

## Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The four dioceses in Michigan are recommending smaller indoor capacity in light of Governor Whitmer's recent executive order, which limits indoor gatherings to no more than 10 people.

While the Church is not held accountable to this order, the four dioceses believe it is our moral and civic responsibility to adhere to the guideline.

Therefore, the following is a strong advisement and recommendation of the four Episcopal dioceses in Michigan. No changes have been made to the "Plan for Re-Entry for Great Lakes Episcopalians" and we remain in Phase II.

**Any congregation with more than 10 people planning to gather together in person, should choose to gather outdoors, online, or in multiple smaller gatherings.**

We are so heartened by the good and careful work that all of our congregations have put into their re-entry or decision to not re-enter just yet. It is clear that the Episcopal Church is a church of compassion and love for all. Thank you.

The Rev. BJ Heyboer (Newaygo), the Rev. Dan Scheid (Flint), and Canon Katie Forsyth are our liaisons to the other Bishops in Michigan around the plan for re-entry. Please forward any questions on the Phase plan or COVID response through Canon Forsyth, [kforsyth@eastmich.org](mailto:kforsyth@eastmich.org).

**Yours in Christ,**

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