

Greetings,

Personally, I am looking forward to the in-person gathering this Friday and Saturday. I enjoy the opportunity to meet friends and colleagues at work and outside of work, but whether we meet in person or online, I know that when we meet in Unity, Diversity, and Love – there is an Unleashing the Power of Spiritual Gifts. Whether you are joining in person, online, or unable to attend I hope that you will help all of us prepare with your prayers.

In keeping with the requirements of the Health Unit, I am required to ask you to self assess before attending the meeting in person. If you have tested positive for Covid-19, if you have been in the presence of someone who has tested positive, if you have any symptoms of Covid-19, whether you have tested positive or not, I ask you to attend on-line. For many the risk of Covid -19 seems inconsequential but for others it remains a threat. We want to offer a safe setting. Wearing a mask is an option and will be available at the door. Wearing a mask reduces the risk to others and protects the vulnerable. If attending in person you are not required to wear a mask, but I ask that you show respect and concern for those who have a greater level of vulnerability. Maintain physical distancing when possible and required. Indeed, one of the great benefits of gathering in person is the ability to share experience, to share knowledge, to share our time and passions but let us not share illness.

During opening worship, communion will be served using the friendship cups, the exchange of peace will be with spoken word and a wave. At the celebration of ministry service, we will also be using the friendship cups, but we will invite Kevin and Kaitlyn to share the bread and cup with their family and friends.

Together, let us ensure a safe, inclusive and meaningful time together.

Paul Reed, Speaker