

United Church  
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An Affirming Ministry



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Members and Adherents of Grace,

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to tend to those most vulnerable among us. Caring for the vulnerable includes taking steps to protect their health.

The United Church of Canada urges congregations to respond to COVID-19 with compassion, prevention, and prayer. Each congregation is empowered to discern a faithful response, following the advice of local public health officials.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Grace Council Executive met on Friday, March 13, 2020 to consider our duty of care to those among us most vulnerable to infection. **Council Executive has decided to suspend building use, effective immediately until further notice, including Sunday morning worship and all mid-week activity.** The decision is not intended to trigger fear but simply to join other local churches, agencies, and service providers in exercising an abundance of caution.

Grace ministries will continue throughout this building closure. We will continue to pray for our world; for those infected with the virus, their families, and medical professionals who offer care and search for cures. Pastoral care and visitation by the ministers are still available to you. We encourage you to continue support to each other by phone or email. Grace Council and its committees will explore alternative methods for worship, fellowship, and study. The pastoral relations work toward calling our next minister will move forward.

Grace Council will continue to monitor public health recommendations, discern toward the reopening of our building, and keep you informed.

Wishing you peace,  
Barb Baxter,  
Acting Chair of Grace Council