

Notes from the Arlington DS – 04/21/2020

1. **NEW UPDATES:**

- a. Next week is a “real” clergy meeting with Amy Oden that I expect everyone to attend – We will meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29. Here’s the link to register so we don’t get zoom bombed!
<https://www.google.com/url?q=https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAlce6qpjgiHNbyAgGK6ZCTt305RIN8R4lc&sa=D&usd=2&usg=AOvVaw34pgtE0rIVBLqPnJskAgBx>
- b. New online counting guidelines came out today from the Bishop’s office. Join the Thursday at 3:00 Clergy chat for further discussion about how that might work in your situation. (see the link to join that call at the bottom of this note)
- c. Please take our online survey before the clergy chat on Thursday! Here’s the link:
<https://novadistricts.wufoo.com/forms/now-what/>

2. **REMINDERS:**

- a. We are closed for in person worship until June 10th, and we await further updates from the Governor and/or Bishop. IF things go as planned, June 14 will be our first in-person worship date.
 - i. Expect that many of our elderly congregants may not be ready to come back to crowds
 - ii. Be thinking about keeping numbers smaller – maybe several services, or smaller groups in different parts of the building.
 - iii. What will you keep and what will you lose in the transition? Don’t waste the crisis!
- b. We would like to see all clergy evaluations to the District office by June 20th.
- c. We would also like to have all parsonage inspections done by June 20th
- d. The CARES Act’s small business support, PPP, ran out of money last week, but we will be in hope for a new bill to make its way through Congress –don’t stop the process at your local bank or the Virginia Credit Union.
- e. If you have a preschool/daycare/childcare that wants to open up in your church, whether it is a ministry of your church or a renter – please contact me ASAP. We have forms to fill out!

3. **Resources:**

- a. Novaumc.org
- b. Vaumc.org

4. Arlington Clergy Zoom Meeting **Thursdays at 3:00** for the duration of this time (except for next week- when we should all be at the Amy Oden official clergy meeting, see above) . This is always optional, but if you want the latest news and some encouragement, join us. Same invite as before:

<https://zoom.us/j/434526053>

You are doing great, hard work, and it is my honor to serve you. You are doing discipleship and transformation in a unique way right now, and thank you for that work and I pray for you all daily by name.

Stay Calm, Stay Connected, Stay the Course!