



# The Diocese of Rupert's Land

The Right Reverend Geoffrey Woodcroft  
Bishop of Rupert's Land

April 1, 2020

## Update to Bishop's Directive of March 31, 2020

Dear Lay Leaders & Clergy

In light of further information received from Minister Friesen's Office and interview on CHVN Radio, it is clear that live-streaming celebration of worship is permissible. I therefore encourage you to continue the practice of live-streaming as you were, because they offer a much needed pastoral response and relief to our people. Where possible, do this ministry with numbers of 5 or less people present, as opposed to the Government's suggestion of 10 or less people. Live-stream ceremonies, including Easter Sunday worship, will not be Eucharistic celebrations.

All of my decisions and directives have been made with the utmost concern for individual and public health. Minimizing risk, keeping physical distance and adhering to Government Orders, are imperative for the Church's leadership in society as we all do our best to protect the medical system from over-load. While the Order from the Government is a gift that increases our pastoral presence with our people and the wider community, it is not an open invitation for us to continue using our buildings. Other than the time it takes to live-stream celebrations of worship and daily checks of the buildings, there are to be no other gatherings or building usage.

Covid 19 is a week by week, day by day fluid situation, I do not know what the future holds, nor what new orders we will receive, please know that I continue to seek and to serve Christ, hoping to ensure the health of all.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Geoffrey Woodcroft" with a stylized flourish.

Bishop of Rupert's Land

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