

Resuming & Reimagining our Life as Fairlawn (sharing and listening to needs as we emerge from the pandemic)

In the past few months, you have listened to us talk to you about our future together. Our gatherings have by necessity been on Zoom, and they have been focused. This may not have allowed for sufficient conversation, back and forth, together.

Today, immediately following the in-person worship service, we will gather in the Assembly Hall, in-person and on Zoom. We will enjoy some community time, share a bit of lunch together, and then we'll engage in conversation to hear your thoughts about the four questions below as we contemplate & reimagine our life as a congregation of faith, beyond the pandemic. Please, take some time to jot down your thoughts:

- How do you see yourself fitting into this new Fairlawn future that we've been discussing and making decisions about?
- How can we best support one another in our new reality?
- What are the things at Fairlawn you hope can continue in the new future, because they are important to you? And why are they important?
- What does being a welcoming church look like to you? And what do you think our neighbours might experience as welcoming?

After lunch, sitting in small table groups, we'll open the floor to hear your thoughts. **In preparation for that, we invite you to think about, and write down your responses to these discussion-starters** so you are ready to share ways that you hope this community of faith, and this building can support your needs and interests in areas like:

- Spirituality, and Small Groups
 - Music, Adult Learning, and Worship,
 - Pastoral Care, and Community Partnerships.
 - Affirm, and Embrace Action

Your participation is important! This discussion will help to inform our 2023 budgeting, clarify emerging needs for volunteer recruitment, and help develop new program ideas for small groups and for worship. We will collect your written responses at the end.

