**COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH**

**Funeral/Memorial Contingency Plan during Novel Coronavirus-COVID19**

**In the case of burial & body present for visitation:**

* Private family visitation (at funeral home)
* Burial of body with small graveside service soon after death
* Memorial service at a later date when restrictions on gatherings lifted

**OR**

* Live-stream service with only family and pastors, musicians, and tech staff present
* If possible a comfort casserole(s) will be offered to the family prepared by our Food Service Director following every precaution to be used for a private family meal or at a later time.

**In case of cremation:**

* Private family visitation before cremation if desired (at funeral home)
* Small scattering or interment service soon after death
* Memorial service at a later date when restrictions on gatherings lifted

**OR**

* Live-stream service with only family and pastors, musicians and tech staff present
* If possible, a comfort casserole(s) will be offered to the family prepared by our Food Service Director following every precaution to be used for a private family meal or at a later time.

**For meeting and planning with families at time of death:**

* Reserve Room 100 (or 108) for such meetings (these rooms are still cleaned and available for church use)
* 1-2 family representatives only to meet in person with pastor with others joining by conference call, Zoom, etc. OR meet via Zoom or another platform.
* If families want to set some tentative dates up some months into the future for memorial services, we can do this, reserving the right that we may need to change these arrangements based on the current public health situation.

We will encourage congregation to send cards, emails, texts, FB messages, online condolences, memorial gifts and to offer other safe gestures of care in lieu of attending visitation.