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Warming and Resting Centre

We are pleased to announce that Christ's Church Cathedral will open a Warming and Resting Centre as a COVID-19 outreach ministry with an at-risk group in our community. We are URGENTLY compelled to love and called to action during this pandemic, winter season and time of housing crisis. It is necessary to implement a program to safely support our vulnerable neighbours and offer community, compassion and hope which is the mission of Christ's Church Cathedral. Individuals that may visit the centre are possibly living on the streets, in tents/camps, hostels or a residential care facility. Christ's Church Cathedral will open its doors as a Warming and Resting Centre on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Why: Individuals who are homeless or precariously housed are experiencing a lack of spaces open to the public for safe, physically distanced resting, warming, refreshments and washroom access. Shelters in Hamilton are at capacity, there is pressures on staffing. In addition, meal programs, including Out of the Cold, are providing meals by take out only.

What: Operation of the Warming and Resting Centre will provide a physically distanced area, for up to ten persons at a time, for resting, use of washrooms and providing light refreshments in doors.

When: Target date for opening is **January 27, 2022** during the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. It will be opened every **Thursdays, Fridays and Saturday for 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. through to April 1, 2022**. Volunteers would arrive prior to and stay a little after the centre's hours. This schedule may be revised based on the number of volunteers available. Operations will be monitored to determine if longer hours are required. In addition, consideration may be given to opening if there is an extreme weather alert.

Where: Myler Hall at Christ's Church Cathedral, 252 James St. N., Hamilton, ON

How:

- The centre will be managed by volunteers and staff.
- Approximately 4-5 volunteers per day are required to assist with intake/assessment, serving, cleaning and food/beverage preparation.
- On-site volunteers must be healthy and 18 years of age and over **and fully vaccinated for COVID**. Others may provide background, logistical support.
- Training on assessment/screening, personal protective equipment, sanitizing, naloxone kit use, and health and safety will be provided.
- Target date for training will be the week of January 24, 2022 on Zoom.

How can you help?

If you are interested in being an on-site volunteer, please email or call Ms. Kerry Lubrick, Centre Coordinator at Kerryllubrick@gmail.com or 905-679-2818 to request a volunteer information form.

If you are able to offer off-site, background volunteer offering logistical support or to make in-kind donations of: individual servings of commercially packaged snacks; juice, coffee or tea; and other hospitality/programme needs, please connect with Mr. David Savage at dsavage3@cogeco.ca or 905-520-5173 to consult about opportunities for this kind of generosity.

If you have any questions or would like to contribute financially to this programme, please contact Kerry Lubrick or The Very Rev. Tim Dobbin, *Dean of Niagara and Rector of Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton* at tim.dobbin@niagaraanglican.ca or 905.527.1316 ext. 210.

Thank you for your anticipated support and interest.