

Dear Met church family,

You will have heard the encouraging news that churches in Ontario are being given permission to gather in person once again, albeit with the limitation of 30% of building capacity. Upon learning this news, we have launched a major operation to prepare the church building, our staff, and our volunteers for a safe re-opening of our facility. As you can imagine with a building and congregation of our size, this is no small endeavour. We are committed to a careful, safe, and orderly re-opening, and we are encouraged by the quick progress made so far. Please be assured that we will be planning for a re-opening that enables us to comply with all government-mandated protocols, including physical distancing. At the time of the announcement, the provincial government indicated that they intended to provide more specific guidelines for church leaders in re-gathering. We are awaiting those guidelines before finalizing our plans and procedures, but we trust we will have any further information soon.

In consultation with our Board, we have set in place a plan to resume in-person services on Sunday, June 21st. We will, of course, continue to provide the service online for those who would need to continue to access the services remotely.

We will provide further information on our re-opening plans in the coming days and in advance of the 21st. In the meantime, we would ask you please to join us in prayer for wisdom in planning and safety in implementation – and for a joyful re-gathering on the 21st.

With sincere thanks and continued prayers,

Jonathan Griffiths, Chris Shadbolt, and Randy Jost