

To All Dine and Connect Volunteers,

On behalf of the Dine and Connect Steering Committee I want to thank you for your continued support and interest in Dine and Connect. It has been a loss for us, and for you, not to be able to participate as you would like in the midst of this pandemic. The times have certainly required major shifts for each and all of us and we look forward to the time when, hopefully, we will be able to once again together serve sit-down meals with our homeless community members.

The four sites are now serving an average of 80-85 meals on Mondays of each month. As we expected those community members who are unhoused have increased in numbers during the pandemic. Also, we are now partnering with the City in a meal program, FEED ALAMEDA where the City contracts with restaurants to provide meals on Wednesdays. These meals are distributed at Twin Towers United Methodist Church. This program will most likely continue at least until August 2021.

Each site, Twin Towers United Methodist Church, Trinity Lutheran Church, First Congregation Church of Alameda and Immanuel Lutheran Church follow a protocol set in place by the City of Alameda. We adhere to these protocols (mask wearing, gloves, social distancing for food preparation and delivery of take out containers). Our guests are offered masks when they have none. We have limited the number of volunteers at each meal to 8. Volunteers for food prep in the a.m. are separated at distances and limited in number set by the site chef. We are doing all that we can to ensure the safety and well-being of ALL.

Demeter Lamb manages the Signupgenius pages for volunteers. We do understand that some of you do not feel comfortable volunteering at this time. If you do chose to volunteer there are opportunities for shorter times, etc to meet your needs. You will find access to the signup pages listed on Signupgenius.

Once again, THANK YOU so much for your support and your time and interest in Dine and Connect. We are hoping in the near future to create a ZOOM gathering for all of us! We'll keep you posted on developments!

Gratefully,

Sr. Pat