

## **Update on AUC's Return to In-Person Worship February 22, 2022**

Greetings, everyone. If I may, I would like to take a few minutes of your time to provide you with an update on Council's planning for a return to in-person worship services at Trinity Anglican.

First, it has been wonderful to have Margaret Heney and Lisa Kyriakides back at work arranging musical pieces for inclusion in our online worship services. The newly recorded performances by members of the Chancel and Hand Bell Choirs and guest musicians have been a treat to hear and a sign of an anticipated resumption of worship services at Trinity.

With continued declines in case counts and the graduated lifting of provincial restrictions, Trinity Anglican has announced that it will be reinstating in-person worship on February 27. Attendees will be required to wear masks, socially distance and sign-in for each service for contact tracing purposes. Revs. Lorraine and Andy are talking with Rev. Hatch to confirm a service time for AUC when it returns to in-person worship and the health measures that AUC will be required to comply with as a tenant.

At its meeting on February 14, AUC Council decided, in view of the improving situation, to plan on a return to in-person worship as of March 27. Council also decided through the passing of a motion that all attendees must be fully vaccinated, meaning three doses of COVID-19 vaccine for those 18 and over, or possess a valid medical/human rights exemption along with a negative PCR test result from no more than 48 hours prior to entry into the

church building. The decision to require three vaccine doses was made to provide an added measure of safety, well-being, and comfort of mind for those attending worship in combination with other measures such as masking and social distancing.

The next step is for Council to confirm the details for the March 27 service, including the worship time and the health and safety measures which will be in place. These details will be discussed at a special meeting of Council on March 2. Arrangements will also be detailed for the live streaming of the March 27 service and subsequent services for those who may be unable to or uncomfortable with attending in-person services at this point.

We will be communicating with you again following the March 2 meeting to describe what worship will look like on March 27 and the protective measures which we will be required to observe.

Although worship and our time together will not be entirely the same as it was pre-pandemic, we nevertheless are looking forward to seeing each other and worshipping together after a long separation. Council is grateful for your continued understanding and support as the plans for our first in-person service in over two years are finalized.

Thank you for your time today and we will be back in touch following Council's meeting on March 2. I hope you enjoy the rest of your day.