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Greetings to all members of St. Peter Anglican Church, Campbell River,

Many parishioners have been asking for a news update so Lois and I felt the best way would be to post information on our web page. Please feel free to share with others who may not have computers, friends and others who may ask about St. Peter's.

The current health crisis has certainly changed things for us over the past several weeks and it is likely that we are going to be having to carry on in this fashion for some time. Lincoln, assisted by Tanya, has been doing our services on line and we have very much appreciated their efforts as well as those of Trina Soltys who maintains our on-line presence.

As most of us, if not all, realize, Lincoln's time with us ends at the end of this month. While we regret his leaving, let us all rejoice in his new position and wish both he and Tanya well in their new duties in Kamloops.

Many have asked 'what about an interim priest' while we search for a new minister for our parish. There have been many discussions with the Diocese and the answer is that, while we go through the closure of services due to the Covid 19 virus, we will not have an interim priest. We will have a referral system to our archdeacon in Qualicum Beach who will provide ministerial duties and advice and, if necessary, provide backup with another minister.

From a financial point this is a good way to act as it does save us the cost of a priest when weekly donations are low due to lack of attendance at services. We are encouraging our members to sign up to have contributions sent through their bank. Many of us are already doing this and if you wish to join with us you can contact Lois or me for the information. Lois has been in our parking lot from 12:00 noon to 1:00p.m. to meet parishioners who may have questions about what is happening and she will have enrollment forms with her.

The other topic that often comes up is- what are we doing about finding a new priest. First, we cannot begin that process until May 1, after Lincoln officially begins his new duties in his Diocese. Second, a committee has been established under the leadership of Rick Monchak. Rick has led the discernment committee in the past and we very much appreciate his taking on this important role. Rick will be providing updates to us in due course.

Please check out our webpage for updates and should anyone have queries or concern please contact Lois or myself or you can leave a message on the office answering machine. Lois has set up a phone tree which is a great idea but if you know of a parishioner who needs help of any type please make us aware. These are the times when Christian values are needed most and we demonstrate that in our support of each other. Please keep safe, practice those things that protect us and our families and friends. Blessings to all.

Dave Storrie,
People's Warden