

## NOTES FROM THE ARLINGTON DS – 5/26/2020

*Thought for the day: Never waste a crisis!*

*This is not to make light of the serious nature of what is going on in our world of pandemic, but I came across a great question today, via Carey Nieuwhof's blog – "What does this time make possible?" Good question for your strategic leadership – what might be possible that wasn't 6 months ago? Many of us are confounded by what we cannot do – but what CAN we do? Or imagine? Or experiment with? Or create?*

### 1. NEW UPDATES:

- a. We are excited to welcome some really great pastors onto the Arlington District!
  - i. Here are all the new appointments that have been announced:  
<http://doc.vaumc.org/News2020/MayAppointments.pdf>
  - ii. Everyone who is moving can now do Clergy Compensation Reports! Yeah! When charge conferences happen for those who are moving, please be sure and get me the new forms so we can sign them and upload them.
- b. "Exactly How Are We Going to Re-Open?" A Webinar (NOTE THE DATE CHANGE!)
  - i. On Wednesday, June 3, from 1:00-3:00pm, the Bi-District is offering a webinar that will dig deeper into the guidelines and help churches consider the minutiae of details involved in ensuring the safety of the community—both the gathered community and the surrounding community.
  - ii. Register: [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtd-qvqz4jG9Yos-8yGAm4VfOmo\\_0dbJD7](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtd-qvqz4jG9Yos-8yGAm4VfOmo_0dbJD7)
  - iii. Clergy only for this one.
- c. The clergy ZOOM call continues –Please join us at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday!
  - i. Remember – this is the new link
  - ii. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/434526053?pwd=WTlyMDFlaHlreVRwelpyR1dRRnM0dz09>
  - iii. Or, you can use the old link with the new password: ARClergy
- d. A Laity-only meeting to talk about Re-Opening and ask questions of the DS will happen on zoom on June 11, at 7pm. Stay tuned for more details and registration for next week – ask your lay leaders to 'Save the Date' if they'd like to come!
- e. Childcare/Daycares: A reminder that under the current situation, childcare/daycare that hosts a range of ages, all or most of the day, especially for children of those who are working, are allowed under the rules currently found on the vaumc.org website, as well as the DSS rules. Note that these have been removed from the re-opening guidelines and put into a separate document.
- f. Preschools: (defined as for only the pre-kindergarten age, and usually ½ day programs) are not yet allowed to open in Northern Virginia. We will let you know when it is time, but we hope by August/September.
- g. Watch for: Updates on Annual Conference details – they have not yet been finalized.

### 2. REMINDERS:

- a. Reminder: June 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:30am (zoom details to follow soon!) there will be a Clergy Executive Session for all clergy in full connection.
  - b. A HUGE thank you to the churches that have picked back up their apportionment share giving – we are still the lowest in the state for paying apportionments, but we are not quite so far behind. If your church is able, please consider the District apportionment, and your Priority One Conference apportionment. If you need help, contact David Dommissee’s office, and they can go over it with you.
  - c. Clergy SPRC Evaluations and Parsonage Inspections – all due by June 20<sup>th</sup> please! And thank you to those churches that got them done ahead of time! Expect a comment or two from me on those reviews – I do read them all!
  - d. Cynthia Lopynski from our office is offering mystery worshipers for your online services – contact her at [CynthiaLopynski@vaumc.org](mailto:CynthiaLopynski@vaumc.org)
  - e. Kim Johnson continues to do digital communications consultations – <https://calendly.com/kimjohnson-vaumc/church-communications-consultation>
3. Resources:
    - a. <https://novaumc.org/covid-19/>
    - b. <https://vaumc.org/>

***Stay Calm, Stay Connected, Stay the Course!***

***Sarah***