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Dear Community of Faith,

Thank you for your continued and generous financial support of Okotoks United Church. We Board members take seriously our responsibility to use the money you have entrusted to the church wisely and lovingly.

Since we passed our 2020 Budget at the Annual General Meeting in February the world situation has changed drastically. Our church will have to make changes as well. We will all share in the difficulties the world is going through. In our church, we expect an increase in requests to the Benevolent Fund.

One of the outcomes of cancelling Sunday services will be a drop in church income. About 35% of our Operating Income comes in the form of cash or cheques in the offering plate. Therefore, every item in the 2020 budget is being reviewed to determine where we can cut costs and how we can maintain essential services.

We realize that some of you will have added personal expenses and perhaps reduced income or even job loss. We would like to remind you that you can approach the church for help in an emergency. Do not feel any pressure to support the church at this time. We want to support you.

If, however, your income is secure we would ask you to continue your giving to the church as we cover our monthly fixed expenses and support each other through increased congregational care and online spiritual care. Some people have been asking how they can continue to give.

There are several ways: 1) You can mail a cheque or a series of post-dated cheques to the address above. 2) If you are not already enrolled in PAR, you can fill out the attached form and mail it to the church office. (If you are enrolled in PAR and you are able to increase your giving it would be appreciated.) 3) You can

phone the church office and donate by credit card. 4) You can e-transfer funds to the church email address above. If you do an e-transfer, please indicate in the Message area at the bottom of the e-transfer form where you would like the money designated – e.g. \$75 General Fund, \$25 Mission and Service. You can also donate through Canada Helps at canadahelps.org – just search for Okotoks United Church. You will receive a charitable receipt directly from Canada Helps.

We would like to encourage you to be hopeful during these difficult times. We are an Easter people. We believe that long ago after the seemingly hopeless events of Good Friday, Jesus rose to new life. Easter Sunday this year may be different for many of us but we believe that in the future there will be new life in our church, our country and our world. Be of good cheer. We are not alone. God is with us.

Happy Easter. Be safe and be kind.

On behalf of the Board,

Stewart Thomas and Karen Przybylo

PAR Authorization Form
(for new PAR donors and any banking changes)

PAR Congregational Number 10070702	Church Name OKOTOKS UNITED CHURCH
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I/We, _____, hereby request and authorize The United Church of Canada on behalf of OKOTOKS UNITED CHURCH, Box 507 (43 Riverside Dr.),

Okotoks, AB, T1S 1A7 to debit my account on the 20th day of each month in the amount of

\$ _____ as a contribution by me to the above local church to benefit:

LOCAL CHURCH GENERAL FUND \$ _____ BENEVOLENT FUND \$ _____

MISSION AND SERVICE FUND \$ _____ MORTGAGE FUND \$ _____

➤ **Option One: Pre-Authorized Debit Donation**

Institution Number: _____ Transit/Branch Number: _____ Account Number: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

TO ENSURE ACCURACY, A SAMPLE UNSIGNED CHEQUE MARKED "VOID" MUST ACCOMPANY THIS AGREEMENT

(Please note that a \$.50 service fee is charged to the church for this donation.)

➤ **Option Two: Credit Card Donation**

Debit my credit card number _____ EXP _____
CARD NUMBER MM/YY

Name on Card: _____ Authorized Signature: _____

(Please note that a 2.5% service fee is charged to the church for this donation.)

PAR Contact: Diane Willis, Church Office Phone: 403-938-4357 email: okunited@telus.net

This donation is made on behalf of: _____ Individual(s) _____ Business

I may revoke my authorization at any time, subject to providing 15 days at which time I will submit a cancellation form obtained from the Church office, or by contacting my financial institution or visiting www.cdnpay.ca.

I have certain recourse rights if any debit does not comply with this agreement. For example, I have the right to receive reimbursement for any debit that is not authorized or is not consistent with this PAD Agreement. To obtain information on my recourse rights, I can contact my financial institution or visit www.cdnpay.ca.

I waive my right to receive pre-notification of the amount of the Pre-authorized Debit (PAD) and agree that I do not require advance notice of the amount of PADs before the debit is processed.

The use, retention and disclosure of personal information collected from this form is done in compliance with privacy legislation, including but not limited to, the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (2000, c.5)