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ADDENDUM

The Covid-19 Pandemic has, of course, impacted the way that The Open Gate Church conducts our ministry and worship.

During the wet and colder months, and as circumstances changed and dictated under the guidelines of our Provincial Health Officer, Dr. Bonnie Henry, we have restricted Sunday Services to broadcasting remotely via Facebook Live. Under

the direction of the Bishop, we do not hold corporate Communion, but pray for a spiritual communion during our service.

The Pastor and Worship Team meet at Shiloh Music Studio to broadcast, at 10:15 a.m., our Sunday Services, which can be watched live, or is available to watch later as well.

During the warmer Summer months of 2020, both weather and the health authority allowed us to meet outside on the grounds of Lighthouse Christian Academy with parishioners bringing their lawn chairs and spreading out with distance between themselves and those not in their bubble, for Sunday services, holy communion and mid-week praise.

To the best of his ability, Pastor Andrew has kept in close contact virtually with the parish, especially those seniors who are more likely to be vulnerable, shut-in and/or unable to access the technology to join our Sunday Services. As needed, on occasion, he has donned the appropriate PPE's and made an in person visit.

Pastor Andrew has also been doing a Tuesday to Friday short mid-day prayer and devotional online with Facebook live, which is also available for viewing later.

In 2021, Pastor Andrew also commenced a Thursday evening Zoom fellowship time for any who wished to participate.

Our KidZone leaders have worked hard to create Zoom experiences and family experiences for the children with great success.

The pandemic and its effects are constantly in motion as infection numbers rise and fall, vaccines are rolling out etc. The Bishops and Clergy of ANiC have determined to follow the guidance and restrictions of The Health Authorities.

A safety committee exists to review our meeting options in light of health authority stipulations to determine when and how we can meet and remain in compliance.