

Reopening Information

(for the Topeka Community of Christ as related to the COVID-19 pandemic)

It is hard to believe it has been over a year since we had to close our church building due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We can now look forward to in-person worship. Our experience together will be different. The International Church (IC) has provided extensive guidelines for us to follow, including:

- *2021 Updated Guidelines*
- *Congregational Plan for Reopening – required by each congregation to develop and implement.*
- *Copy of Cleaning Check List – to be followed and monitored weekly.*
- *Participant Tracking – we must keep track of everyone who is in the building including name and contact information.*
- *Spread Love, Not Germs – social distancing and wellness document.*

To meet the above guidelines and provide for the safety of our congregation to the best of our ability we have implemented the following during **Phase II** of our Congregational Plan for Reopening:

- ✓ Registration will be required for anyone who would like to return to the church for in-person worship. **The registration link is easy to access, will be provided in the weekly email, AND changes every week – you will need to register each week.**
- ✓ To provide for social distancing and accommodate the number of persons in the sanctuary, entrance to the church will be directed by our Deacon and Safety Officer.
- ✓ To accommodate seating and be prepared for the service, please arrive at the church building around 10:20 AM.
- ✓ The use of the church building continues to be limited to the Sanctuary and the bathrooms.
- ✓ Entrance into the church building will be the main south doors and exiting will be directed by the Deacon and Safety Officer through the east parking lot door.
- ✓ Our services will continue to be no longer than 45 minutes as recommended by the IC.
- ✓ Sunday school will be phased in as we receive direction from the IC.

We recognize this seems very restrictive. We look forward to moving to **Phase III** of our Congregational Plan. We appreciate your prayers and patience as we continue to navigate this new and different worship adventure.

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:20