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St. Timothy's Pre-Opening Task Team Update

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Town Hall last week! We appreciate your thoughtful comments and questions as we continue forward in this unprecedented time. Here are a few highlights:

St. Timothy's reopening plan will parallel the guidance given by the Episcopal Diocese. You can review their document, "Abounding in Hope: The Diocese of Iowa Plan for Regathering for In-Person Worship", on the Diocese webpage.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5ddc3811d81d3a28b0ffc953/t/5ec86520ab61810adca339d3/1590191402903/ABOUNDING+IN+HOPE.pdf>

Before we gather in the Sanctuary again for Phase 2, we will need to meet certain health characteristics in Polk and Dallas counties. Once these minimum health characteristics are met, the pre-opening task team and leadership will decide when the time is right to open the doors – safety is our priority. Until that time, there will be small group opportunities to gather on the patio for discussion and prayer as well as an option for an outdoor service. Masks and appropriate physical distancing guidelines will be adhered to. More information coming soon.

We are submitting our reopening plan to the Bishop for approval in preparation for Phase 2. The task team is continuing to watch health trends which will assist in guiding all decisions. In Phase 2 there will be only one service, Sunday morning at 10:15, preregistration will be required, there will be minimal use of the building, masks will be required, spacing will be adhered to and clearly marked, and additional sanitation measures will be taken. There is no date for Phase 2 at this time.

Virtual services will continue to be offered for the unforeseen future including a new option for live-stream services. Many thanks to Neil Guy for selecting and procuring, as well as applying for a Gilead Grant for, the sound and technology equipment needed to enhance this Ministry. This is a long-term goal to increase St. Timothy's outreach and offering into our community and beyond. The 2nd offering in August will be going to help in purchasing this equipment. Please help us with our goal to raise \$5,000.

If you have any questions or want to provide additional feedback, please feel free to reach out to the office or to Suzy Coen, suzycoen@gmail.com. We appreciate everyone's presence and prayers during this time and look forward to seeing you all, safely, in the future!