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Lodging House Mission

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MANAGER

We are pleased to announce the appointment of our new Day Centre Manager, June MacLeod, who has recently joined the team at LHM.

June brings a wealth of experience from a senior Third Sector role in the Highlands. She is passionate about tackling poverty, inequality and social isolation.

June holds a degree in Criminology and Psychology and will shortly be embarking on her Masters.

June has two daughters in Glasgow, not forgetting her "wee boy", namely her dog Bae.

## **UPDATE ON OUR CHAPLAIN CLAIRE**

As many of you will know, our chaplain Claire took unwell following her second vaccination and was hospitalised. We are pleased to report that Claire is much improved and is recuperating at home. Claire extends her sincere thanks for all the messages and prayers of support during her illness and hopes to be back with us in the autumn.

## DAY CENTRE RE-OPENING PLANS

We are currently in the midst of a phased re-opening of our Day Centre and hope to be operational by the end of July. Naturally, this will be dependent on Government guidelines and the availability of staff and volunteers.



Suitable Covid precautions will be put in place which may restrict a full return to "business as normal" but we shall be striving to assist and support as many clients as possible.

Please watch our Facebook page for bulletins on our progress towards Re-Opening



# **MODERATOR'S VISIT**

LHM was honoured earlier this month to be paid a visit from the new Moderator of Glasgow Presbytery, Mr Robert Hynd, a long-time friend and supporter of our work. Robert expressed Presbytery's thanks to the staff and volunteers at LHM for the work they do to help Glasgow's most under-privileged citizens.

He said "Each of you do something very special, something quite beyond value, in that you intervene in often chaotic lives for the better and thus His promise in all its fullness can begin to be made real".

He spoke individually with each person present then shared a bible reading and prayer, wishing every success to LHM as it seeks to gradually re-open its Day Centre at East Campbell Street to the public.

Robert was thanked by our director Gus for this generous and uplifting visit.

#### **PRAYER FROM OUR DIRECTOR, REV. LOUIS REDDICK**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6–7



Loving God,

We come to you in the midst of these unsettling times – for you are the one upon whom we can always depend.

We come grateful for steps forward – that LHM has been able to re-open its doors. We thank you for the appointment of LHM's manager, June MacLeod, and for all the staff and volunteers who are working to help our Service Users in these challenging circumstances. We pray for your wisdom and protection upon them as they adjust to changing conditions and regulations.

We pray for our Service Users – those who have returned to LHM already, and those who have yet to do so. May they know your provision, protection and blessing. We are conscious that the physical and mental health challenges that many of them face, will have worsened during lockdown. We pray for peace, for healing and a growing awareness of your love - that they, and indeed all of us, may hold onto the promise of Isaiah, that those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

We remember before you those from our Service User community who have passed away whilst we have been closed. We thank you for the opportunities that folk from LHM had to meet with them and show them your compassion. We ask that you would console and comfort all those who will miss their company, and we continue to hold the Mitchell family in prayer. We think also of LHM's Chaplain, Claire Herbert, and ask that your healing hand would continue to be upon her.

And as we look to the months ahead, we pray that LHM will continue to be a place of hospitality, help and hope, where people can meet in safety and experience the love of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Amen.