

REMINDER FOR WORSHIP OPTIONS IN STAGE ONE OF RESUMING IN-PERSON WORSHIP BEGINNING MAY 24, 2020

What an exciting time in The Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church. On Sunday, May 24, 2020, the Conference will provide a number of worship options for all members and guests. We hope you will join us.

Option 1—Pioneer Church Service—A limited number of churches in the districts have volunteered to be our Pioneer Churches for the return to in-person worship. Here are the basics of what is required if you want to attend a Pioneer Church Service:

- The building has been cleaned and it is ready for you to come back. The Healthy Church Team has been hard at work preparing for Stage 1;
- Register with a Pioneer Church before Sunday morning so we have an accurate count (we can have only 25 people during Stage 1);
- Complete the Health Acknowledgement Form and send it to your local clergy before Sunday morning. The form is on the conference website: <http://doc.vaumc.org/News2020/HealthAcknowledgementform.pdf>
- If you have not registered and sent in your completed Health Acknowledgement Form in advance, you cannot come into the building on Sunday. We are focused on your safety and the safety of others;
- On Sunday, if you have a fever (100.4 or higher) and you have two or more symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home or see your medical provider;
- When you come on Sunday, be prepared to be asked if your health has changed from the time you sent in your Health Acknowledgement Form when you come on Sunday;
- You must wear a face covering from the time you leave your vehicle until you get back in your vehicle;
- You must observe strict physical distancing at all times in the building; and
- No children under the age of 12 are allowed in Stage 1.

Please review the Local Church Handbook posted on the conference website: <http://doc.vaumc.org/News2020/HandbookforLocalChurches.pdf> for more details for the Pioneer Church Service. If you don't have time to read it all, we recommend these pages: 6-9; 11-14; and 36-40.

A list of Pioneer Churches in Stage 1 can be found at the end of this document.

Option 2—Drive-In Church Service—A limited number of churches in the districts will offer a drive-in service as part of our return to in-person worship. Here are the basics of what is required if you want to attend a Drive-In Church Service:

- Register with the church before Sunday morning so we have an accurate count (we can only have but so many in the parking lot);
- If you have not registered in advance, you cannot attend. You need to register your vehicle and tell us how many are attending in your vehicle. Children are welcome but must stay in the vehicle. We are focused on your safety and the safety of others;
- On Sunday, if you have a fever (100.4 or higher) and you have two or more symptoms of COVID-19, please stay home or see your medical provider;
- When you arrive, you will be directed where to park. There will be one open space on each side of your vehicle for proper social distancing. We expect some folks may roll down their windows and because of this possibility, we want to ensure at least 6 feet between vehicles.
- Do not leave your vehicle unless there is an emergency. Bring a face covering just in case there is an emergency that requires you to leave your vehicle; and
- No restrooms will be provided and wanting to use the restroom is not an emergency. The building will be locked.

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A list of Drive-In Churches in Stage 1 can be found at the end of this document.

Option 3—Online and Conference Call Services—Several churches have been providing online and conference call services since mid-March 2020 and before. This option is still available for everyone. If you have a fever (100.4 or higher) and you have two or symptoms of COVID-19, stay home. Also, if you are not comfortable with attending Option 1 or 2, please join online or on a conference call. View churches who have been providing this: <http://doc.vaumc.org/News2020/LivestreamChurches.pdf>.