



## CHRIST CHURCH, DARTMOUTH

A People United in Justice and Love

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### **Dear Friends in Christ,**

I write to you today, following the announcement of our New Climate Café ministry, to share yet another development in the life of our parish church. Next week, you will notice a new structure on our property. It will be located next to our shed, which is situated next to the hall. This new structure will be the first-ever Community Fridge in Dartmouth. In the fall, we were approached by The Resident Roundtable, a group of Dartmouth citizens who will run the Dartmouth Community Fridge. Because of our central downtown location, our property seemed like a great fit. After forming this partnership, I am delighted to let you know that parishioner Janice Silver will be the liaison between ourselves and the Resident Roundtable group. Through donations and grants, the Dartmouth Community Fridge is now a reality!

### **What is a Community Fridge?**

Community Fridges are found all across Canada in various locations. Community Fridges help those facing financial insecurity to access free, fresh and healthy food 24/7. The fridge is non-judgemental and is accessible to all people—no questions asked. There are no minimum donations required or usage maximums sets. “Take what you need, give what you can” is the mandate and “Solidarity, not charity” is the mindset.

The community fridge is organized under the mutual aid umbrella. Mutual aid is defined as “...a voluntary reciprocal exchange of resources and services for mutual benefit. Mutual aid projects are a form of political participation in which people take responsibility for caring for one another and changing political conditions.”

### **Some Facts about Food Insecurity**

Food insecurity happens when people have scarce or limited access to food due to their financial situation. While all types of people are affected by food insecurity, the most impacted groups are; immigrants & refugees, Indigenous peoples, those living with disability, the LGBTQ+ community, people on social assistance and our unhoused population.

## The Future Looks bright

We at Christ Church feel that this new partnership with Dartmouth Community Fridge, The Resident Roundtable and the work they are doing reflects the vision statement that we are ***“A people united for Justice and Love...and that we are called to be a radically inclusive, just, and loving community that seeks to love our neighbour through prayer, worship, action, and advocacy.”***

We at Christ Church have long advocated for food justice, and we believe that being the location for the Dartmouth Community Fridge, builds upon our existing Food and Clothing Bank Ministry.

If you have questions about the new community fridge, or would like to support it, please do not hesitate to contact Janice Silver by reaching out to the parish office.

Faithfully Yours in Christ,



The Rev. Dr. Kyle Wagner  
Rector, Christ Church, Dartmouth

*Sample of what a community fridge looks like:*

