

BISHOPS/VICARS CALL 4.15.20

+Francis, Fr. Henry, Fr. Michael, Bishop Kedda Keough, Bishop Francis, Rev. Delores Kropf, Erin Outson (notes)

- 1) 2020 Synod
 - a. Note: Erin was absent from the first 20 minutes of the call.
 - b. Rev. Delores asked, "Is Synod still going to be as planned or is it going to be virtual?" There are many aspects to this but one is definitely the economy, if we are going to in fact be in a depression. There is also the health situation as a factor. Bishop Francis said that we are having an active conversation about this and put off a definite decision until June 2020, unless there are some obvious concerns that will allow us to make the decision sooner. There is definitely a conversation concerning having a virtual meeting.
- 2) Regional check ins and COVID-19 Check Ins
 - a. Rev. Delores checked in for Fr. Henry and did her own check-in: St. Michaels is hosting zoom worship with active participation. Guardian Angels is hosting a live stream of a couple of people being in church, possibly over Facebook.
 - b. Bishop Kedda said her community has drafted a vision statement that her community is really excited about. Bishop Kedda also said this pandemic has created some new ideas that may involve a continued online presence, or a continued presence via zoom for people who cannot join physically in community.
 - c. Bishop Francis has had a good turnout for Sts. Clare and Francis worship services. There are still a handful of people who are older and they do not want to learn how to participate in zoom. Members of the congregation are being invited to a conference call where anyone can join.
 - d. Fr. Michael is hosting St. Paul's prayer group. Fr. Michael lifted up the creativity occurring. As an example parishioners are being asked to drive by slowly and there will be a post Easter sprinkling rite that will be given, so they can see each others faces.
 - e. Kedda emphasized that with liturgies it's important to stress there is no distance with God, and that we are the body of Christ and this is our action of remembering of bread broken and wine poured out, and said mass simply means "being sent out." That even when we use the words, whether they are not current terminology, around saying mass or para-liturgy, there is a certain amount of surrender to God after we make explicit what we are doing. Kedda emphasized this is forming us, whether we like it or not.
 - f. Fr. Michael shared the joy of seeing people from across the United States and beyond to join virtual worship sessions and meetings.

Next Meeting: May 20th, 2020