



DS Note - 10/14/20 Approved for Phase 2 Small groups

Phase Two of Reimagining Life Together: Ten or Fewer In A Group Allowed To Meet

As the global COVID-19 pandemic continues to exact a toll on our daily lives we must continue to be diligent to do what we can to fight this until a vaccine is developed and available for all. Following Bishop Elaine Stanovsky's "Reimagining Life Together" plan that was revised in June, our building will continue to be closed for worship and large group gatherings. Under the Bishop's plan, churches are not allowed to reopen for indoor worship in Phase Two of the conference plan. The conference reopening team is continuing to look at all the available data and will let us know of any changes made to the existing guidelines.

We have worked with our District Superintendent, Rev. Joanne Coleman Campbell and with Yakima County moving to Phase 2 of Governor Inslee's reopening plan, we are able to move to Phase 2 of the Bishop's plan. Starting October 14, we are able to allow groups of up to 10 people to meet inside the church building contingent on their agreement to follow all rules of our reopening plan. These rules apply to all groups including church groups that were meeting before our shutdown last March. The key rules would be:

- Masks worn at all times inside the building
- Social distancing observed at all times inside the building
- No food or drink allowed inside the building
- All groups need to schedule their meetings by emailing Denise Ray at a minimum of 48 hours before the meeting

If these rules are not able to be followed we will not be able to allow groups to meet at the church. These rules are in place for the protection of not only the group but also those who we may come in contact with. As we move more into the fall and winter this plan may be changed as directed by the Bishop and/or state.

The current reopening plan can be found on our website www.wesleyofyakima.org. If you have any questions or need to schedule a meeting, you can contact Denise Ray at denise.ray@wesleyofyakima.org.