

PRESS RELEASE – June 24, 2021

During a virtual congregational meeting on Wednesday evening, the congregation of Trinity United Church voted to disband no later than **June 30, 2022**.

Trinity United Church has been the spiritual home for generations of Peterborough residents. .It started as the Charlotte Street Wesleyan Methodist Mission on Charlotte Street, south of the present site in 1872. It became the Charlotte Street Methodist Church in 1884 and by 1914 the congregation began building a new church on the present site. The present-day Trinity, was opened in January, 1916. Trinity Methodist became Trinity United in 1925.

Trinity has long been a place of learning, worship, friendship and outreach to the Peterborough community. At its peak in the 1960's the congregation numbered over 1200 members. Trinity has always embraced music in many forms including choirs, bells, organ recitals and dinner theatre. The congregation has a long history of helping the marginalized in the local community and around the world. They have supported the Friends of Honduran Children for over a decade. In 2019 they contributed \$150,000 to the Homeward Bound project in Peterborough and the YWCA JustFood program continues to offer its food boxes from Trinity Hall.

The Trinity Congregation will be exploring options over the coming year, for the most effective way to leave a legacy of community service. They will be working diligently to ensure the property continues to be a place to address community needs.

As changes in culture and forms of spiritual practice impact churches today, the people of Trinity have made this difficult decision to pass the baton of leadership and spiritual care to new and innovative ministries. Our plan for the next year is to prepare to disband with dignity, celebrating years of faithful ministry, supporting our members, as they make the transition to new communities of faith, and scattering our seeds to assist new expressions of faith in 2022 and beyond.

Signed,

Peter Darling
Chair of Council
Trinity United Church

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