

Re-Gathering Task Force Recommendations for Phase 2.5

September 3, 2020

1. **We recommend refraining from in-person gatherings of more than 25 people indoors and 50 outdoors until the NC governor moves us into Phase Three.** (These new numbers correspond with NC's Phase 2.5) Indoor numbers may need to be less than 25 depending on the limits of your facility when considering physical distancing requirements.
2. **We recommend children or youth events of no more than 25 people, outdoors, physically-distanced, and with face coverings.**
3. **We recommend developing in-person gathering protocols and an implementation plan in writing prior to gathering, especially around distribution of communion.** Helpful resources for developing plans and protocols can be found on the synod's [Ministry in a Time of COVID-19 page](#) under the Re-Gathering tab.
4. **We recommend beginning to celebrate Holy Communion with appropriate protocols, following the physically-distanced 25 indoors and 50 outdoor recommendations of Phase 2.5. (<https://tinyurl.com/y5o8hvtu>)**
5. **We continue to recommend no singing or chanting.** Musical activities such as handbells, guitars, violins, etc. are low risk options.
6. **We continue to recommend no fellowship meals, coffee hours, or other such events that make physical distancing difficult.**