

**Present:**

Chair  
 Vice-Chair     Regan Pfaff - MacDonald  
 Past Chair     Barb Baxter (acting chair)  
 Secretary     Christopher Cooke (acting secretary)  
 Treasurer     Wayne Pease  
 Ministry       Pat Morrison  
                   Linda Marcotte

The Meeting was held at Grace United Church at the call of ministry, Pat Morrison, and began at 5:00pm. There was a quorum. Guests in attendance included: Val Adamson, Lori Armstrong, Bryce McGarvey, Iris Murtha, Bob Newman, John Scott and Marion Staples.

*Opening Prayer:* Linda Marcotte

*Moved* by Christopher Cooke and seconded by Wayne Pease that the identified guests be corresponding members. *Carried.*

1. **Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed. The purpose of the meeting was to make decisions regarding whether or not to suspend worship services, programs and rentals in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and identify next steps.

*Moved* by Wayne Pease and seconded by Barb Baxter that the agenda be approved. *Carried.*

2. **Worship Services**

There was lengthy discussion regarding whether to suspend worship services.

*Whereas* the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a phase 6 pandemic; and,  
*Whereas* Council has a duty of care to the members and adherents of Grace United Church; and,  
*Whereas* multiple levels of government and local organizations with a similar duty of care have closed facilities and suspended programs;

*Moved* by Barb Baxter and seconded by Regan Pfaff - MacDonald that Grace United Church suspend worship services until a time deemed appropriate by Council. *Carried.*

3. **Programs and Rentals**

There was discussion regarding whether to close the building to Grace United Church programming and rentals.

*Moved* by Wayne Pease and seconded by Barb Baxter that the building be closed to all except staff, personnel and pre-arranged visitors.

4. **Next Steps**

Correspondence to be developed by Barb Baxter and staff, considering Council, Committees, the Congregation and Programs and Rentals. The outdoor sign, website and social media to be updated.

5. **Adjournment**

7:00pm

Barb Baxter, Chair

Christopher Cooke, Secretary (acting)