

May 21, 2020

SUBJECT: Summer 2020 Programming

Every year, we at WOD look forward to camp ministry across our District. The ministry that happens each year at Spring Bay, Silver Birches, Braeside and Bethel Park is hard to measure. Camp ministry has been such an important part of WOD of PAOC for over 85 years. That is why it is so hard to believe that due to the events over the last 10 weeks, COVID-19 has made it impossible for us to move ahead with the summer camp season as normal.

As per the directive of our Premiere and the Ontario government, we unfortunately have to cancel all camp programming for the summer of 2020. This includes family camp, overnight kids and youth camps and seniors camp. If restrictions ease in August, each camp can decide if and what ministry they can provide.

This will mean something different for each camp as they work with the Public Health Departments in their regions, and I am sure that each camp will find a way to minister to those able to be on their respective campgrounds.

Over the long weekend, our camps were open for day visits so leaseholders could prepare their cottage/trailer for the summer season. **We are happy to say that leaseholders are now able to stay overnight in their accommodations, provided their cottage/trailer is self-sufficient. This means they have electricity, water service and facilities for sewage disposal.**

Please remember that:

1. **Social Distancing rules are still in place. (stay at least 2 meters (6ft) away from other people. No gathering of groups over 5 are allowed.**
2. **There is no access to public buildings and common spaces including public washrooms and park equipment. Please be patient as each campground will continue to put health and safety measures in place as recommended by their respective health departments.**
3. **If you have any illness or have been in contact with someone who is sick, please stay home.**

Blessings!



Rev. Lorrie H. Gibbons

