

March, 12, 2020 - Announcement from NHCUCC Conference Minister, Rev. Gordon M. Rankin

Covid-19 and Conference Activities

1. At this time we are not closing the Conference Office to meetings and gatherings (although we may do so in the future if the situation progresses). However, we strongly encourage all Conference (and Association) committees, Ministry Teams and Mission Groups to move to a Zoom only format for meetings until this health crisis resolves. Conference staff will aid in setting up and hosting such meetings*. It seems prudent to reduce risk where we can and Zoom format meetings allow us to do so.
2. At this time, decisions on holding Conference events will be made on a case by case basis (although we may alter this approach in the future if the situation progresses). Many factors will be included in the evaluation such size of the group gathering and the nature of the event. Hosting Ministry Teams or Mission Groups will have input but the Conference Minister will make the final decision regarding such events being held.
3. At this time we are not discontinuing staff visits (Sunday preaching, search and call visits, etc.) to churches. However, either the staff member or the church may choose to reschedule the visit or move the visit to another format (Zoom, phone conference, etc.) if it seems prudent.

** Zoom is a video conferencing technology that the Conference utilizes. If one can make a phone call, one can participate in a Zoom conversation. During this time when we are trying to reduce risk, we would encourage that everyone on the committee, team or group join by Zoom (rather than have some in the Conference Office and some on Zoom).*