



May 27, 2020

Greetings Community Church Family,

Some of you may be wondering when we will regather in the Sanctuary for worship again. As each week passes, our desire to gather again in person for worship only grows. We really miss being with you in person for worship and sharing life together with you. Cannon Beach Community Church will regather for worship in the Sanctuary when our Lord leads us to do so through the wisdom of our Leadership Team, through prayerful support of our denominational leaders, and through guidance from our healthcare professionals and elected officials.

Our calling as Christians is to love others as Jesus loves us. One of the ways we can do this is by not risking the health of others, including the most vulnerable people worshipping with us. As Paul writes, "All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial" (1 Cor. 6:12). As you may know, there have been churches in USA and other parts of the world that have reopened for worship, and then had to close again because worshipers were infected with coronavirus during a worship service. We live in a community with significant percentage of high risk people, and we want to regather for worship in a wise and loving way that cares for people's wellness as we worship. As pastors, we recognize the importance of stewarding wisely what the Lord has entrusted to us.

By faith in Christ, the Church does not need to "reopen" because the church never "closed." The Church is people, not the building. We continue to open our hearts to God in prayer and praise every morning. We continue to open our lives daily to *know Christ, grow in Christ together, and go with Christ into our community and world*, doing fruitful, life-changing ministry even during this pandemic. The work and life of the Church is essential. The way you love others is essential.

Community Church Staff and Leadership Team have developed a phase by phase regathering plan, attached to this letter, and posted on our website at [www.beachcommunity.org](http://www.beachcommunity.org). This plan is based on guidance from county, state, and national healthcare professionals and elected officials. Beginning this week, Cannon Beach Community Church enters Phase 1 of our phase by phase regathering plan, allowing our small groups, what we call "Grow Groups" (Immerse Groups, prayer groups, Bible study groups) to begin to regather face to face at the Church building and in homes. Grow Groups are a one of the key ways we *grow in Christ together*. If you are not currently in an Immerse Group, we invite you to consider joining a group. Please contact the Church Office or one of us pastors, and we'll help you find a group to join.

We ask that members of our Grow Groups observe Group Guidelines approved by our Leadership Team and posted on our website. If your Immerse group wants to meet at the Church Building due to size limitations in your home and need for physical distancing as we meet, please contact Athena Dickau, our Church Administrator to schedule your group at 503-436-1222 or church@beachcommunity.org. As Grow Groups begin to meet at the Church Building or in homes, we ask you to observe these guidelines approved by our Leadership Team to promote health and wellness:

- High-risk or ill people will please continue sheltering in place.
- We'll practice physical distancing by staying 6 feet apart as we meet.
- We'll wear face masks, available at the church building if you've forgotten yours.
- We'll keep hands and surfaces clean using approved disinfectants.
- Group Facilitators will keep record of attendance.
- Childcare/nursery will not be offered during Phase 1 or 2.

We want to thank you for your patience during this unprecedented season. As Paul reminds us in Romans 8:28, *"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."* We are confident the Lord is working in our midst, for the good of those who love him, doing new and beautiful things within us and through us in our community for the sake of God's glory. We've been amazed at the ways you have cared for one another, cared for your neighbor, and represented Christ well to the world.

We want to say thank you for honoring Jesus Christ through your giving, online attendance, and ongoing ministry. Many churches have experienced financial shortfalls as they have suspended in-person worship services. You the people of Cannon Beach Community Church have been wonderfully faithful in online giving as well as through the mail, meeting and even exceeding our budgeted commitments.

We look forward to worshipping with you online this Sunday. We greatly look forward to the time when our Lord leads us to regather together for in person worship together in the near future. Our newly formed Worship Planning Taskforce meets weekly to consider many important details in preparation for us regathering for worship. As you likely know, the State of Oregon is scheduled to enter Phase 2 of reopening in mid-June, allowing groups of up to 50 to begin to meet. We also are preparing to regather for worship in groups of up to 50 people, and we will begin in person worship as soon as we have everything in place to worship together in a wise way that brings glory to God, fulfills our vision, and cares for the most vulnerable among us. Until then, let us *be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer* (Romans 12:12).

Grace upon grace to you in our Lord,



Pastor David



Pastor Nathan

## **GROUP GUIDELINES**

Cannon Beach Community Church

May 2020

As of May 26, 2020, we enter Phase 1, allowing for our small groups to begin to regather face to face following these Group Guidelines. Small groups are a key way we "*Grow in Christ together*" with Cannon Beach Community Church.

### ***Group Gatherings at Community Church***

Group gatherings of fifteen (15) people or less are welcome within Community Church building, and gatherings of Immerse groups are also encouraged to meet in homes where groups are able to observe the following group guidelines. Please contact Athena Dickau, Church Administrator to schedule a Group Gathering at Community Church, 503.436.1222, or church@beachcommunity.org.

### ***Group Gatherings in Homes***

If your Immerse group feels comfortable to start meeting face to face in a home, please observe the following guidelines to help protect the health of the group's members. If your home is not big enough to achieve physical distancing, you can reserve the Fellowship Hall or Sanctuary.

### **We agree to observe the following Group Guidelines as we meet:**

- ***High-risk or ill people will please continue sheltering in place*** (such as elderly persons with chronic or underlying medical conditions). Consider inviting those sheltering in place to join the group gathering via Zoom connection.
- ***Please practice physical distancing by staying six (6) feet apart***, including in parking lot, entrances to meeting space, and during group time, sitting in pre-set seating arrangement. Please refrain from physical touch such as handshakes, high-fives, or hugs.
- ***Exterior and Interior Doors are left open*** before/after meeting, to limit touching of door handles, and allow for fresh airflow.
- ***We ask everyone to wear face masks*** and they will be available onsite at the church building if you've forgotten to bring yours.
- ***Please forego passing of objects***. If group members would like a beverage, please ask them to bring it from home.
- ***Commonly touched surfaces must be disinfected before and after*** each group meeting. Designated cleaner wearing gloves will wipe down surfaces with cleaning materials.
- ***Facilitator will keep record of attendance*** and communicate with Church Administrator Athena Dickau. This will help track contact in case someone becomes ill.
- ***Childcare/nursery will not be offered.***





# CBCC REGATHERING PLAN

	PHASE ONE	PHASE TWO	PHASE THREE	PHASE FOUR
<b>NATIONWIDE FEATURES</b>				
Social Distancing	Strict	Moderate	Limited	Normal
Vulnerable Populations (Elderly, Preexisting conditions)	Stay Home	Stay Home	Moderate Distancing Required	Use Discretion
Max Groups/Crowds	15	50	75	No Size Limit
<b>CHURCH RESPONSES</b>				
Worship Service	Online	Weekend in Person Services resume with Social Distancing and health "Best Practices"	Weekend in Person Services continue with limited Social Distancing	Resume Regular Schedule
Grow Groups (Small Groups) and Go Teams	Groups of 15 or less begin meeting in Sanctuary and FH with health "Best Practices"	Groups of 15 or less continue to meet in Sanctuary and FH with health "Best Practices"	Groups can begin meeting in homes with health "best practices"	Resume Regular Schedule
Men's + Women's Prayer Groups	Groups of 15 or less begin meeting in Sanctuary and FH with health "Best Practices"	Groups of 15 or less begin meeting in Sanctuary and FH with health "Best Practices"	Resume Regular Schedule with health "Best Practices"	Resume Regular Schedule
Hospitality	Not available due to Social Distancing Requirements	Not available due to Social Distancing Requirements	Limited Hospitality Service; pre-poured coffee and bottled water; zones in FH for gatherings	Hospitality Service can expand with continued health "Best Practices"
Nursery/Sunday School	Not available due to Social Distancing Requirements	Not available due to Social Distancing Requirements	Nursery/Sunday school to begin again with health "Best Practices"	Nursery/Sunday School to resume as normal, with health "Best Practices"
Building Use (Weddings, Retreats, etc)	Not available due to Social Distancing Requirements	Groups of 15 or less attending may resume, with signed agreements	Events with less than 50 attending may resume, with signed agreements	Resume Regular Schedule with discretion