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Dear Friends,

Recently I received a note from one of our wardens who is deeply involved in our food programme at CCDP. I thought the sentiment of his note was quite fortuitous considering that this week's gospel text is the Feeding of the 5000. The content of Andrew van Nostrand's letter is a simple request, but the note invites us to think about our role in the food security of our city, in the midst of a pandemic.

Looking for CCDP Community Breakfast Volunteers for Saturdays in August

We are looking for volunteers to help with the CCDP Community Breakfast in the month of August.

Throughout the lockdown caused by COVID-19, we have continued to run the Community Breakfast Program (and added a lunch on Wednesday) with a dedicated group of volunteers. Some of these volunteers are planning vacation for August and we need to enlist new helpers.

Due to COVID-19 the breakfast program has been modified significantly to lower risks to both our volunteers and guests. To reduce the number of volunteers required to deliver the program we have changed the menu and it is served outside the building in takeout containers. The menu consists of sausages, eggs, toast, coffee and edible snacks for later in the day. Depending on availability from our suppliers we also provide frozen individual meal servings for people to take home.

Our guests are a mixture of our traditional program participants and some new neighbourhood people who find themselves relying on community food programs due to COVID-19. On average we have between 25-35 guests for breakfast and serve about 40 meals.

With the streamlined menu and takeout serving we are able to operate the program with a minimum of five volunteers and a maximum of six. We start setup at 7:00 am, serve breakfast from 8:00-9:30, and are usually all cleaned up by 10:00am.

We need two new helpers for this weekend (August 1st), and we would like to create a roster of interested volunteers for the remainder of August.

The church will provide PPE (KN95 masks, face shields, and gloves) with instructions on proper use. Every Saturday starts with a discussion on our infection control procedures and a review of our safety precautions.

This weekend we are looking for two volunteers to help setup and serve the meals.

If you are able to help out this Saturday or would consider putting your name on the roster for other Saturdays in August, please contact Andrew van Nostrand: andrew@vannostrand.ca

If you're aware of potential volunteers, please let them know we're looking for help and invite them to join us.