

GCRC HOSPITALITY TEAM

The primary function of the GCRC Hospitality Kitchen Team is to offer their services to provide and serve refreshments and/or a light luncheon after funerals, memorial services and training workshops held in our church, as requested.

This ministry aims to offer love and care in a practical way to those who are grieving in our church family. The team also supports church sponsored leadership training workshops and community building workshops, by providing and serving food, as needed, and in so doing, furthers the cause of Christ's kingdom.

The team includes coordinators, Tim & Alice Scheepstra, and approximately 4 – 6 volunteers that assist as needed in food purchasing, preparation, set-up, serving and clean-up.

The menu is determined in consultation with the family or group.

As of June 2022, the deacons no longer cover the cost of the food for the funeral/memorial service luncheons held at our church for our members. It was felt by the deacons that this was not an appropriate use of funds. Also, since our church is a registered charity with Canada Revenue Agency, we cannot use our income to personally benefit our members.

When the Hospitality Team serves a funeral luncheon, the total food cost expense amount (plus a nominal food preparation fee) is to be provided to the church office by the day of the funeral/memorial service. There are no charges for labour.

If the services of a Jones Funeral Home are retained, the Hospitality Team will be reimbursed directly by them. Jones Funeral Home will pass on the expense to the family along with other expenses which may be associated with the funeral service.

If a family rents the church for a funeral or memorial service with no funeral home involvement, the luncheon cost is the responsibility of the family and will be included in the final Facility Usage cost total on the Facility Usage Agreement which is to be paid directly to the church. The church office will then reimburse the Hospitality Team.

Volunteering for this ministry provides an opportunity to share hospitality and compassion with others and to serve one another in Christ's name.

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