

Minutes of the Standing Committee
Special Meeting
November 13, 2020

Present: Drew Dorgan, Kathy Hettinga, Susan Landin, Nicolette Norris, Jeff Packard+, +Audrey Scanlan, Greg Welin+, John Wolgemuth, Eric Hillegas+, Veronica Chappell+, Kate Harrigan, Anthony Alexander, Michael Nailor+, Dan Morrow+, Chad Linder, Rowena MacGregor, Bill Lord, Barbara Cross, Elaine Austin

Bishop Scanlan opened with a prayer.

Discussion:

Bishop Scanlan shared the recommendation of the Task Force on Operations to suspend all in-person worship services and parish meetings, effective Saturday, November 21 through the rest of the calendar year.

Provision for Communion under Special Circumstances will be authorized for churches to distribute Communion at Christmas, but not as a regular practice. Details will be forthcoming.

Programs that are offered for at-risk populations are still able to use church buildings as long as proper safety protocol are maintained.

Online worship continues to be encouraged. Options for online worship will be offered through the Diocesan website for parishes that do not otherwise have resources or capacity. Diocesan drive-in services will also be offered for Christmas.

Various questions were explored, including the Reserved Sacrament, school operations on church property, and expected timeline for the closure.

Greg Welin moved, and Kate Harrigan seconded the motion, to approve the recommendation of the Task Force on Operations. It passed unanimously.