

What if...?



The impact of the coronavirus is causing the cancellation of large gatherings across the country.

WHAT IF your congregation has members who want to join worship from home or your church chooses not to meet for worship this Sunday?

Does your session have A PLAN IN PLACE to keep everyone connected?

Staying connected

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO NOW

- Create an email list for easy communication
 - Include those who do and don't have email
- Create phone tree to allow for instant contact & inclusiveness

How to educate

BULLETIN INSERTS

- The Synod of the Trinity has created a bulletin insert that includes best health practices for washing hands and the passing of the peace

When it's over

WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE ARE ALL FACE-TO-FACE AGAIN?

- No one knows how long advice will recommend against public gatherings. A special "welcome back" service might be appropriate. And don't forget the cake and ice cream!

More information

- Find helpful links and expanded details on these programs and services at:
SynTrinity.org/2020coronavirus

Worship

HOW DO WE HOLD A VIRTUAL SERVICE?

- *Zoom Conferencing*
 - By video
 - Use a camera or smartphone to broadcast the service
 - By phone
 - Zoom provides a phone number and meeting ID to connect those who don't use the internet
 - Cost
 - A **free** option is available for 40-minute run times; other monthly options available, too
- *Facebook Live*
 - It's **free** and easily accessible to anyone who has Facebook
 - Allows for neighbors in the community to participate

CAN WE STILL HOLD COMMUNION?

- *Yes!*
 - The Book of Order does not preclude gathering virtually and holding communion, with each individual person partaking of their own elements

HOW CAN WE COLLECT THE OFFERING?

- *Virtual*
 - Many online options are available (GoFundMe, Venmo, PayPal), including setting up an account for your church through the Presbyterian Foundation
- *In Person*
 - Encourage mailing but also set up an evening drop-off time