



Lummi Island Congregational Church
The Gathering Place
Facility Use Policy

Lummi Island Congregational Church (LICC) acknowledges its significant and historical role in the life of our island community. LICC owns, maintains, and operates The Gathering Place (TGP). The beautiful physical facilities of The Gathering Place building are a resource to be shared with community members of all faiths and beliefs consistent with the Church's commitment to benefit the welfare, health, and well-being of the island.

In recognition of the need for clarity and consistency in determining facility use and facility use fees, this facility use policy establishes criteria for balancing the need to recover expenses associated with use of TGP and the benefits realized by the greater community from use of TGP.

The fee schedule established by The Gathering Place Board and approved by the Church Council will set forth distinctions based upon the actual building space(s) reserved, the duration of use, and the purpose(s) served by the proposed use. The Gathering Place Board will review The Gathering Place Fee Schedule on an annual basis and changes may be recommended to the Council as needed.

There is no fee for Church-sponsored activities held at TGP. Sponsorship by the Church may be for a regularly occurring activity (e.g. Elderberries, Parish Dinners), or for individual events that have been approved in advance. In the case of a request for co-sponsorship of events, a Church Board or the Council has authority to consider requests to co-sponsor activities with other island non-profit organizations or individuals, and to determine whether the requested activity will be sponsored by the Church with no fee. Consideration will include the extent to which the proposed activity enhances the spiritual and service mission of the Church, including community outreach and fellowship.

All other organizations, individuals, members, and non-members may reserve The Gathering Place for a variety of personal or group activities and events by contacting the Church office, signing the TGP Rental Policy, submitting the Rental Application and Agreement, and paying the appropriate fees as set forth on The Gathering Place Fee Schedule.

TGP Fees are intended for single or short-term use of the facilities. Recurring needs will be addressed through a contract and negotiated on a case-by-case basis. The Gathering Place Board will consider requests for recurring uses and negotiate individual contracts for approval by Council.