



*Laurentian Regional Ministry
St. Simeon's Anglican Church
July 2021
Continuing to
Constantly Care and Constantly Pray
Summer Greeting*

Hello everyone,

Summer is already in full force. It is uplifting to enjoy the great weather and hopefully all of you are able to relax with family and friends. We have made great strides in the number of Canadians being vaccinated for Covid and we slowly embrace the new normal.

The LRM Zoom services continue on a daily basis. We give ongoing thanks to the clergy Josée, Tania and Nick for leading these services as well to the Lay participants. A comradery of these service attendees has been created throughout the LRM. In St. Simeon's our phone chain continues to be active and we are grateful for those who are faithful callers.

A number of St. Simeon's parishioners participated in the 'Divine Renovation Innovation' workshops on June 14th and 21st. These workshops led by The Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Paulsen, led us to look at new and feasible plans for the church after Covid. They are available on the LRM website.

The Venerable Robert Camara Executive Archdeacon keeps us updated on the latest Covid changes allowing church attendance. We look forward to re-opening on September 5th at 9:15 AM. It will be great to see fellow parishioners in person. Updates will be sent out as we receive the information.

One of the changes in our schedule this year will be the Family Service. Because the children who were attendees of this service have now grown into young adults, we are adapting the service to be an Informal Morning Service. We hope to continue to have a Christmas Pageant in December. As the Family Service Team we look forward to participating in these services. This decision was not easy but was necessary. We particularly recognize all the effort on the part of many who led these services during the past 20 years. Most importantly we are so thankful for the families who attended and we keep them in our prayers.

We are now approaching another change as Rev. Nick Brotherwood will officially leave the LRM at the end of August. We are so grateful for having his presence with us for the past years. We will miss his caring, leadership and compassion as we wish him well in his future endeavours. Please see the attached notice about his Retirement Service in Lakefield on August 29th. It is important to register. The information is on the poster.

As we look to the future, we are thankful that the pandemic is ending and eager for a new beginning. May we go forward in faith and trust.

'Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.'

Hebrews 11:1

Sincerely,
Edna Hall and Karen Napp, Wardens