Minister's Report Local Board Meetings June 16 and 18, 2020 Crossroads Board Meeting June 22, 2020

(details of happenings since the Zoom Crossroads meeting on March 31, 2020)

Due to the lockdown imposed on all churches during the coronavirus pandemic, regular events and activities have been cancelled since March 17: Sunday worship in the sanctuaries, Bible study, special services (Good Friday, Easter), nursing home (DVL) and assisted living (Villa) services and entertainment, Christian education programs (spring Kids Club and Sunshine Club), continuing education (June event at Ancient Spirals), funerals/ gravesides, wider church meetings, community events.

What has been able to go forward are these:

Sunday worship: - website updates each week (reflection, scriptures, prayer)

- Zoom video conferencing services each Sunday morning starting May 3

Communion: Pentecost Sunday May 31 during online worship

Board meetings: - Crossroads board meeting by Zoom March 31

- Wawota and Maryfield local board meetings in-person June 16 and 18
- Crossroads board meeting in-person June 22 at Maryfield

Continuing education: retreat 1 at Ancient Spirals near Saskatoon March 17-19

Pastoral care: 120 phone calls/ texts since March 17 to connect with most regular attendees at Sunday worship, especially during the period before Zoom video meetings were started. For those unable to receive the electronic communication, mail-outs/deliveries of printed Sunday materials (bulletin, scripture readings, reflection) keep those people connected with our communities of faith.

Wider church: - weekly Zoom meetings with Living Skies Regional Council ministry personnel

- bi-weekly Zoom meetings with DLM group across Canada
- bi-weekly Zoom meetings with Tri-Region/Regional Council leaders (ministers and lay leaders)

Upcoming happenings

Re-opening churches: recommendation from national church/regional council to plan for a fall re-opening provided local boards have developed a detailed plan that takes into account all provincial government protocols (sanitizing, distancing, attendance, liturgical elements).

Use of facilities by other groups: each renter must have its own detailed plan that follows provincial and church guidelines, and be approved by the local boards before granting permission to use.