

1 Indoor Gatherings Policy for Small Groups at the Meetinghouse

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5 Background: In response to inquiries from the Youth coordinators and from some committee
6 chairs and some Assembly small groups, this policy was drafted by Scott Coulter in consultation
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10 Groups that are part of Assembly Mennonite Church or Faith Mennonite Church may use the
11 meetinghouse to gather, with appropriate precautions **including wearing facemasks,**
12 **maintaining 6ft+ physical distance, and washing hands,** under the following conditions:

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14 1. The group must contact the church office to schedule their use of the space in advance.
15 Priority will be given to formal church groups such as: the MYF, church committees, and small
16 groups.

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18 2. The size of the group should be small. Specifically:

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20 2a. Gatherings in the Worship Space should be 40 people or less
21 2b. Gatherings in Classroom 2a/2b should be 15 people or less
22 2c. Gatherings in Classroom 3a/3b should be 15 people or less
23 2d. Meetings in Classroom 4 should be 4 people or less

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25 * Notes: We are not currently scheduling gatherings in the Multipurpose Space due to the lack
26 of an adequate ventilation system for that space. Classroom 4 is the largest classroom in the
27 northeast wing; this wing has the best ventilation in the building.

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29 3. There should be no more than 50 people total in the meetinghouse at one time.

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31 4. Gatherings should be for no longer than 2 hours.

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33 5. Eating and drinking in groups is not currently permitted inside the meetinghouse.

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35 When church office staff are scheduling an indoor meeting for a group, staff will provide the
36 group with the following notice: "All groups are strongly encouraged to meet outside whenever
37 possible. Please remind members of your group that meeting indoors, even in a large space
38 with masks and distancing, is a higher-risk activity than meeting outdoors. Consider providing
39 access to the meeting on Zoom to accommodate persons at higher risk for developing a severe
40 COVID infection."

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42 When scheduling groups' use of indoor space, the church office staff will consider how much
43 time between meetings is appropriate to allow for cleaning and ventilation of the space.

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