

Dear friends and members of the Fonda Reformed Church,

Each Tuesday evening (before Covid complicated our life) anywhere from 5 to 12 women of the church would gather for Bible study. One of our studies this year ("If you want to walk on water, you have to get out of the boat"), centered on developing a strong faith. This letter to all of you concerning two important issues facing our congregation should be read with that theme in mind.

While COVID-19 may have kept us out of the building, it has not stopped us from carrying on the work of our church. The consistory takes great pleasure in inviting you to join us, in person, on September 6, 2020 to worship God in the sanctuary. Worship will begin at 10:30am. The building will be opened at 10am to allow time for the extra steps needed to gather in-person. We are stepping forward in faith that we will all follow the guidelines set up by the county Department of Health and Emergency Management and that we will be able to continue to worship together for a long time. You will need to mask yourself, answer simple questions about your activities, your health and practice social distancing. The church will be marked and you will be guided by trained volunteers. We will try to make this as easy as possible for all of you, but will need to be committed to work with us and follow our guidance. If we cannot do so, if someone becomes sick because we have failed, we cannot continue to move forward. We will continue to offer a Zoom option for those who feel more comfortable with that at this time.

Also stepping forward in faith the consistory plans, this week, to offer a call to Reverend Barry Wynveen to Pastor our congregation. He is currently serving a church in Canada and because of Covid guidelines he is unable to come to our church to meet and preach to us in person as has been our custom. We thank the search committee for their diligent work on our behalf. We are asking that you join us in prayer that this may come to pass. This is a matter of faith because our current giving cannot support this man and his wife. We ask that you will prayerfully consider an increase in your commitment to Fonda Reformed Church. If that fails we will need to use investments to meet our budget and this will generate less income each year. Please join us in prayer as we move forward. Although we cannot hug or touch each other on September 6, we look forward to being together and worshipping our God.

Sincerely,

Your consistory at the Fonda Reformed Church