

Town Hall Meeting

3/17/2020

Zoom Chat

16:50:12 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Please make sure your mic is muted if you are not talking. Thank you.

16:50:29 From Diocese of Maine Staff : If mics are left on, there will be a horrible screaming noise....and NOT from Barb!

16:50:48 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Sara Gavit got it!

16:51:00 From sheila seekins : Hi Everybody

16:51:23 From Peter's iPhone : hello eveyone

16:51:25 From Diocese of Maine Staff : A transcript of this chat will be used by staff after this meeting to collect information.

16:52:18 From Diocese of Maine Staff : OK,. Here's a user hint: Check out the location of your camera. If it's too low, we can only see your nose; if it's to high, well, that's a tour of bald spots.

16:52:24 From Gail Chandler : Hello everyone!

16:52:52 From saragavit : It is so nice to see you all!

16:53:55 From Patricia Welton : Good afternoon!

16:55:16 From Jane White-Hassler : Greetings from Bangor.

16:55:52 From Dave Dalzell's iPad : hi

16:56:07 From Lev Sherman : Yes we are on chat!

16:56:22 From Kit : Nice to see everyone!

16:57:04 From Larry Weeks to Diocese of Maine Staff(Privately) : is there a areas i can' hear folks?

16:57:09 From Susan Taylor : I'm on my tablet, not fully optimized for this. So I have to switch back and forth between screens.

16:57:17 From Rev. Lauren Kay : Who else's pets will be making an appearance? There are two suspects here who likely will cross my screen from time to time...

16:57:46 From thomasward : One of my spaniels jumped into an earlier Zoom call.

16:58:13 From Lynn : My spaniel is here.

16:58:16 From sheila seekins : My Land lord has just posted sign: no visiters; service people by prior approval only in all their rentals

16:58:29 From claudia : So trying out the chat function: is Loring House staying open in these times?

16:58:30 From Kit : Joe the dog is likely to appear--or check in at some point

17:05:19 From Diocesan Zoom : People can also set up their own personal accounts (free) for small meetings, thus reserving our collective accounts for larger meetings where they're needed

17:06:03 From Carolyn Eklund : Barb, what is best way to line you up for the tutorial?

17:06:19 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Here are the two Diocesan accounts for congregational use.

17:06:25 From Nathan : So these Zoom accounts cannot be used for Sunday morning liturgies, correct?

17:06:33 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Please remember only one meeting per address at a time.

17:06:46 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Please limit your meeting to 90 minutes or less.

17:07:18 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Please make sure you indicate your name at the end of your Zoom "title" Example: Town Hall SECOND (Barb Martin).

17:07:26 From Nina Pooley : Does anyone know if Zoom has extended the free accounts to more than 40 mins? they have done that for schools. I've got an email in with them asking as much, haven't heard back

17:07:30 From Mike Douglass : @Nathan, what about facebook live for that?

17:07:35 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Be careful you don't schedule over someone else.

17:07:38 From John : possibility of small outdoor gatherings

17:07:41 From Nathan : Agenda: how to do a virtual Eucharist. Alone? With a small group? Just do Morning Prayer?

17:07:42 From Diocese of Maine Staff : First come, first serve.

17:08:09 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Please use chat now for agenda items

17:08:46 From stjppealer : PB has announced Easter may not be in church and that ordinations and consecrations will not occur before May 30.

17:08:50 From Diocese of Maine Staff : If you would like a tutorial, please email me at bmartin@episcopalmaine.org

17:08:59 From Susan Taylor : I don't understand why we are now suspending all in person worship which feels like 'one size fits all' when this seems like a time for small parish time to truly meet the need of the people. Please let us gather together for worship.

17:09:38 From jared.talbot@maine.edu : I don't think that zoom has ever been used on this scale; what backup plan can we put in place when the system crashes as every church in our time zone uses it at once?

17:09:49 From Liz : Greetings- Lis Ingoldsby from St. Brendans Deer Isle here!

17:09:53 From jared.talbot@maine.edu : (if the system crashes- hopefully it wont!)

17:10:34 From Nina Pooley : Within that 10 person limit, may we gather a small worship team to support the on-line worship? I believe that's similar to what Nate is asking.

17:11:07 From Diocese of Maine Staff : I have been assured by Zoom that they are on it!

17:11:21 From Rev. Lauren Kay : Internet unstable - will this be available as recording later?

17:11:24 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Local bandwidth might be more of an issue, but not today.

17:11:48 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Yes, just like Town Hall #1....I will send a link in the next invitation.

17:12:34 From Kit : For unstable internet, get your sound from your cell on an ear bud/headset. It will "talk you through" how to do that.

17:14:09 From hollysargent : What is happening with the Jubilee Centers and their clients?

17:14:34 From jamesvallette : would it be okay to have a virtual service with music and several people (leader, musician, singer(s)?)

17:14:49 From Timothy Boggs : how about outdoor events with propre distance? outdoor Easter?

17:15:32 From stjppealer : Outside groups meeting in church have suspended their meetings.

17:15:33 From Lisa & Gwen Fry : Even small groups meeting can endanger all the people in the room-- by people not yet exhibiting symptoms. Be careful.

17:16:00 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Is Suzanne Roberts on this Town Hall?

17:16:24 From St. John's Staff Bangor, ME : Bishop, do you request that streaming services include no more than 1

17:16:47 From Eleanor Prior : Suzanne is probably still at her doctor job

17:16:50 From Nina Pooley : to provide choral and music support for worship

17:16:53 From Nancy : I echo the question about outside worship on Easter

17:17:54 From Ben Shambaugh : what about communion on line. can people receive by distance?

17:18:28 From Peg Olson : So we can do a liturgy with just the ministers and musicians and live stream from church?

17:18:33 From Nathan : Solo Eucharists live streamed? Or Morning Prayer? Which is better?

17:20:16 From Diocesan Zoom to Diocese of Maine Staff(Privately) : I think it's a good idea to plan a week or so out... the guidance from CDC is still changing daily, as is the larger context. Things will stabilize, but they're not stable enough to allow for useful longer-term planning yet.

17:21:03 From Susan Taylor : We are going to offer communion to individuals if they come by on Wed. or Fri. 2-6 p.m. when the parish will be open (from the Sunday online service).

17:21:24 From Nancy : can we create "communion under special circumstances" kits for EVs to leave at homes?

17:22:00 From Lev Sherman : "I trust you to celebrate in way you see fit." Bisop's guideline

17:22:31 From wendyrozene : We watched the National Cathedral Eucharist on Sunday and it was slightly different but it is worth watching and the change in prayers was focused on receiving Spiritually

17:23:37 From Lisa & Gwen Fry : We're doing a video sermon-- with extra suggestions for people to do-- acting out the gospel with family prior to the service, other "practices" that people can do that is supplemented by the sermon-- is in process. We don't have a way to stream the service-- so this is our experiment-- along with links to online Eucharist services.

17:24:20 From jared.talbot@maine.edu : What about ministrations at the time of death? It's hard to imagine this working well as an online presence. I know we are not supposed to visit hospitals presently, and I'm not sure how this can best be handled.

17:24:23 From Peg Olson : Can we count those who participate virtually as attending the service?

17:24:23 From Rev. Lauren Kay : Speaking of ASA - how are others recording attendance at virtual services?

17:25:08 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Peg, please ask that to Ben Shambaugh who has lots of experience at the Cathedral with that.

17:25:16 From wendyrozene : It was lovely to have the ability to print the leaflet from from the Nat Cathdrel to follow along.

17:25:21 From Nina Pooley : what about holy week collaborations to celebrate each day?

17:25:36 From Nathan : And what will we do about funerals with no family present, like in Italy now?

17:26:08 From Katie Holicky : Hey folks, just want to name that more cases are being confirmed with folks who show no symptoms at all. Something to think about when we are considering being near one another, dropping things off etc.

17:26:26 From Tim Higgins : If we continue to meet only virtually, finances will be an ongoing concern for many of us. How will the Diocese respond to individual or collective financial issues for their Parish...meeting of assessment, etc??

17:26:52 From sheila seekins : Thank you Katie

17:27:40 From saragavit : We postponed the one scheduled for this Sat. Family was fine with that.

17:31:11 From Rev. Lauren Kay : We are considering using Tithe.ly for online giving in addition to reminding people they can mail their pledges. Anyone here have experience with that platform?

17:32:43 From Diocese of Maine Staff : If you have experience or resources to offer regarding online giving platforms....please email

17:32:47 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Barbara Martin Thank you

17:33:01 From Nathan : At Saint Mary's, we have an EFT platform for online giving, and now are also using Venmo.

17:33:24 From Ben Shambaugh : payroll for how long? what about hourly folk who aren't working?

17:33:50 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Nathan, could you ask Beth to shoot me an email about those? Thanks.

17:34:07 From Ben Shambaugh : babysitters, cleaners, contracted people?

17:35:23 From Sara D'Angio White : Thank you!

17:35:24 From Lisa & Gwen Fry : We are paying admin and musician, the sexton is doing a deep clean for a couple of weeks, but babysitter is not working.

17:35:26 From stjpealer : Thank you Terry. Very helpful.

17:35:39 From Eleanor Prior : Thank you Terry

17:35:47 From Nina Pooley : Thank you Finance folks, that's HUGE for so many of us.

17:35:49 From Tim Higgins : thank you Terry...so appreciated

17:36:03 From Dick : St. Ann's, Windham uses Vanco's platform for online plwdge paymentd

17:37:19 From Tim Higgins : Same restrictions for outside service ...Easter...or not??

17:38:11 From Lisa & Gwen Fry : I assume social distancing will be in effect for Easter outside.

17:38:34 From Nina Pooley : Our vestry voted to continue to pay our part time employees through this work stoppage - and we are telling the congregation that - people are very pleased to hear that. Several offered to add a little more to their giving because they feel good about the justice issues being considered.

17:38:41 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Holy Week and Easter agenda items will be on a future agenda.

17:39:30 From Sara D'Angio White : We use Stripe, which is contracted through Breeze, our Church management software

17:40:00 From Timothy Boggs : Realm has an easy platform for on line giving

17:40:06 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Thank you for sending info to Barb!

17:40:09 From St. Georges Episcopal Church : We're exploring Donorbox <https://donorbox.org>

17:40:12 From St. John's Staff Bangor, ME to Diocese of Maine Staff(Privately) : We use realm - formerly ACS database that has on-line giving and text giving

17:40:12 From Eleanor Prior : curious about online giving platforms that don't take a chunk of the change

17:40:30 From Diocese of Maine Staff to St. John's Staff Bangor, ME(Privately) : Could you please ask Vanessa to shoot me an email? Thanks.s

17:41:05 From Rev. Lauren Kay : For what it is worth - AA clubhouses are shutting down.

17:41:10 From Diocese of Maine Staff to St. Georges Episcopal Church(Privately) : Could you please shoot me an email? Thanks.

17:41:16 From St. John's Staff Bangor, ME to Diocese of Maine Staff(Privately) : sure

17:41:40 From Rev. Lauren Kay : That is where AA is on this - they recognize the need to limit gatherings and find a different way to meet

17:41:54 From saragavit : The Wed. Noon meeting at St. Anne's is meeting in the Hall tomorrow, instead of a classroom and practicing all the prevention protocol. We are playing it by ear in terms of the future.

17:42:49 From Ben Shambaugh : I include online viewing in ASA. probably low number because more than one is usually watching

17:43:02 From stephenmuncie : There are a number of AA Zoom meetings that have been organized.

17:43:19 From Katie Holicky : There are also 12 step conference calls that have been set up

17:43:38 From Nancy : the groups at Trinity and Christ have already decided not to meet in person. they were already on it before I initiated the conversation

17:43:50 From stjpealer : We informed our AA group they could continue to meet and asked they be diligent in cleaning up. They decided to suspend meetings for now.

17:43:54 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Steve M / Katie H....how do I find out about those to post to the Dio resource page?

17:44:01 From Mike Douglass : The Cash app is free if people are only using their bank account or debit card. If folks are using a credit card, they take 2.75% <https://cash.app>

17:44:13 From Katie Holicky : I will send you an email

17:44:20 From stephenmuncie : I will send a message to you -

17:44:24 From Larry Weeks : can someone talk about the level of sanitation required for a large nave?

17:45:32 From saragavit : I wrote the parish that because this is so important, we are flexing a bit, while maintaining strict protocol.

17:45:41 From Holly Hoffmann : I think Larry's question is pertinent to a group using the nave

17:45:45 From saragavit : 12-step groups

17:45:49 From Lisa & Gwen Fry : How are people disinfecting wood?

17:46:02 From Nina Pooley : Our concern has been the need to clean/offer safe space to our AA community. we have been working with our town to offer spaces that have the capacity to clean. Otherwise we are offering the online link to AA resources.

17:46:10 From Peg Olson : Murphy's Wood Soap

17:46:28 From Patricia Welton : Yesterday our meetings were going to continue with having the meetings do intense cleaning as they leave, we have a total of 12 meetings a week, with the latest recommendation I have sent out online meetings and will be going over to the church tomorrow to check in, again to see what they want to do.

17:46:33 From sheila seekins : I just got update from Trinity Jubilee

17:46:49 From Tim Higgins : Do the rules and restrictions change for outdoor services as opposed to indoor services?

17:46:58 From Nathan : Bleach type cleaners are not required. Viruses are destroyed by regular soap applied with friction. This is the best way for cleaning wood.

17:47:19 From stephenmuncie : aa-intergroup.org has an online meeting directory

17:49:01 From Ben Shambaugh : it was a very positive experience. the volunteers and neighbors were great

17:49:53 From Sara D'Angio White : Hoe are folks communicating changes in outreach programs to the wider community?

17:50:06 From Ben Shambaugh : all done outside with a table. worked well

17:50:17 From Tim Higgins : Am I hearing that we "should" shut down for Holy Week...will consider outdoor services...please comment on the guidelines for outdoor svc. vs. indoor??

17:50:57 From Nancy : tim j

17:52:00 From Nancy : Tim I think we've put Holy Week discussion on next week's agenda, but I'm happy to have some conversation about this question before then

17:52:57 From Lisa & Gwen Fry : I think we all are ready for that conversation. I need time to plan.

17:53:08 From thomasward : Thank you, Bishop, for including Bridging the Gap in Augusta!

17:53:48 From Theodore G. Fletcher : Terry R. is your cat's tail or your pet snake??

17:54:37 From TAR : B is one of our six cats - she feels the anxiety and is offering comfort.

17:54:39 From Lisa & Gwen Fry : social distancing is the same in every circumstance. Can they all stand 6' apart from each other?

17:54:54 From stjppcaler : does the virus travel via air?

17:55:07 From Lisa & Gwen Fry : I find when my people get together -- social distancing goes out the window.

17:55:17 From claudia : I see that Trinity Wall Street has just announced that they are closed until April 20

17:55:26 From saragavit : Yes! What Gwen and Lisa said!

17:55:27 From Katie Holicky : Again... folks who have no symptoms are testing positive. We really have to consider that fact when making plans

17:55:49 From stephenmuncie : Thank you Katie -again

17:55:57 From Diocese of Maine Staff : enjoying all the dogs and Episcocats

17:56:00 From Nancy : I'm already hoping to at least gather to sing in the parking lot and yard at Trinity for Easter morning with adequate space between us. but we're not talking hundreds of people

17:56:17 From stephenmuncie : It is the asymptomatic carriers that we must consider

17:56:27 From Lisa & Gwen Fry : I think worship outside will be just as dangerous.

17:56:28 From claudia : I think that the same guideline apply as to 6 ft. distances between people whether inside or out

17:57:34 From sheila seekins : Love it Tim

17:57:35 From Gail Chandler : In Italy, people on line for the grocery store are required to stand 6 feet apart.

17:58:14 From Lisa & Gwen Fry : I get wanting to get people together-- lots of people-- many churches-- but truly I think it will be a huge contributor to escalating the spread of the virus.

17:58:24 From Carolyn Eklund : I don't think it's responsible to encourage large gatherings indoors and outdoors

17:58:38 From Carolyn Eklund : Katie is correct.

17:59:15 From Patricia Welton : I would agree, I work in public health and we are not gathering at work, except in a scattered schedule..

17:59:18 From Gail Chandler : Thankyou, Katie

17:59:21 From Laura's iPhone : will a person test positive after they recover?

18:00:00 From Nancy : I'm encouraging prayer partners

18:00:16 From saragavit : A bit of history: in the St. Anne's Church Record from Autumn 1918, there is a notation— "Influenza Epidemic — churches closed Oct. 1-Nov.7"

18:00:22 From stjpealer : phone call and video calls -old school but works.

18:00:23 From Lisa & Gwen Fry : I know many don't like Facebook-- including me-- but I have done a whole lot of counseling and praying vs char on Facebook.

18:00:31 From Peg Olson : It is still unknown if they are carriers and can infect after recovering.

18:00:48 From saragavit : We created a phone tree so everyone gets called regularly.

18:00:55 From Nina Pooley : this evening on our St Bart's website we are posting a celtic evening prayer service (audio only from a Sunday evening ecumenical service on Mar 8th with bulletin There was music that was lovely... and hymn singing. In case anyone is in need of something to share with their congregations

18:00:56 From Lisa & Gwen Fry : Sorry, Praying and talking via FACEBOOK

18:01:00 From Larry Weeks : I am concerned about what is safe and not above 10, below 10. I share concerns for gathering folks. Church has a particular resonance with folks which is more powerful and I hope we use that responsibly

18:01:05 From Theodore G. Fletcher : Great opportunity to share ideas and I am very grateful for this effort to learn & come together.

18:01:11 From Eleanor Prior : WE also have an ongoing phone tree

18:01:25 From stjpealer : we have phone tree too.

18:01:35 From Patricia Welton : Phone tree and email....

18:01:36 From Diocese of Maine Staff : DioZoom (original account) log onto zoom.us with the email addy of zoom@episcopalmaine.org and PW of Thank5B

18:01:51 From jared.talbot@maine.edu : Laura: That's a tricky question. The test uses RT-PCR, which assays RNA sequences; RNA breaks down rather quickly if it is not protected. So, if the test detects something there may be residual active virus present. People do remain contagious for some days after their symptoms pass. Basically, if one tests positive, they should definitely be careful.

18:01:51 From Susan Taylor : ditto on the phone tree

18:01:53 From Diocese of Maine Staff : Sorry....PW Thank5B2God!

18:02:26 From Diocese of Maine Staff : The new Diocesan account is the same login zoom.us

18:02:44 From Diocese of Maine Staff : email is zoomtwo@episcopalmaine.org

18:02:52 From Lisa & Gwen Fry : I thought I heard that the virus stays alive on paper for several days. Anyone else heard that?

18:03:16 From Diocese of Maine Staff : PW is dioMEz00m#2....those are zeros in the middle

18:03:18 From Gail Chandler : We're developing a phone tree as well- weekly check-ins

18:05:08 From jared.talbot@maine.edu : Yes, virus can remain active for up to a few days after it is deposited on a surface; washing surfaces is important.

18:05:33 From thomasward : Our local library received instructions not to handle returned books for 3 days. That came from the Town Health Officer.

18:06:07 From thomasward : But then the library was ordered to close.

18:06:39 From Rev. Lauren Kay : Our library is closed. Emergency City Council meeting just started to address our response in Sanford

18:06:46 From Lisa & Gwen Fry : I just was wondering about that in regard to sending letters to our most elderly/sick people.

18:06:49 From sheila seekins : so same phones to reach people?

18:06:55 From stjppealer to Diocese of Maine Staff(Privately) : Thank you very much Thomas. Much appreciated

18:07:53 From Carolyn Eklund : Thank you for the great organizing you are doing. I'm looking forward to corresponding with our staff contact. Great strategy. We feel deeply supported in this very difficult time. What a blessing!

18:08:40 From Rev. Lauren Kay : Yes, many thanks to the Diocesan effort and all y'all's support of us as we navigate these new waters

18:09:21 From Larry Weeks : Trinity and St. Peter's portland is starting a phone tree. the day school has parents of health care providers and is open 1/2

18:09:26 From wendyrozene : <https://www.jacquelawson.com/> I use this email card to send beautiful cards with personal notes.

18:09:48 From stjppealer : this is a great opportunity for continued outreach ie food pantry support.

18:10:18 From Diocese of Maine Staff to Tim Walmer(Privately) : tim, can you adjust your camera please? we can only see the top of your head.

18:10:54 From Susan Taylor : any thoughts on the bicentennial

18:12:35 From Susan Taylor : yes!

18:12:49 From Lev Sherman : I agree with Barb; the stars of this show have been Nancy and Terr's cats, and Nates's dog! At one point. it looked like Nancy's cat waled into Terry's camera. Thanks for the smiles...

18:12:50 From Nancy : yes, please

18:12:56 From Carolyn Eklund : Don't need to pray about it! Let's go for it. thank you!

18:13:02 From Rev. Lauren Kay : a two-day convention with learning and business is what I knew in life before Diocese of Maine :)

18:13:22 From stjpealer to Diocese of Maine Staff(Privately) : feedback on retreat...

18:14:00 From Diocese of Maine Staff to stjpealer(Privately) : it's on my desk, Jud, but pretty buried right now with this crisis response.

18:14:08 From Diocese of Maine Staff to stjpealer(Privately) : Will try tomorrow!

18:14:15 From stjpealer to Diocese of Maine Staff(Privately) : Thanks

18:14:30 From Nina Pooley : next Tuesday - bring your questions, and your CATS (or Dogs - we are inclusive!).

18:14:56 From Carolyn Eklund : Nina, bringing my dog!

18:15:02 From saragavit : Our communities have this!

18:15:11 From Nina Pooley : love your dog, carolyn!

18:15:25 From Rev. Lauren Kay : Blessings on all y'all who are also now figuring out homeschooling...

18:15:33 From Carolyn Eklund : We feel confident!

18:16:35 From Diocese of Maine Staff to stjpealer(Privately) : THANKS BE TO GOD

18:16:44 From stjpealer to Diocese of Maine Staff(Privately) : we trust you too Thomas.

18:16:48 From saragavit : Thank you all!