

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are writing to you today to provide another update regarding the Forge Church Leadership team's response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Yesterday morning the BC Government issued a new order prohibiting all public gatherings of more than 50 people including religious gatherings.

As a result, we **will not hold Sunday morning gatherings at the church** while the order is in place. We plan to stream services online until we can resume gathering in person. Please watch your email or our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/theforgechurch>) for further details.

At this time we also **request that Connect Groups and other small gatherings do not meet in person**. Please find ways to meet online through video chat (e.g. Facebook video, Skype, Zoom) or by phone. The Canadian government has encouraged everyone to stay home and participate in social distancing. But as we do that, please continue to find ways to connect and care for each other.

We also want to note that the expenses of church continue even when we are not physically present. There are several ways to continue to donate to the church while we are meeting online:

- You can find info about online giving on our website <https://theforgechurch.org/online-contributions/>
- If you are unable to give online, we have several volunteers willing to collect **cash or cheque donations** in person. To arrange pickup contact the church office at office@theforgechurch.com
- We are investigating more options to make giving easier

Our heart during this time is to be sensitive to people who are at risk, feeling anxiety or fear. We encourage you to take the time to pray for others and find ways to continue to bring hope to the community around us. One way to do this is to check on your friends and neighbours who are shut in and bring them essential supplies.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

The Forge Church Leadership Team