

## Saint Thomas' Church Covid-19 Survey April 29-May 1, 2020

Thank you to everyone who participated in our online poll about the parish and Covid-19.

We received 63 responses through May 1. Here are some high points:

- 94% of respondents have participated in one or more of our online services; 61% thought the worship experience and sense of God's presence was the same as or greater than in-person worship.
- 22% participated in an online small group or Bible study (just over half responded to this question)
- 67% of respondents consider themselves in the CDC high risk group.
- 54% are likely to attend in person worship when it resumes; 32% might attend depending on safety precautions. Similar percentages would feel comfortable bringing a higher-risk friend, relative or child/grandchild.
- Only 5% would want to resume worship by gathering in small groups in homes.
- 19% of respondents are age 20-49; 18% 50-59, 19% 60-69 and 44% 70 and over.

Respondents provided a wide variety of comments. It is clear from these comments that when we begin offering in-person services, many of you would like us to continue streaming our services; we plan to do so, including online Morning and Evening Prayer. David, Geoff and the church staff are considering the many good ideas included in your comments, and will be discussing them this week; we will likely have another survey in next week's Epistle.

We also continue to listen to city, county and state health officials, to local medical professionals, and to our Bishop and Diocesan staff, taking into account their advice and direction on safely resuming in-person worship, and we hope to come to a prayerful decision about resuming in-person services soon.

In the meantime, please let David know about your ideas, thoughts and concerns (email [browder.david@stes.org](mailto:browder.david@stes.org)) and let us know how we can serve you.

### Full Survey Results

#### *63 Responses*

Have you participated in one or more of our online worship services during the Covid-19 crisis?

Yes	No
59	4
93.7%	6.3%

If you have participated in one of our online worship services, did you experience worship and God's presence more or less online compared to in-person worship?

Less	Same	More
23	35	1
39.0%	59.3%	1.7%

Have you participated in an online small group or Bible study class in the last several weeks?

Yes	No
14	21
22.2%	33.3%

Are you in one of the groups that the CDC and health experts have identified as higher risk for serious health issues from covid-19?

Yes	No
42	21
66.7%	33.3%

If we began offering in-person worship soon, how likely is it that you would attend?

Likely	Depends on the safety precautions that are in place	Unlikely
34	20	9
54.0%	31.7%	14.3%

If we began offering in-person worship soon, would you be comfortable bringing a relative or close friend who is in one of the higher risk groups?

Yes	No	Depends on the safety precautions that are in place
19	18	23
31.7%	30.0%	38.3%

If we began offering in-person worship soon, would you be comfortable bringing a child or grandchild?

Yes	No	Depends on the safety precautions that are in place	N/A
23	8	11	18
38.3%	13.3%	18.3%	30.0%

One possible first phase for our congregation is to gather in small groups in homes. Groups could participate in the online worship service together and then discuss the sermon. What is your reaction to this idea?

In Small Group	In Person	Willing to Join Small Group	Not Interested in Small Group	Neither Small Group Nor In Person
2 3.3%	41 68.3%	3 5.0%	7 11.7%	6 10.0%

Which of the following activities are you either currently doing or currently willing to do?

Essential Job	Non Essential Job	Grocery	Take Out / Delivery	Eating Out	Gym	Haircut
21 35.0%	9 15.0%	52 86.7%	47 78.3%	13 21.7%	7 11.7%	20 33.3%

What is your age?

Under 20	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70 or older
0 0.0%	1 1.7%	5 8.3%	6 10.0%	11 18.3%	11 18.3%	26 43.3%