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Dearly beloved,

This letter is to announce that we will be having another **Congregational meeting** to decide about whether we are to be a sleeping site for the coming season of the Brewster shelter. This meeting will be on **Sunday, Nov, 1, 2020 at 10:30am** following worship – both in person and via Zoom (link will be sent out with that week's bulletin)

Charlie Germain, Phil DeRoberts and I met with Father Gill, Julie Noce (Brewster Cares director) and Wilfredo Cuascat (Operations Manager) who were able to address many of the questions that arose at our last meeting. Julie is hoping to join us for our meeting for any additional questions.

Here are some of the answers to our questions

- 1) Transportation for non-village sites will be by taxi and paid through the County/State resources (managed by Putnam Social services)
- 2) Screening for COVID and alcohol/drug use will be done at the meeting site. Anyone infected and/or under the influence will be referred to either the hospital, police or other relevant agency for alternate housing
- 3) A warming center is being renovated (464 Main Street, Brewster) for use during the day (6am-2:30pm). There is a private office where any of our guests may meet with any service reps.
- 4) Liability insurance covers their board members as done in the past. We are looking into any additional coverage that we might need.
- 5) St. Lawrence's cleaning person has a spray that is being used to disinfect the space which has a 90 day effectiveness. They will let us know cost and availability for our own space.
- 6) Where to house? In conversation with Irene Germain and others, we believe that the best space to house the shelter is upstairs in Fellowship Hall with easier access to the bathrooms, kitchen and drop off spot. This room also does not get as much use by others on a regular basis.

Please plan to attend so that we may get an answer to the Brewster Cares board as soon as possible for their planning purposes.

Peace in Christ, Pastor Jen Boyd