

Hello Spirit West friends

Attached please find our questionnaire regarding returning to in-person worship services at Spirit West United Church.

It would be of great help to us if you could fill out the questionnaire and return it to the church in the self addressed stamped envelope that is included.

The questionnaire will also be sent out in e-mail form and you may wish to return it that way instead.

Sending the questionnaire back by either method by September 14, 2020 would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You

Spirit West United Church worship committee

CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONNAIRE: RESUMING WORSHIP SERVICES ON SITE

We are looking for your feedback about resuming in-person worship services. Phase 2 of the provincial COVID-19 regulations allows churches to re-open under certain conditions that are outlined below. Resuming in-person worship does not mean things would be the same as they were before the pandemic.

Below is a summation of the provincial and municipal regulations that we must follow when we resume in-person worshipping at Spirit West UC. The church is required, under the authority of the Chief Medical Officer of Health orders and the City of Edmonton By-Law #19408, to follow these regulations.

- Not attending in person if experiencing the most common symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat)
- Restricting the number of attendees, according to space (physical distancing)
- Sitting 2 meters apart in all directions from anyone not in your family (or cohort)
- Registering prior to the service in order to get a “spot” at church because the physical distancing requirements may mean that we cannot have many people at once
- Providing your name and contact information when attending in person services. The information gathering is to support public health contact tracing efforts should the need arise. The information would only be used for that purpose, would be kept secure, and would only be kept for 2 weeks
- Taking part in a staggered entry to get in the building
- Taking part in health screening as you enter the building
- Following the guidance of those persons designated to direct the flow of traffic in and out of the building and following verbal guidance
- Using sanitizer on your hands as you enter the building
- Wearing a mask at all times to comply with the City of Edmonton by-law
- Following the arrows for entry and exit
- Going directly to your seat as you enter
- Leaving the building directly after service
- Leaving the parking lot directly after the service to avoid crowding situations

- Participating in worship with NO physical contact (hand shakes, hugs)
- Participating in worship with NO singing or humming
- Bringing your own refreshments (if desired) not to be shared among non-cohort households. There will be no coffee, tea, soft drinks, or food provided
- Changing communion procedures to avoid shared utensils and maximize sanitation
- Not passing offering plates from person to person. Offering will be collected by other methods
- Keeping young children (2 years and under) with you at all times during the service
- Sunday School for children over 4 years of age is subject to the provincial Guidance for Day Camps. At this time there is no decision whether Sunday School will operate

Could you please provide your answers to the following questions:

1. HOW COMFORTABLE WOULD YOU FEEL ATTENDING AN IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE UNDER THE CONDITIONS OUTLINED ABOVE?

- _____ Very comfortable
- _____ Somewhat comfortable
- _____ Somewhat uncomfortable
- _____ Very uncomfortable

2. WHAT DO YOU MISS THE MOST ABOUT BEING IN CHURCH? Please rank your answers from 1 to 5 with 1 being your highest priority.

- _____ Seeing and talking to other members of the congregation
- _____ Focused time for reflection
- _____ Feeling connected to a larger purpose
- _____ Guidance in my spiritual life
- _____ Other: please describe _____

3. HOW LIKELY ARE YOU TO WATCH A YOU TUBE SPIRIT WEST WORSHIP SERVICE INSTEAD OF ATTENDING AN IN-PERSON WORSHIP ON A SUNDAY?

_____ Very likely

_____ Somewhat likely

_____ Somewhat unlikely

_____ Very unlikely

4. WHAT ELSE NEEDS TO HAPPEN BEFORE YOU WOULD BE COMFORTABLE ATTENDING AN IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICE? Mark all that apply.

_____ The rate of COVID-19 infections would need to be flat in Alberta

_____ A vaccine is available

_____ Other: please describe _____

5. ARE THERE OTHER WAYS TO HAVE YOUR NEEDS MET IF YOU ARE UNABLE OR UNINTERESTED IN ATTENDING IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES ON SUNDAY? Please rank your answers from 1 to 6 with 1 being your highest priority.

_____ Small ministries/meetings of 6-10 people held during the week

_____ Weekly Zoom Bible study

_____ Sunday You Tube services

_____ Podcasts

_____ Zoom committee meetings

_____ Other: please describe _____

6. **WOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR CHILDREN ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL ON A SUNDAY MORNING ONCE THE CHURCH RE-OPENS? NOTE: Regulations do not permit having a nursery; children age 2 years and under would stay with parents/grandparents. Sunday school activities, if operating, are required to operate under the regulations set out in Guidance for Day Camps**

_____ Very interested

_____ Somewhat interested

_____ Somewhat uninterested

_____ Very uninterested

_____ Not Applicable

7. **WOULD YOU EXPECT ZOOM STUDY GROUPS (E.G. SCRIPTURE STUDY) TO CONTINUE ON-LINE ONCE THE CHURCH RE-OPENS? WHY OR WHY NOT?**

In addition to the questions above, please answer for yourself the following questions:

- Are you in an at- risk category and/or do you have people at risk in your immediate household?
- Are you aware that you can be asymptomatic and spread the virus?
- Would you feel comfortable being a person designated to direct flow of traffic in the building and give verbal guidance?
- Would you feel comfortable being a person designated to do the increased cleaning and sanitization of common areas and washroom during the service?

So that we may better provide services to the congregation, if you are comfortable answering, please let us know the following:

- Have you been watching the worship videos during the COVID 19 isolation?
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- If yes, what parts of those services have you found to be meaningful?

- Has technology restricted your ability to access the worship videos?

- Being unable to worship in the church building, what is it that you have missed the most?

SUGGESTIONS:

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHICH AGE GROUP YOU ARE IN.

- _____ under 20 years
- _____ 20 to 30 years
- _____ 30 to 40 years
- _____ 40 to 50 years
- _____ 50 to 60 years
- _____ 60 to 70 years
- _____ 70 to 80 years
- _____ 80 years plus

We thank you for the time your have taken to complete this questionnaire.

Spirit West United Church Worship Committee