

Dear friends,

Life since the beginning of March has been drastically different and as time has progressed, we have begun to prepare ourselves for the reality we may not be able to gather at Hills of Peace this summer. Sadly, yesterday's announcement from the Alberta government confirms this reality.

Today has been emotional for me as I remember past years of camp and the fun we have together. There is no doubt I laugh more during my time at Hills of Peace than I do throughout the remainder of the year.

It is an intentional decision to travel to Hills of Peace. It is our opportunity to simply step away from life to connect with one another and allow ourselves to be nurtured through friendship, ministry, good food and simply hanging out together. When we gather, we become living examples of Community of Christ's Enduring Principle *Blessings of Community*. We allow ourselves to "become vulnerable to God's grace and to each other". We uphold the worth of all persons and provide a nurturing environment for one another. We are really good at welcoming new friends as we recreate Christ's peace in our camp community.

I do not know what the coming months will bring but as we move closer to July, I will be looking for opportunities for us to continue providing Blessings of Community to one another. I welcome your ideas and invite you to email me at [lisa@communityofchrist.ca](mailto:lisa@communityofchrist.ca).

You are a valued and beloved member of our camp community. I will miss seeing you this summer but am looking forward to July 2021 when we are reunited with anticipation of camps filled with joy, hope, love and peace.

Lisa (*aka General Lili*)