

Assuming that The Meeting House and Local Public Health guidelines are being followed, here are some creative gathering parameters. Think of these as banks on a river that we are canoeing down together. How we navigate the river is full of opportunity for innovation and contextualization. These riverbanks (creative parameters) are meant to encourage innovation, fresh attempts, and even failure by trying new things:

HUDDLES 1-4 people (*The Dinner Table*)

These are self-led and it will be up to the people engaged in each huddle to determine what format they will connect in. We expect participants in huddles to follow public health guidelines if they meet in person or outdoors (even though we will not provide oversight or monitor huddles.)

HOME CHURCHES 15-20 people (*The House Party*)

- Home Churches are our most regular connection points (in most cases, weekly) and need to follow TMH / Local Health COVID guidelines for small group gatherings.
- These will be groups of 10-30 people
- We encourage home churches to ensure its members can connect on-line if they do not feel comfortable meeting in-person should the home church go that route.

HUBS 50 people (*The Family Reunion*)

- Meeting Monthly (As we begin these, it may be a few times a season)
- Mid-sized groups of up to 50 (intention is to combine 2-3 HC's to form these HUBs, as well as be invitational to others in our community)
- For the purpose of **gathering, celebration, invitation and community**.
 - Communion (as allowed), eating together (as allowed), sharing God-stories, parish-minded compassion & community presence / service opportunities (clean up a park, block parties to engage neighbours, making hygiene kits for the homeless, etc.) hosting spiritual conversations to get people interacting around the Jesus-centred life, inviting spiritually curious friends to experience a Jesus community.
 - Because these meet monthly, and likely will require rental space and fees, to maximize celebration, compassion, and community we ask that these not be centred around the Sunday morning livestream experience, but a separate gathering that innovatively challenges ourselves to try new ways to be the church in your Parish.

What could a Hub do or not do? Creative parameters:

- Hub is an ongoing community; not simply an event / outreach
- Hub is a strategy (towards our vision); not an end in itself
- Hub is for connection, integration, celebration, formation, and fun, not a watch party

- Hub can be focused on a neighbourhood, social network, or meeting a local need.

PARISH GATHERINGS 50-250 people (*The Wedding Reception*)

The leap from Parish Gathering to HC has been identified as a big barrier for many. The mid-size (40-50) group can be an onramp space for new connections to emerge and new people to experience belonging in our spiritual family and our spiritual family pursuing our vision together.

BEING PARISH MINDED WE:

- Move from primarily a 'come to us' church to a 'go to them' church that mobilizes our people
- **As a community:** We are called to serve both those within and beyond our church community
- **As a community / individually:** We are called locally to take spiritual responsibility for a people and a place
- **Individually:** We identify the places we live, work, and play as the 'parish' we are called to