



Attachment 2

Task Groups for Phased Regathering for Worship in our Church Buildings

Four task groups are at work to prepare the congregations of this Diocese for each phase of regathering, as outlined as outlined in the May 4 [joint letter](#) from the Bishops in the Dioceses of Virginia, Maryland and D.C. (addressing phases) and the [follow-up letter](#) from the Bishops in the Diocese of Virginia (addressing task groups).

- **The first Task Group**, coordinated by the Rev. Canon Mary Thorpe, is developing guidelines and checklists to support congregations in each phase of regathering.
- **The second Task Group**, coordinated by Bishop Jennifer Brooke-Davidson, is organizing Area Teams who will support congregations who seek support in developing their plans for regathering. Each Area will include a cluster of Regions in the same general part of the Diocese. The Teams will be trained to support congregations.
- **The third Task Group**, coordinated by the Rev. Fran Gardner Smith, is developing training for Area Team members so that they may be effective coaches for congregations.
- **The fourth Task Group**, coordinated by the Rev. Randy Alexander, is developing a processes for receiving requests from congregations to regather at each step of the phases journey. They will review requests and submit them to a bishop, who will make the final determination.

Dozens of people from across the Diocese are a part of these groups. All that comes out of their efforts will balance decentralized and centralized authority as it reflects the work of peers and colleagues across the Diocese and of the bishops. We will update you on this work on a regular basis.