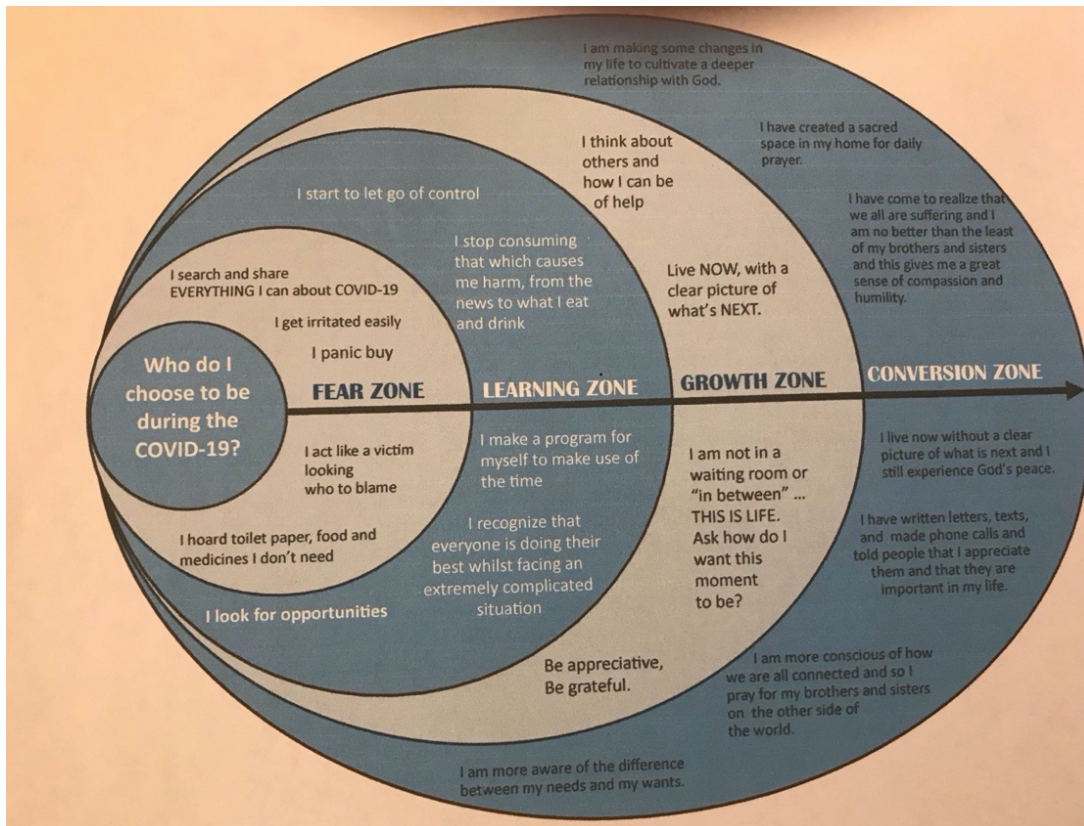


Gulf Atlantic Diocese Clergy/Leaders Zoom Call 5.14.20

Notes from what was covered in the diocesan call on 5.14.20.
Please watch the video, posted on the [Covid19 page](#) for more information.

1. Welcome and prayer; Bishop Neil gave us a word of encouragement.
2. Re-Entry Phases Update:
 - a. Adjustments to plans; be flexible
 - b. Communal singing
 - c. Bread only through all phases [note: guidelines for communion in both kinds were emailed out on 5.20.20 for those requesting it]
 - d. Masks required
3. Ongoing support
 - a. ALL CLERGY need to seek support through some method; there are various levels of investment for support options
 - i. Covenant groups
 - ii. Counseling
 - iii. Coaches
 - iv. Triads of clergy for support
 - v. Prayer appts
 - b. Zones of emotional support



4. Online pastor position (even if temporary): what would you change if this hybrid ministry was the new normal for the next year?
 - a. Increase small group connection, meet outside
 - b. Consider ministry position for online pastor to increase engagement and follow up from online streaming visitors
 - i. Offering digital connection cards through texting or links during livestream
 - ii. Team follows up with plan for 6 weeks through texting, email, phone calls, and FB
 - iii. Rotate who contacts visitors, but ensure families meet reps for kids' age groups
 - iv. Increase videos online streaming, on FB, website, wherever your church has a presence: Consider fun online videos (kids interview pastor; pastor interviews kids)
 - v. Send videos to households via text
 - vi. FAQ on theology for families (or just general knowledge)
 - vii. Leader blogs
 - viii. Leader presence on LinkedIn- post messages of comfort, of joy, and of wisdom; interact with community
 - ix. If someone's story moves you, ask if you can interview them and share it with the parish
5. New plan moving forward:
 - a. 1st week- no meeting
 - 2nd week- clergy call, Thursdays at 11am EST
 - 3rd week- no meeting
 - 4th week- clergy meet with deaneries for practical solutions (deans will set time)
6. Bishop closed in prayer

Please see the [Covid19 page](#) on our website to review the four phased re-opening sample plans and template.

Our next Zoom call is June 10, 2020.

The Zoom meeting ID is 486 145 460 and the password is GAD.
