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***Revised and Approved at the June 9, 2021 Governing Board Meeting.***

## Reopening Task Force Recommendation for Resumption of In-person Services and Meetings

The Task Force met by Zoom on Tuesday, May 18, 2021, to discuss the impact of the CDC's May 13, 2021 guideline for fully vaccinated individuals on its recommendation for reopening of the Fellowship for services and meetings. All members were present and Sara, the Fellowship Administrator, also participated.

**The Task Force is recommending the Fellowship resume services in the Sanctuary as soon as is reasonably feasible and also resume small group meetings with the following arrangements and limitations:**

- We recommend that only fully vaccinated persons attend the services in the Sanctuary.
- Arrangements should be made for remote access of services.
- Non-vaccinated individuals, those fully vaccinated persons who have health conditions that may adversely affect their susceptibility to infection and/or to more serious consequences if infected and anyone otherwise uncomfortable attending services in person should be encouraged utilize the Sunday service remote access option(s).
- Those attending the service in person are recommended to wear a mask. Social distancing would not be required.
- In-person attendees are recommended to sign in to facilitate contact tracing.
- The Program Committee would make the necessary arrangements for speakers and service leaders who would be comfortable with the proposed arrangements for in-person services. Masking would not be required of speakers and service leaders when they are speaking. The Program Committee would decide whether talk-back sessions would be conducted. The Task Force does not believe any stricter limitations should be required for talk-back sessions than for the services themselves. The Program Committee should seek to limit the length of services to around 45 minutes.
- The Music Committee would make the necessary arrangements for performers who would be comfortable with the proposed arrangements for in-person services. We recommend against allowing Congregational singing at this time, but the playing of the piano or other instruments by masked performers would be permitted. In-person services can resume even if it is not feasible to have music initially.

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- The Hospitality Committee should assess whether it is feasible to have post-service refreshments, perhaps with coffee only, outside, weather permitting.
- Meetings of smaller groups, such as committees, could resume immediately, with masking and social distancing being optional for fully vaccinated participants but required for non-fully vaccinated participants. It would be on an honor system. A sign in sheet should be completed for contact tracing purposes.
- The Reopening Task Force and the Board should review these proposed arrangements and limitations as frequently as conditions warrant, but no later than 30 days after resumption of in-person services.

The Task Force was not unanimous on all of the above recommendations. One member would recommend that, until conditions in Door County and Wisconsin are in the "safest" category as previously described by the Wisconsin Council of Churches, services be conducted outside for everyone who wishes to attend, with attendees given the option of masking and/or social distancing. That member would also prefer that small group meetings be held outside, with masking optional. If they were held inside then both masking and social distancing would be required.

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