



# GEORGE STREET UNITED CHURCH

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***Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.***

*--Hebrews 11: 1-3*

September 11, 2020

To the Scattered Saints of the George Street Pastoral Charge:

Hopefully, some of you will be sending a message to Erika Winsor or myself agreeing to volunteer to be part of our new protocols for the return to worship. If not, plan B needs to happen and our re-opening will have to be delayed for safety's sake.

On a happier note, we did get a bit of good news with respect to Public Health Guidelines and Congregational Worship. Singing can be permitted, provided everyone who sings is masked and none of us sing like Wesley commands! We also cannot sing quite *as much* as we are used to. To be honest, I don't know which is more disappointing, not being able to sing or having to reign your singing in quite a bit. At any rate, that is something we need to take into consideration with the rest of our preparations.

I thank all of you for your patience.

I know that nobody is happy with our circumstances as they are. In particular, I thank the members of the Modified Mission Team Board and our staff who have had the added burden of maintaining the Church in these unparalleled times. The pandemic will not last forever; normal is something we have to make for ourselves.

Grace and peace to you in the midst of your isolation. I pray we get to gather together again, very soon.

Your Servant in Christ Jesus,

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