difficult and stressful times.

I know the people across the Territory have been doing their utmost to maintain their connections with their fellow parishioners and we are all grateful parishioners have been doing their best with their offerings. The work of the Church is our prayer and praise, our love for each other, and our determination and joy with our lives in Christ. Our work will continue through these times and out onto the other side.

I am looking at a few options as to what the people of the Territory can do together during the next few weeks for Advent and Christmas. The information will be distributed over the next week, as we firm up some details and options.

Jesus never said our lives would be easy, but with the yoke of love and compassion, we have meaning and purpose to get through these challenges.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Mckoen', written in a cursive style.

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