



## COVID-19 — FAQs

### 1. How has the pandemic changed The Meeting House?

We've been reminded that the church is not a building or a Sunday gathering, we, the people, are the church. As the Body of Christ, we are still on mission sharing the Jesus-centered life, regardless of the difficulties around us. So, the church isn't closed!

Meeting together online each Sunday for our livestream has been an unexpected but beautiful opportunity for growth and unity. And while our global reach has been extended through the switch to online, we're also seeing our parishes and Home Churches taking more responsibility for their local neighborhoods and communities.

### 2. Are we getting together in person this summer?

While we don't plan on having large Sunday morning gatherings until the fall, we know that the warm weather makes it easier to meet outside. And many of our home churches and parishes are going to have outdoor gatherings that follow all public health guidelines.

### 3. When are we getting together for the larger gatherings like Sunday services?

We anticipate this happening this fall. We understand that some people are eager to return, and others are taking a slower approach. We are also working to identify volunteers who are so key in making our Sunday mornings possible. There are lots of details to be worked out to ensure a safe ministry experience. Please reach out to your parish pastor if you are able to serve in any capacity.

### 4. Why is it taking so long to get together since the government is allowing some gatherings?

Our highest calling is to make a loving decision—we want to care well for all members of our community, including all ages and vulnerabilities. We're taking time to assess the ways that gathering on Sundays is critical to our mission and what other ministry options exist for creative Kingdom advancement. Legal permission and appropriate protocols also come with details to navigate like adhering to changing local and provincial health guidelines.

### 5. What about parishes that have a building (as opposed to rented movie theatres)?

We'll be working with our leadership teams to determine the best steps for each facility that also creates the best and most inclusive experience.

### 6. Will The Meeting House continue live-streaming and online Home Churches?

Yes! While the pandemic pushed us to move faster than anticipated to a strong online presence, we've learned how important have a continued live stream experience for those that benefits from the accessibility and/or feel more comfortable online.

### 7. Are we pausing our focus on reaching spiritually curious people since we can't invite people to church?

Even when we could meet in person, relational conversation and online tools were often a good first step for spiritually curious people. We think it's easier now than ever to invite your spiritually curious friends and family to learn more about Jesus. Be sure to check out our website and online resources to share with them!