



ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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My Dear Friends:

First, on behalf of the Task Force, let me thank all of you for participating in our survey, as we prepare to reopen our church campus when permission is granted to do so.

We received a very good response, having sent 133 surveys to parishioners' email, 30 by snail mail (mostly homebound), and 89 to our friends (the majority of whom we did not expect to respond). We received 66 survey responses (63 online and 3 via mail or by phone), which represents 98 adult parishioners, 6 children and 6 friends (a total of 110 persons). I want to thank Pam Hurd, for the prolific work she did in creating this survey and collating the results in less than 36 hours for the Re-Entry Planning Task Force's review. I also want to thank the members of the Task Force who submitted questions for the survey.

The Task Force will implement a plan that would reflect the findings of the survey since we would like to maintain what is in the best interest and safety of our church family.

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to a few comments or questions that were made in the survey, bearing in mind that there are questions I cannot answer at this time until we receive the Vestry's and Bishop's approvals on our plan. Although, the Task Force is hoping to create a plan that would need no revisions, there is the possibility of changes that could be made when reviewed by the Bishop's Office.

- ✓ **Meetings for Ministries:** Groups or ministries that originally met in Coffey Hall (Church Office Building) would be moved to Houg Hall (Parish Hall) or the church building, depending on size.
- ✓ **How will communion be administered:** Although we have decided on a plan for the administration of communion, I would prefer to receive the Bishop's approval prior to sharing the plan with the congregation in the event there are changes from his office. I would, however, say that communion will be administered in one kind only (the Body of Christ) until it is safe to do so in both kinds. This is being done not only in the Episcopal churches in our country but in the churches in the Anglican/Episcopal Communion throughout the world.
- ✓ **Reservation process:** The plan is to have a simple reservation process as a means of controlling the number of congregants and promoting social distancing.
- ✓ **The Peace during the service:** The greeting of the Peace will not be shared during services until further notice.
- ✓ **Livestreaming of Services:** Services will continue to be live-streamed during the 10 am Eucharist on our church's YouTube channel when we reopen for in-person worship. Livestreaming of the 10 am

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The Reverend Alan Gellert, *Deacon*

services were taking place prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and they will continue.

- ✓ **Air-conditioning:** UV light kits, with filters, are to be installed in our AC systems in all buildings. These kits will help reduce the threat of COVID-19 and other diseases and will destroy viruses, bacteria, mold, fungi, and other microbes from the recycled air in our building. The installation forms part of the Task Force's plan for the reopening of the church campus.
- ✓ **Why not have a medical advisor for the committee?:** We have a health professional and medical advisor serving on our Task Force. She is Lelah Marzi, a Nurse Practitioner, and a member of our church. Lelah and her husband, Jacques, sing in our church's choir.

Let me take this opportunity to reintroduce the members of our Task Force. They are Stuart's Vice Mayor Eula Clarke, an attorney, a community advocate and a member of St. Monica's Episcopal Church, Stuart; Pam Hurd, Assistant Treasurer; Lelah Marzi, Health Professional; Jenny McDonald, Office Manager; Jack Miller, Junior Warden; Paul Neff, Senior Warden; Julie Preast, a member of community-related committees and organizations; Joan Whitting, Clerk; Bill Winsemann, Treasurer; and yours truly.

Please know that I have tried to answer those questions which I believe to be definitive but the members of the Task Force and I reserve the right to make changes in the best interest of the congregation.

I would just like to add that the Re-Entry Planning Task Force met on Friday, June 12, and we reviewed the survey results and what our planning ahead may look in light of the findings. We were also updated on health information and protocols related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and we examined some worship protocols including reservations, arrival for Sunday services, collecting of offering, and the flow of administration of communion. We will be meeting again next Friday, June 19.

Do continue to stay safe and healthy and have a wonderful weekend.

With love and every blessing!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony +". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Father Tony