

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Things have changed rapidly since my letter of last Thursday. At this time the CDC is advising that no groups of 50 or more should meet for the next eight weeks. I hope that our pastors and sessions will take this advice seriously in their decision making even if you are a congregation under 50 members. Remember the reason to not meet is to make sure that those most vulnerable not be exposed to the virus. As communities of faith we will need to change plans and be creative as we think through how we do pastoral care, share worship and study. I am aware that more than a few of you did some kind of live streaming of worship this past Sunday. Please let us know if you are doing it so we can share it on the website so others may join you. In the same way I hope that you will share ideas with your colleagues and with us as to how you are meeting this challenge and we will post your ideas to share. If you haven't already, join us on Facebook and we will be able to share there as well.

As to the Presbytery office, there are only five of us and not all of us are physically here on the same day, so we are open and will continue our work for the time being. For our committees, we have the capability to do ZOOM meetings and conference calls and will be using these technologies to help all of us stay well. Because of Lent and Easter many of our committees have already dispensed with their meetings through Easter. We know there will be more changes and we will continue to evaluate with all of you how best to be the people of God during this crisis for I am afraid that it is going to get worse before it gets better.

Blessings to all,

*Bronwen*

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble  
Psalm, 40:1*