

## **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.

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