



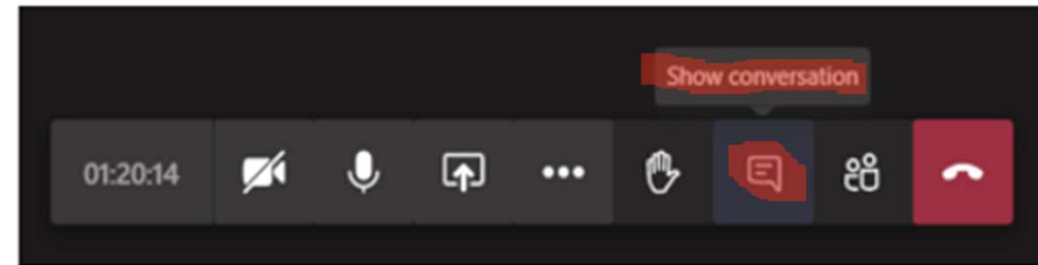
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Session 1: Approaching the journey out of lockdown

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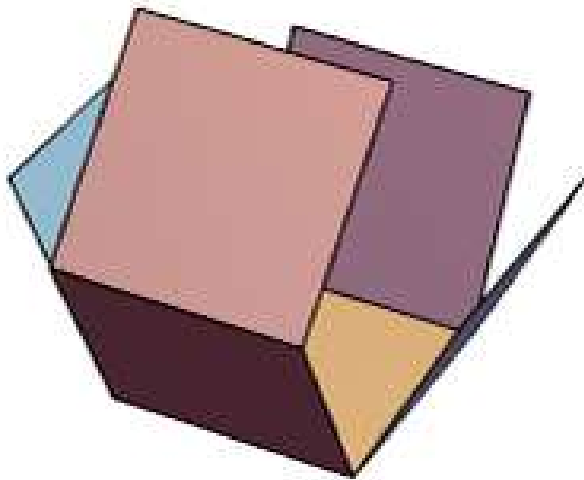
“Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a dream fulfilled is a tree of life.”

Proverbs 13:12

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APPROACHING THE JOURNEY OUT OF LOCKDOWN

Unfolding



Not
unravelling



APPROACHING THE JOURNEY OUT OF LOCKDOWN



Be ready to make the most of the gradual easing of restrictions to grasp the opportunities of what each new freedom allows you to do.

APPROACHING THE JOURNEY OUT OF LOCKDOWN

Being
realistic



Treat the gradual easing of restrictions as your friend in setting a sensible pace for a return to what feels like a more natural rhythm of church life.

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Being
focused 

Focus on getting core things back first, beginning with the restoration of worship, followed by gatherings which promote reconnection with those groups with whom ties have been most weakened.

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Give yourself permission to acknowledge that not everything you did before should recommence and that there may be new and different ways of reshaping core activities of church life.

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Think about the possibilities of extending church activities and facilities to others beyond our own membership as a way of sharing God's grace.

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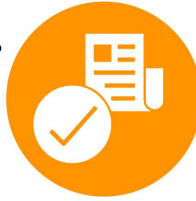
Anticipate that progress may be haphazard, with unexpected gains to be gratefully celebrated, but also likely changes of pace, maybe even pauses, on the journey.

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Being
positive



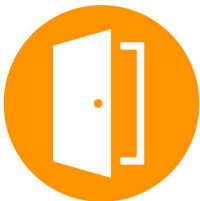
Being
realistic



Being
focused



Being
open



Being
generous



Being
flexible



BREAKOUT ROOMS



What simple messages do your congregation particularly need to hear to approach the journey out of lockdown well?

Children's and youth ministry focus

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Leaders

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LEADERS



- Ask and listen
- Assess capacity
- Identify new leaders
- Come together
- Identify possibilities

Relationships



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RELATIONSHIPS



- Re-establish relationships
- Create safe places
- Have fun
- Connect with parents

Building



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BUILDING

- Feel no pressure
- Embrace difference
- Expect drop-off
- Identify clear priorities
- Innovate



Session 2:

Anticipating the next stages
of the journey out of lockdown

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ANTICIPATING THE NEXT STAGES OF THE JOURNEY



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Getting ready

Plan and prepare now to get ready to make the most of the gradual easing of restrictions, rather than waiting until they do.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT STAGES OF THE JOURNEY



Getting ready

1. How do we continue to re-establish our worship service and strengthen connection with members of all ages in our congregation?
2. What limited range of activities should we prioritise when restrictions on gathering begin to ease?
3. What lessons have we learned so far during the Covid-19 pandemic that can help us in this phase?

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT STAGES OF THE JOURNEY



Getting ready



Kirk session and others in formal leadership positions

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Getting together

As restrictions ease further and we begin to gather a little more momentum in our church life, there will come a moment of greater opportunity to physically get together to renew our relationships.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT STAGES OF THE JOURNEY



Getting together

1. How can we bring different groups of people together within current guidelines with an emphasis on building community, rather than all the normal ministry content of gatherings?
2. How might we maximise the lighter nights and better weather to be together with a ‘holiday feel’?
3. How can we gather organisational leadership teams socially to quickly gauge who is coming back again and who might not be and, where necessary, to begin to recruit new and emerging leaders?

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Getting together



Kirk session and leaders of organisations and activities and 'pied pipers'

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT STAGES OF THE JOURNEY



Having worked on getting ready and getting the fabric of relationships in your congregation back together again, there will be a moment to restore more coordinated activity on a more regular basis.

ANTICIPATING THE NEXT STAGES OF THE JOURNEY



Getting restarted

1. What activities, in addition to worship, will we recommence, when, and how often?
2. What will congregational and organisational programmes consist of given likely ongoing restrictions on social distancing and wearing of masks indoors? How might we harness digital gatherings, alongside in-person meetings, if we can?
3. How will we effectively publicise the recommencement of activities within our membership, among those who previously attended and the wider community?

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Getting restarted



Leaders of organisations and activities brought together to understand the bigger picture

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Getting ready



Getting together



Getting restarted

BREAKOUT ROOMS



What simple things can you do to get ready and to get key groups together over the summer period?

WHAT'S COMING UP

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WEBINAR



Thursday 3 June

Together again for children's ministry

Thursday 10 June

Together again for youth ministry

Thursday 17 June

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Wednesday 23 June

Growing our presence in the community

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WHAT'S COMING UP



Latest release:

Wednesday 19 May

The Church Recovery Guide

Wednesday 9 June

Reconnecting in the summer season

Wednesday 23 June

In conversation with PCI global mission workers

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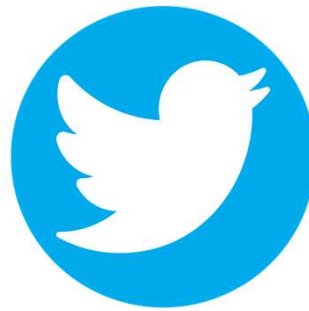
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