

**Good afternoon!**

**I have been hearing from folks that they are feeling disconnected from the Kitchissippi Community and I've been imagining ways to improve this. (There is a Coffee Time on Thursday mornings and you can watch the church service live at [rideaupark.ca](http://rideaupark.ca), but technical difficulties have left some folks cold/out.)**

**So! Here is the result of my imagining and praying! (And, I'd also like to give credit to Rob Harcourt, who shared this idea with me a couple of years ago from the church he attended in Erie, PA.)**

**The 'Getting to know you...getting to know all about you...' (I hope you've sung this in your head as I have.)**

**THE IDEA/PREMISE:**

**We all meet each other at some time or another, in coffee time or working on a committee or project, but it could take years for that to happen. I'm suggesting a crash course for all of us in YOU! I would love to hear from you – each one of you – introducing yourself to a stranger/acquaintance. Pretend you are at a dinner party in someone from the church's home: how would you introduce yourself? What if they asked you a few more questions and you go beyond your name and former/current profession? What if they ask you a few more questions and you chose to go deeper into sharing about yourself?**

**Would you like to participate? I'd LOVE to hear from you! (I'd love to hear from ALL of you!)**

**THE QUESTIONS:**

**My name is: My partner's name is:**

**My children's names are: They are ages.**

**My grandchildren and great-grandchildren are:**

**We have creatures who live with us: (dogs, cats, iguanas, birds) Their names are:**

**We live in this area of the city:**

**I currently work at: I used to work at:**

**I have been attending Kitchissippi for months/years.**

**I volunteer my time at Kitchissippi this way:**

**I volunteer in other places:**

**I have some hobbies I'm passionate about:**

**These are the new things I've begun to do around the house/backyard during quarantine:**

**These are the new things I've discovered about myself (or my partner) during quarantine:**

**Since church has been moved to online, I've really missed this about worshipping at Kitchissippi:**

**My favourite scripture is this and here's why:**

**My favourite hymn is this and here's why:**

**My favourite meal of all time is this:**

**My favourite beverage of all time is this:**

**My favourite vacation of all time is when I travelled to:**

**My favourite place to live has been:**

**My favourite joke of all time is this:**

**I look forward to doing this when the weather gets a bit warmer:**

**I have a flower/vegetable garden and this is what I like to grow:**

**My favourite indoor plants are:**

**When we are not in quarantine, the first thing I may do is:**

**When we are not in quarantine, I really look forward to getting back to:**

**Anything else you would share at this dinner party? Please tell me here:**

**That's a lot of questions – it's a long dinner party! (Remember those?!) Couples, feel free to fill this out together. Those who are widowed/widows, please speak about your deceased loved one? We'd love to hear about your life together! If you are single or divorced, share that too? This is an intimate dinner party – getting to know each other is important!**

**It would be WONDERFUL if you could attach a picture to your answers so that people could put a face to a name and details about you!**

**Please feel free to use these questions as a template – don't feel you have to answer them all, but do think of someone you might not have ever talked to in coffee time – what would you like them to know about you?**

**THE RESULTS OF THE WRITTEN WORK:**

**You share your biography with me or Kirsten, and we would share these, once per day (5 days a week), with all those on this list. Each day, you would get to know one or two (or more, if a family writes together!) people from Kitchissippi and find out what you might have in common!**

**(Eventually, when we get back to the church, I'd love to post your picture and your biography in the hall (with your permission), so that folks could read it and extend the dinner party!)**

**With your permission, I will also print and collate your answers for the several people who are actively engaged in the life and work of Kitchissippi to study for our return!**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask me here: [jleslie@kitchissippiuc.com](mailto:jleslie@kitchissippiuc.com).**

**Blessings on this chilly Thursday afternoon to you all,**

**Jenni**