

Parish Plan of Return

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The Parish Plan of Return Task Force

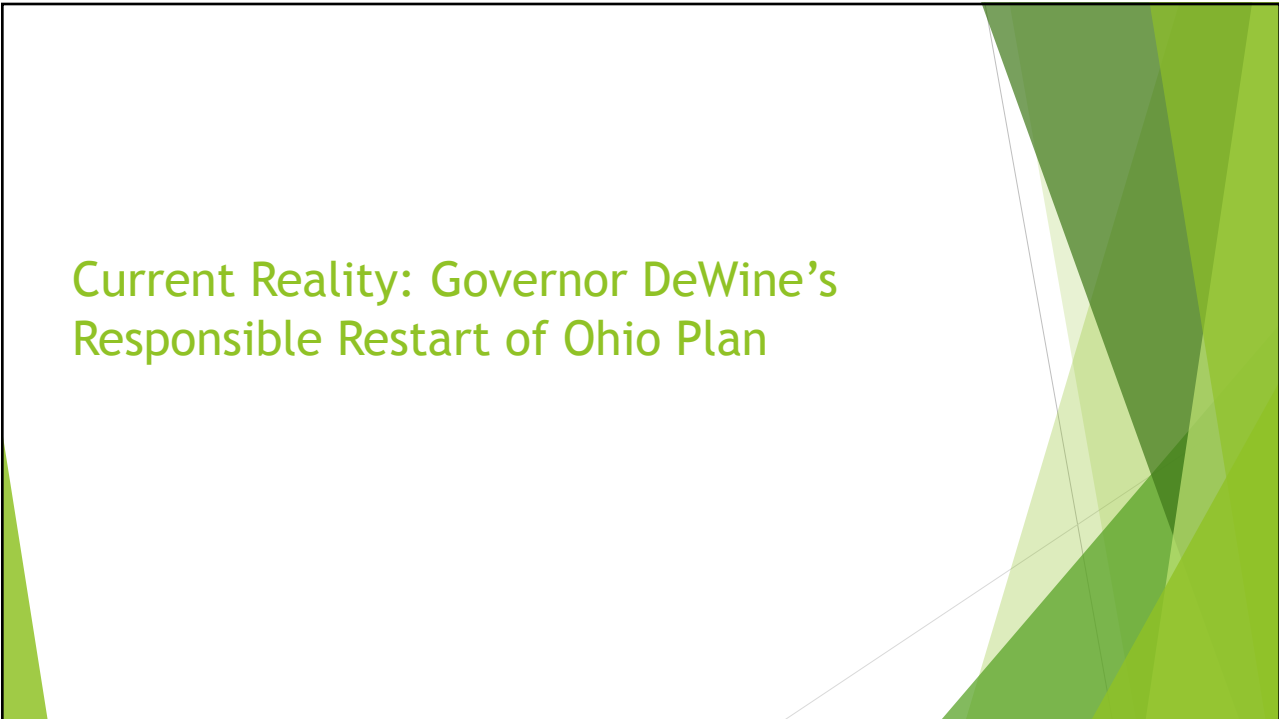
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Resetting Our Hopes and Expectations

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

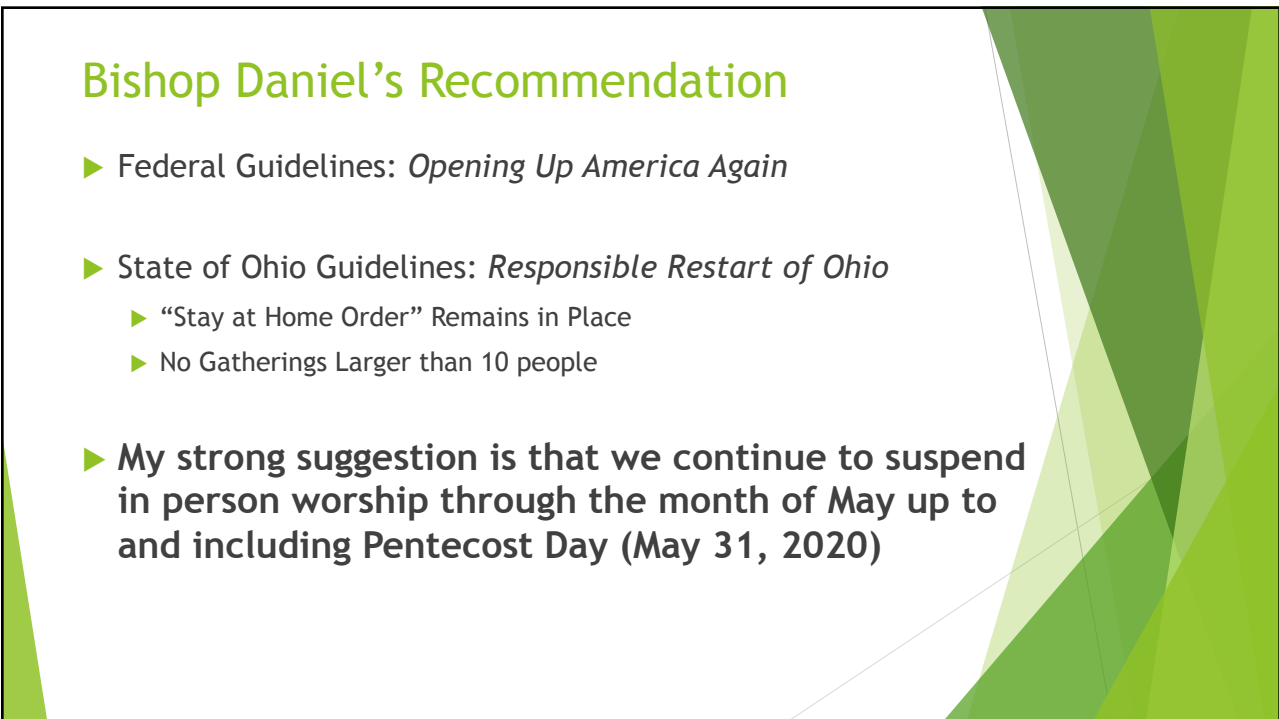
(Galatians 5:13-14).

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Current Reality: Governor DeWine's Responsible Restart of Ohio Plan

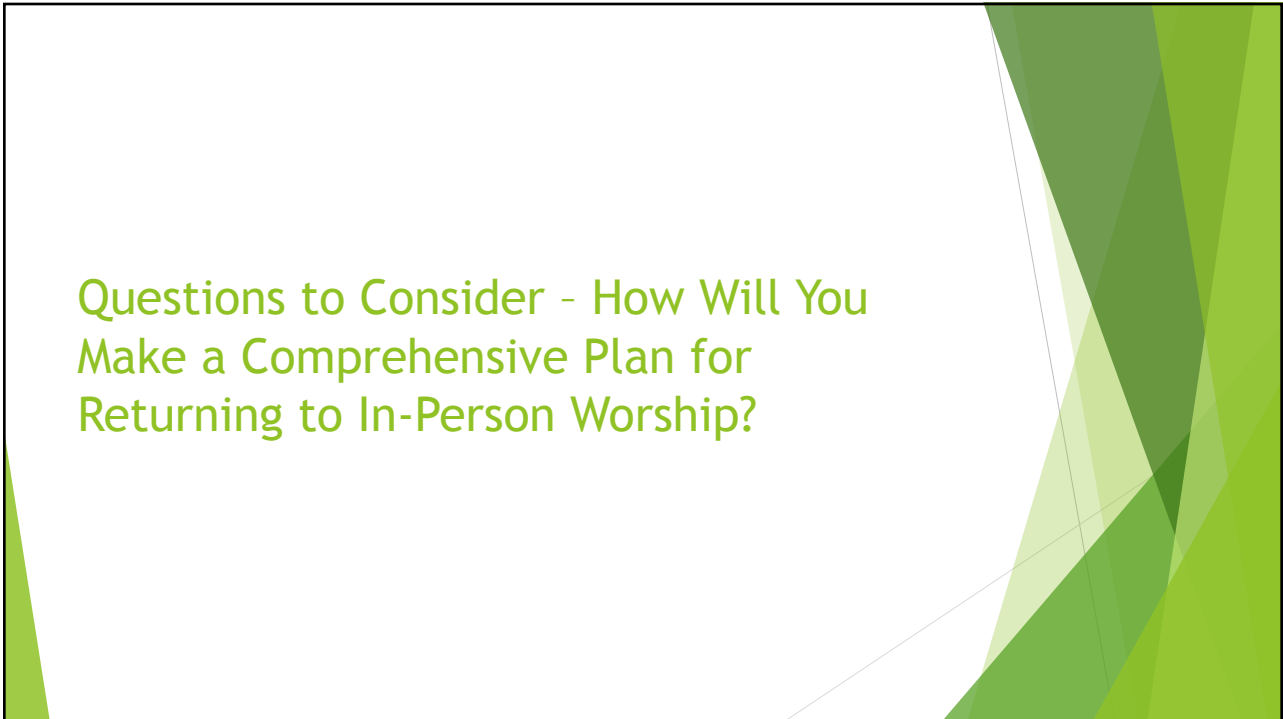
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Bishop Daniel's Recommendation

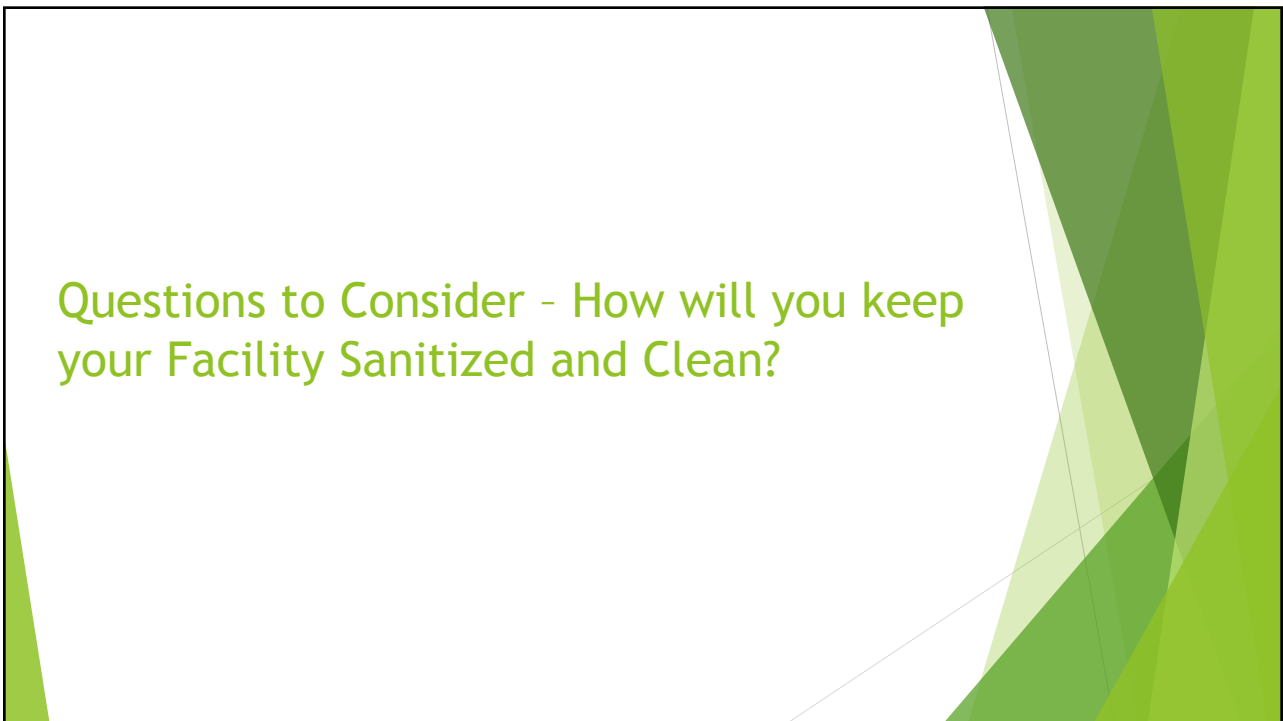
- ▶ Federal Guidelines: *Opening Up America Again*
- ▶ State of Ohio Guidelines: *Responsible Restart of Ohio*
 - ▶ "Stay at Home Order" Remains in Place
 - ▶ No Gatherings Larger than 10 people
- ▶ **My strong suggestion is that we continue to suspend in person worship through the month of May up to and including Pentecost Day (May 31, 2020)**

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Questions to Consider - How Will You
Make a Comprehensive Plan for
Returning to In-Person Worship?

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Questions to Consider - How will you keep
your Facility Sanitized and Clean?

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Questions to Consider - Social distancing,
how will it be practiced and enforced?

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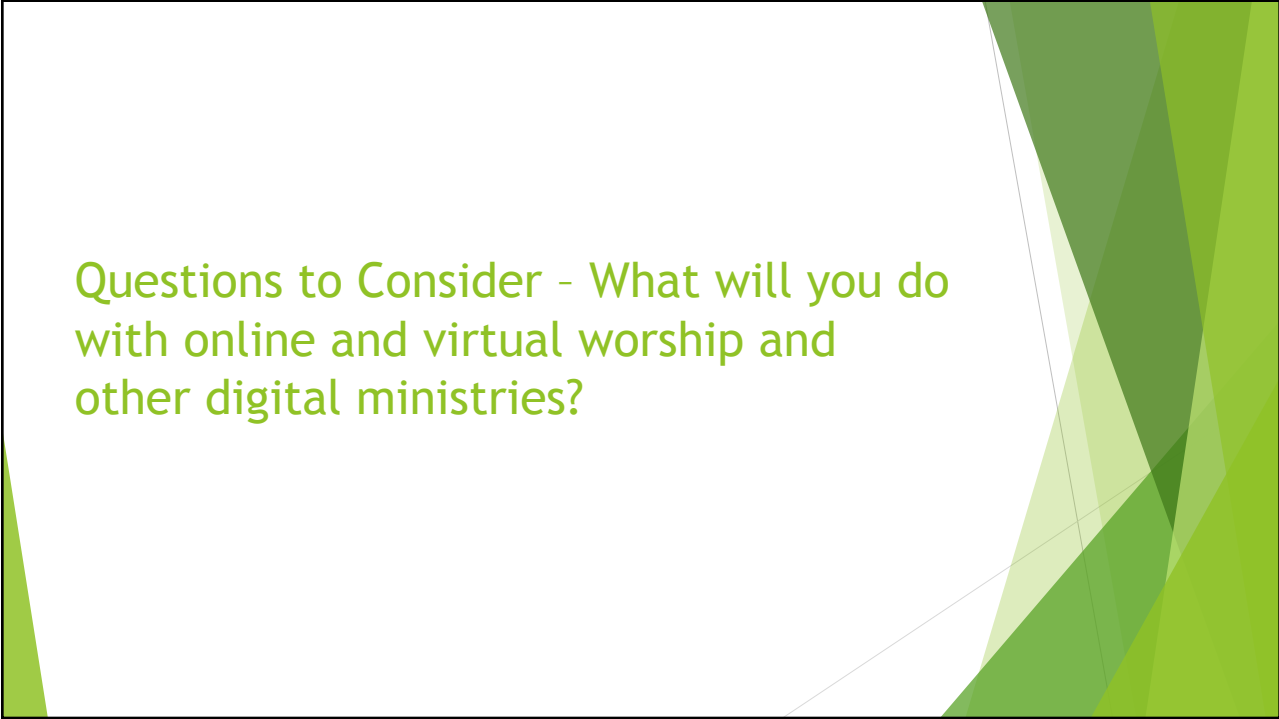
Questions to Consider - How will you
encourage “at risk” populations to stay
home and stay safe?

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Questions to Consider - How will your congregation minister in the midst of these changing conditions?

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Questions to Consider - What will you do with online and virtual worship and other digital ministries?

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Questions to Consider - How will Rostered Leaders and Lay Congregational Leaders care for yourselves?

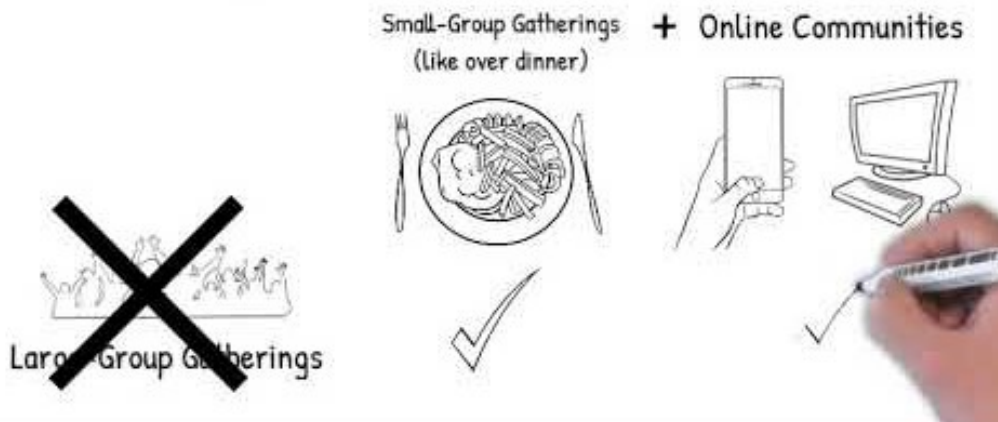
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Questions to Consider - How will you respond to confirmed (or suspected) cases of Covid-19 in your congregation after in-person worship resumes?

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Video: The Church in These VUCA Time

Also: "Hybrid Society?" What's that?



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Looking Forward In Hope

*Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid".
John 14:27*

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This is difficult, new territory for
all of us. But we are not alone.

*“When you go through deep
waters I will be with you.”
Isaiah 43:2*

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Other Resources for Reference:

State of Ohio Coronavirus Site - www.coronavirus.ohio.gov

- Public Health Directives
- Responsible Protocols for Reopening
- Site Specific Requirements

Video Shown in Presentation - <https://youtu.be/0uAKQXagwms>

Federal Guidelines: Opening Up America Again -
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>

Responsible Reopening -
<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Responsible-Protocols.pdf>

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Questions, Comments -

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